

**TRI-CITIES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda**

Petersburg Multi-Modal Station
100 West Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia
February 27, 2020
4:30 PM

Meeting Type: Annual
 Regular
 Special (Called)

Invitees:

Agency	Name	
Members:		
Chesterfield County	Kevin Carroll	
City of Colonial Heights	John Wood	
Dinwiddie County	William Chavis	Vice Chairman
City of Hopewell	Brenda S. Pelham	
City of Petersburg	Samuel Parham	
Prince George County	T.J. Webb	Chairman
For the Secretary of Transportation	Shane Mann	
Petersburg Area Transit	Charles Koonce	
Crater Planning District Commission	Dennis Morris	
Non-Voting, Staff & Guests		
Crater Planning District Commission	Ron Svejkovsky	MPO Secretary
VDOT	Mark Riblett	
VDOT	Desmond Smallwood	
DRPT	Tiffany Dubinsky	

1. Call to order
2. Public Comment Period

ACTION ITEMS:

3. Approval of Agenda **Approval**
4. Approval of minutes from January 3 meeting – Attachment 1 **Approval**

5. FY21-22 MPO TAP Allocations – *Attachment 2*

Action

On January 6, 2020, VDOT informed MPO staff via email that \$331,480 of TAP funding has been allocated to the MPO (total for FY21 and FY22). **Attachment 2** includes 1) the latest schedule that VDOT staff presented to the CTB on January 14, and 2) VDOT’s summaries of the two City of Colonial Heights applications within our MPO area (with their scores). Note: TAP funding is the 80% share of the total cost of the results; 20% is funded by the locality.

Prior to the February 14 TAC meeting, MPO staff learned from the CTB Member that his preliminary FY21-22 TAP allocations include fully funding the Appomattox River Greenway Trail Phase 5 application (requested \$295,339 of TAP funding with a \$73,835 City match). We also learned from VDOT that there is a \$100,000 TAP funding balance in the Enhancement Balance Entry Account (UPC T4969).

After receiving this good news, after discussion, TAC recommended that the other TAP Application submitted in the Tri-Cities MPO area (Colonial Heights High School Sidewalks, TAP funding request \$568,000) be selected for TAP funding by the MPO. This involves allocating the \$331,480 of FY21-22 TAP funding allocated to the MPO to the Sidewalks project.

TAC also recommended the MPO leave the \$100,000 TAP funding in the Enhancement Balance Entry Account (UPC T4969) for future cost overruns.

Action requested: MPO staff and TAC recommend Policy Committee approval by resolution to allocate the \$331,480 of MPO-designated FY21-22 TAP funding for the Colonial Heights High School Sidewalks project application.

6. Updated TAC Bylaws – *Attachment 3*

Action

This is a Federal Certification corrective action.

Previous suggestions by TAC members and Policy Committee members included:

- Simplifying the By-laws
- Possibly rotating chairs (like RRTPO)

In January, the MPO staff presented a simpler version, which is based on the approved Bylaws of RRTPO (as last amended in 2018) and is tailored to Tri-Cities Area MPO.

It was also noted in January by MPO staff to the TAC and Policy Committee members that no change is proposed to the voting membership of the Policy Committee in the MPO staff-suggested simpler version.

After review and discussion by the TAC members, a few slight changes were made to the Draft (**Attachment 3**).

Action requested: MPO staff and TAC requests the Policy Committee approve (with the TAC-recommended changes) the MPO staff-suggested simpler version for forwarding to the Crater PDC's attorney.

7. MPO SMART SCALE Round 4 Applications – Attachment 4 Action

The revised changes to SMART SCALE were formally approved at the February 20, 2020 CTB Action meeting. The link to the February 19 presentation to the CTB is below:

http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2020/jan/pres/9_smartscale.pdf

Attachment 4 includes *Preparing for Round 4* (as provided by OIPI) and the MPO staff recommended prioritized list with the latest statuses of the 6 candidate projects brought up so far and discussed by the TAC at its February 14, 2020 meeting.

At its February 14, 2020 meeting, TAC recommended that the top four projects be submitted by the MPO for pre-application and application:

1. I-85 NB to I-95 SB - Priority #1
2. Ashland To Petersburg Trail
3. Route 36 STARS
4. Enon Church Road Widening (UPC 112660)

Action requested: Policy Committee approve the TAC recommendation of the four MPO SMART SCALE pre-applications.

Reminder: Pre-applications must be submitted into the SMART Portal by April 2, 2020 and full applications must be submitted by August 3, 2020.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

8. RSTP/CMAQ Allocations for FY21-26 SYIP **Information**

MPO staff will provide an update to the RSTP/CMAQ allocation process, including upcoming MPO actions.

9. I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan **Information**

The Final (Third) Public Meeting regarding the *Interim Plan* was held January 30 at the Hilton Garden Inn Richmond South/Southpark. MPO staff attended the meeting. The CTB is moving forward with the Operations recommendations. The capital, transit, and rail solutions will be further studied through 2020. The link to the *Interim Plan* (approved January 15 by the CTB) is below:

http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/projects/major_projects/easset_upload_file65013_141080_e.pdf

The CTB resolution approving the *Interim Plan* is below:

<http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2020/jan/res/18.pdf>

10. SMART SCALE Updated Policy **Information**

The CTB adopted the updated SMART SCALE Policy on February 19, 2020. This action will also result in updates to the *SMART SCALE Technical Guide*. The CTB resolution is below:

<http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2020/feb/reso/5.pdf>

11. VTrans Draft Mid-Term Needs **Information**

The CTB approved the Mid-Term Needs at the January 15, 2020 CTB Action meeting. The link to the January 15 presentation to the CTB is below:

http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2020/jan/pres/10_vtrans.pdf

The January 15 CTB resolution approving the Mid-Term Needs Report is below:

<http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/resources/2020/jan/res/19.pdf>

The January 2020 *Executive Summary* (by District) and *Methodology* came online on January 28 (after the January 15 CTB meeting) at:

<http://vtrans.org/mid-term-planning/mid-term-needs>.

The InteractVtrans map (with more user-friendly features) is also online at:

<http://vtrans.org/mid-term-planning/InteractVTrans>

12. DRPT Report **Information**

13. VDOT Report **Information**

14. Other Upcoming Items: **Information**

- 2045 MTP Schedule – in progress, plan to begin in Late Spring/Early Summer 2020 with Public Outreach Kickoff regarding vision, policies, existing conditions, and trends

15. Other Business

16. Adjournment

Next meeting: Thursday, March 12 at the Petersburg Multimodal Center