TRI-CITIES AREA MPO
POLICY COMMITTEE
Meeting Agenda
Petersburg Multi-Modal Station
100 West Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia
March 13, 2025, 4:30 PM
Teams ID: 261 850 514 317 Passcode: 9cg2Rz9Q

1. **Call to Order/Certification of Quorum**
2. **Welcome**
3. **Chair's Report**
4. **Public Comment Period**

PC ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

5. Approval of Agenda	**Approval**
6. Approval of minutes from the Feb. 13, 2025, mtg. – Att. 1	**Approval**

PC ACTION ITEMS:

7. PLAN2050 Draft Vision Statement – Att. 2	**Approval**
8. FY25 to FY26 PL Direct Carryover Request	**Approval**

PC INFORMATION ITEMS:

9. **Staff Report**
10. **SMART SCALE UPDATE**
11. **Draft STBG/CMAQ Scoring**
12. **DRPT Report**
13. **VDOT Report**

Upcoming:

14. Draft STBG/CMAQ Allocation	**Approval**
15. FY26 UPWP	**Approval**
16. MTIP Amendment	**Approval**

Other Business:

17. **Next meeting April 10, 2025, 4:30 pm**
18. **Adjournment**

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Attachment 1

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Draft Meeting Minutes
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Members Present	
Yolando Stokes	City of Hopewell
Zak Mumuni	TCAMPO
T.J. Webb	Prince George County
Kevin Carroll	Chesterfield County
Samuel Parham	City of Petersburg
Casey Dully	Dinwiddie County
John Wood	City of Colonial Heights
Mark Ribblett	For the Secretary of Transportation
Wood Hudson	DRPT
Darius Mason	PAT
Jay Ellington	Crater PDC

Others Present	
Queenie Bryd	PAT
Wendy Austin	FOLAR
Barb Smith	Chesterfield County
Landon Bridges	TCAMPO
Janice Denton	Hopewell Resident
Lester Stevenson	PAT
Micheal Edwards	PAT
Ken Latz	PlanRVA
Larry Haggin	VDOT
Todd Scheid	VDOT
Steven Minor	FHWA

1. **Call to Order/Certification of Quorum**

   Chair Webb called to order the meeting, there was a quorum.

2. **Welcome**

   Chair Webb welcomed the members of the MPO Policy Committee and guests.

3. **Chair's Report**

   There was nothing to report.

4. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

PC ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

5. Approval of Agenda **Approved**

Mr. Ellington moved, and Mr. Mason seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Approval of minutes from the Nov. 14, 2024, mtg. – Att. 1 **Approved**

Mr. Dully moved, and Ms. Stokes seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

PC ACTION ITEMS:

7. CY 2025 MPO Safety Performance Targets – Att. 2 **Approved**

Mr. Mumuni explained to the committee that as part of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), state DOTs and MPOs are required to report safety performance measures annually.

Mr. Mumuni walked the committee through the five safety targets, including the number of fatalities, fatality rate, number of serious injuries, serious injuries rate, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. Mr. Mumuni explained that staff recommends setting MPO-specific targets for the number of serious injuries and serious injuries rate and recommends adopting the state targets for the number of fatalities, fatality rate, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. Mr. Mumuni further explained that these are data-driven targets and there are no penalties for the MPO not meeting its targets.

Mr. Ellington asked to further explain what is included in non-motorized and if that includes fatalities. Mr. Mumuni explained that it would be anything bike/ped related and it's different than the vehicular fatalities. Mr. Ellington then asked when we approve these targets, what does this do? Mr. Mumuni explained that this helps prioritize projects that are coming in. Mr. Ellington then asked how we compare to others. Mr. Mumuni explained the data and explained that normally MPOs adopt the state targets but some of these are way higher at the state level and make sense to make MPO-specific targets.

Mr. Carroll asked if we had previous targets. Mr. Mumuni explained that it was shown in the third column in the PowerPoint, this was what was adopted in 2024. Mr. Carroll then explains that the actual 2024 is identical and we haven't had that much change.

Mr. Mumuni explained that this is the historic 5-year average and at the end of the year we can compare to the targets and see.

Mr. Carroll stated that these numbers are reasonable compared to the RRTPO in Richmond. He stated that he has asked the same questions to that MPO, and these numbers are good in comparison.

Mr. Carroll moved, and Mr. Parham seconded the motion to adopt the 2025 TCAMPO Safety Targets. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. MTIP Amendment – Att. 3 **Approved**

Mr. Mumuni explained the MTIP amendment by first explaining the difference between a modification and an amendment.

Mr. Carroll asked how much the funds are derived for the MPO specifically. Mr. Mumuni explained that there are $300,000, moving from $925,000 to $1,225,000. Mr. Carroll added that this is coming from a bigger pot and then asked about federal funding being cut and that we need to do something to know how this is affected and know full federal funding. Mr. Mumuni explained that the staff would pull the data and present at the next meeting.

Ms. Stokes moved, and Mr. Carroll seconded the motion to approve the TCAMPO MTIP. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. FY 25 Accomplishments and FY26 Priorities - Att. 4 **Approved**

Mr. Mumuni explained the list of priorities and accomplishments.

Mr. Ellington stated that the staff has done good work for their size. And explained that we will get through all this work with consultant help if needed.

Mr. Parham moved, and Mr. Carroll seconded the motion to approve the accomplishments and priorities. The motion was unanimously approved.

PC INFORMATION ITEMS:

10. DRPT Report **Information**

Mr. Hudson gave the DRPT report (linked here)

11. VDOT Report **Information**

Mr. Ribblett gave the VDOT report (linked here)

After Mr. Ribblett's report, there was a discussion.

Mr. Carroll stated that in light of what's going on, he would see if it is fitting to draft a letter to the governor to include these projects to be streamlined so that funding doesn't get cut. Mr. Parham agreed. Mr. Carroll added that staff should include the district representatives.

Mr. Carroll moved, and Mr. Wood seconded the motion to draft a letter of support regarding the staff-recommended SMART SCALE projects in the TCAMPO area. The motion was unanimously approved.

Upcoming:

12. Plan2050 Vision **Information**

Mr. Mumuni explained that staff kicked off Plan2050 in the fall and plans to come to the Policy Committee with a vision for the plan in March.

13. Draft STBG/CMAQ Allocation **Information**

Mr. Mumuni explained that the MPO staff will come to the committee in March with ballpark figures for the STBG/CMAQ allocations.

Other Business:

Chair Webb noted that Mr. Mason from Petersburg Area Transit had some information to share with the committee.

Mr. Mason asked the Policy Committee for consideration of money being allocated for new buses for PAT. Mr. Mason explained that there has been a high volume of maintenance on its current fleet. PAT received 4 buses last year from GRTC and they have required more maintenance than new buses. Mr. Mason explained that PAT is looking at higher ridership due to the casino being built in Petersburg. Mr. Mason also explained that in 2009 PAT received 9 new buses through a lease-to-own program and in 2025 they would like to do the same. It would cost $700,000 per bus. Mr. Mason Explained that they can have cost savings due to reusing fare boxes and cameras from the older buses.

After Mr. Mason's information, there were several questions asked to the chair.

Mr. Carroll asked if the MPO had anything in the budget for this year that we haven't spent.

Ms. Smith stated that DRPT has funding and merit capital funding based on what is available.

Ms. Byrd added that PAT has applied for a maintenance vehicle and small bus for para transit. The federal percentage is 28 while the city match is 4%. She explained that without the 5309 funds, PAT is at a loss for getting new buses.

Ms. Stokes asked if PAT has thought about collecting fares from the riders. Mr. Mason explained that PAT has been fare-free since 2020 due to COVID-19 Ms. Stokes asked when will fares start again. Mr. Mason added that they might start in 2026 if they can lease to own the 9 new buses. Mr. Mason also explained that they bring in around 300-400 dollars a week. However, if your fare box collection increases then the state funding decreases. Ms. Byrd added that there is a $1.75 reimbursement for the fare.

Ms. Stokes asked Mr. Parham if the city of Petersburg has thought about applying for a community development block grant.

Mr. Parham explained that the city has never applied for one. He then asked if the MPO could even set aside funding for transit. He explained that the city is looking at every opportunity. Mr. Webb added that the Policy Committee needs to know if this is even possible as an MPO.

Ms. Stokes added that block grants would apply. Mr. Parham stated that he knew block grants could help, but not sure about the MPO. Mr. Carroll added that this could be done through the city, but not the MPO.

Mr. Ellington asked how the statewide transit groups are dealing with buses.
Mr. Carroll added that GRTC is a stock corporation and when the CVTA was created 15% of their revenue went to GRTC. Mr. Carroll added that GRTC is still fare free

Mr. Ellington added that the Crater PDC is looking at starting a Transportation Authority.

Mr. Carroll added that it would be smart to talk to CVTA, Hampton Roads Transportation Authority and the Transportation Authority in Northern Virginia and ask what they are doing for transit. He added that the general assembly would have to pass code for the creation of a Transportation Authority in this region.

Chair Webb asked staff if they could reach out to those organizations as well as the legal hurdle. Mr. Ellington said yes.

14. Next meeting March 13, 2025, 4:30 pm

Chair Webb stated that the next meeting will be March 13th, 2025, at 4:30 pm at the Petersburg Area Transit station.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Carroll moved, and Mr. Ellington seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved. Chair Webb adjourned the meeting.

TCAMPO PowerPoint Presentation

Attachment 2

Vision Statements
PLAN2045 "Encourage a transportation system that equitably improves safety, economic vitality, and quality of life for people living and working in the Tri-Cities area."
Staff Vision Statement "An integrated, cost effective, multimodal transportation system that safely and efficiently moves people and goods throughout the region in an equitable and environmentally responsible manner to support economic prosperity and the highest possible quality of life for all users."
TAC Recommended Plan2050 Vision Statement "An integrated network, cost effective, multimodal transportation system that safely and efficiently moves people and goods throughout the region in an equitable and environmentally responsible manner to support economic prosperity and improved quality of life for all users."