Meeting Agenda
Petersburg Multi-Modal Station
100 West Washington Street
Petersburg, Virginia
October 13, 2016
4:30 PM

Meeting Type: □ Annual
✓ Regular
☐ Special (Called)

Invitees:

Agency          Name          Members
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Chesterfield County       Steve Elswick
City of Colonial Heights  John Wood
Dinwiddie County          William Chavis  Chairman
City of Hopewell          Jasmine Gore
City of Petersburg        Howard Myers
Prince George County      T.J. Webb
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  Rob Cary
Petersburg Area Transit   Darius Mason
Crater Planning District  Denny Morris
Crater Planning District  David Hyder  MPO Secretary
Commission
Crater Planning District  Christopher Nicholas
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Crater Planning District  Joe Vinsh
Commission
DPRT                    Jay Lindsey
DPRT                    Jitender Ramchandani
Hopewell                Johnnie Butler
VDOT                    Jasmine Amanin
VDOT                    Mark Riblett
VDOT                    Ron Svejkovsky

Call to order

Approval of minutes from last meeting
(Attachment 1)

Action Needed                    Approval
Open issues

Status Report on the NEPA Rail Station Study

Joe Vinsh

Federal Rail Administration has completed its review of the NEPA Rail Station Document. Mr. Vinsh will review the next steps in releasing the document for comment.

a) 2040 Plan Update

VDOT has completed cost estimates for the twenty-five projects that were submitted to the MPO. Last week the MPO staff returned the complete project listing to the jurisdiction members for rating. We expect to have the ratings in hand by September 19th.

b) Congestion Management Process

David Hyder

Staff has reviewed the draft report for the Congestion Management Process. The Consultant (Michael Baker) is making the proposed changes. The project is on schedule.

[Diagram of Major Tasks, Objectives, and Completion Date/Schedule]

Notes: No revenue forecast is available for transit.
c) USDOT Joint Planning Rule

As of our last meeting the USDOT had closed the comment period on the proposed Joint Planning Rule. They have since reviewed the comments and opened a second comment period on the proposal. The portion of the NPRM discussing their comment request is included below. The full text of the NPRM is included as attachment 2.

“Specifically, the FHWA and FTA are looking for specific and detailed comments that contribute to the understanding of the impact of the proposed requirements for unified planning products where multiple MPOs serve the same urbanized area, potential exceptions that should be included in the final rule, and criteria for applying such exceptions. The FHWA and FTA also seek specific and detailed comments on the expected costs of implementing the proposed rule. The FHWA and FTA are seeking comments specific to these issues as we decide whether to finalize any provisions within the scope of the NPRM. Previously submitted comments should not be resubmitted.”

Staff would like direction from the committee regarding making additional comments.

The second comment period closes on October 24, 2016.

New business

a) Ungrouping Projects
VDOT has requested the MPO amend its TIP to reflect ungroup three projects. We are providing the funding table for information although there is no change to funding. We are requesting that the Committee approve the revision to the TIP. Staff will provide a resolution at the meeting on October 13th.

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Figure 1: UPC 107533

Figure 2: UPC 107534
Figure 3: UPC 104036
## Adjournment
TRI-CITIES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda
Petersburg Multi-Modal Station
100 West Washington Street
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September 8, 2016
4:30 PM

Meeting Type:  ☑ Regular
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Call to order

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at approximately 4:30 pm..

No members of the public requested the opportunity to address the group.

Approval of minutes from last meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented in the packet. Mr. Wood made the motion to approve the minutes with Mr. Webb seconding the motion.

**Open issues**


d) Status Report on the NEPA Rail Station Study

Mr. Hyder updated members on the status of the Rail Station NEPA study. As of September 8th, the NEPA report was still under legal sufficiency review by the Federal Rail Administration. No action was needed on this item.

e) 2040 Plan Update

Mr. Hyder updated the members on the status of the long range transportation plan update. VDOT had completed cost estimates for the twenty-five projects that were submitted to the MPO. Local were rating the projects using the rating system agreed upon earlier this year. No action by the Committee or the Member Jurisdictions is needed at this time.

**Congestion Management Process**

Mr. Hyder reported that the Congestion Management Plan is on schedule.

f) USDOT Joint Planning Rule

The comment period for USDOT’s proposed Joint Planning Rule closed on August 22, 2016. Nationally, the comments were overwhelmingly negative. TCMPO’s comments (signed by Mr. Chavis) and VDOT’s comments were included the agenda packet. Richmond MPOs comments were handed out at the meeting. USDOT is reviewing the comments. No action is needed at this time.

**New business**

c) Funding Transfers

The Committee approved transferring funds ($1,067) from project number 90367 to project number 104661. The projects overlap had have similar scopes of work. Mr. Wood made the motion to approve the transfer. Mr. Carey seconded the motion. It was approved by voice vote.
d) FY 2018 – 2022 TIP Schedule

Mr. Riblett reported on the upcoming development of the 2018 to 2022 Transportation Improvement Program. The purpose of this report was to keep the Committee informed on upcoming work. No action was needed.

Other Items

Mr. Morris asked for an update on this round of Virginia Smartscale. Mr. Riblett reported that as of September 7th seventy-four applications had been received. Although this round has one half of the money of the previous round VDOT has received more applications.

Mayor Meyers thanked the members for their support over the past few months.

Adjournment

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.
reasonably believe that a requester or a group of requesters acting in concert, is dividing a request into a series of requests for the purpose of avoiding or minimizing fees. For example, we may aggregate multiple requests for similar information filed within a short period of time. (ii) If we anticipate fees will exceed $25. Unless you have indicated in advance a willingness to pay fees as high as anticipated, we will notify you if we estimate that charges will exceed $25.

(1) We will not process your request until you either commit in writing to pay the actual or estimated total fee, or designate some amount of fees you are willing to pay. If you are a noncommercial user requester and we have not yet provided your statutory entitlements (i.e., two hours of search time and 100 free pages), you can tell us to stop when we exhaust the statutory entitlements. We will start the twenty-day response clock when we receive your written reply.

(2) If you agree to pay some designated amount of fees, but we estimate that the total fee will exceed that amount, we will toll processing when we notify you of the estimated fees in excess of the amount you had indicated a willingness to pay. When we receive your written commitment to pay the actual or estimated total fee, or designate an additional amount of fees you are willing to pay, we will restart the processing clock.

(3) If you decide to reformulate your request to reduce costs, we will consider it to be a new request that restarts the twenty-day response clock. You can contact USTR’s FOIA Public Liaison at FOIA@ustr.gov for assistance.

(a) We will close your request if you do not respond in writing within thirty calendar days after the date we notify you of the fee estimate.

(b) Advance payments. (1) If we determine or estimate that the total fee will exceed $25, we may require you to make an advance payment up to the amount of the entire anticipated fee before we begin to process your request.

(2) If you previously failed to pay a properly charged FOIA fee to any Federal agency within thirty calendar days of the billing date, we may require proof that you paid the full amount due, plus any applicable interest on that prior request, and that you make an advance payment to us of the full amount of any anticipated fee before we begin to process a new request or continue to process a pending request or any pending appeal. If we have a reasonable basis to believe that you have misrepresented your identity in order to avoid paying outstanding fees, we may require you to provide proof of identity.

(iii) If we require advance payment, we will not consider your request received and will not do any additional work until we receive the required payment. We will close your request if you do not pay the advance payment within thirty calendar days after the date of our fee determination.

(b) Requirements for waiver or reduction of fees. (1) You can seek a fee waiver or reduction by explaining in writing how disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the Federal government and is not primarily in your commercial interest. In determining whether to waive or reduce a fee we will consider whether disclosure of the requested information would:

(i) Shed light on the operations or activities of the government. The subject of the request must specifically concern identifiable operations or activities of the Federal government with a connection to one or both of the下列 public issues:

1. Likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of those operations or activities. Disclosure of the requested records must be meaningfully informative about government operations or activities. The disclosure of information that already is in the public domain, either by the same or a substantially identical form, would not be meaningfully informative if nothing new would be added to the public’s understanding.

2. Likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the Federal government with a connection to one or both of the下列 public issues:

A. Likely to further an identified commercial interest and whether that is the primary interest advanced by the request. For example, we will not consider that the public’s interest is greater than the requestor’s commercial interest when we receive a request from a representative of the news media. We will not presume that disclosure to data brokers or others who merely compile and market government information for their own purposes serves the public interest.

B. Will not grant a partial waiver when only some of the records to be released satisfy the requirements in this section.

3. You should include your fee waiver or reduction request when you first submit your FOIA request to us. You can submit a fee waiver or reduction request at any time, but we may be unable to honor it if you do not submit it at the time we receive your request.

4. You can submit a fee waiver or reduction request at any time, but we may be unable to honor it if you do not submit it at the time we receive your request.
submit electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, or fax comments to (202) 493-2251. All comments should include the docket number that appears in the heading of this document. All comments received will be available for examination and copying at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or may print the acknowledgment page that appears after submitting comments electronically. Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments in any one of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, or labor union). You may review the DOT complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For FHWA: Mr. Harlan W. Miller, Planning Oversight and Stewardship Team (HEP–10), (202) 366–0847; or Ms. Janet Myers, Office of the Chief Counsel (HCC–30), (202) 366–2519. For FTA: Ms. Sherry Ricklin, Office of Planning and Environment, (202) 366–6047; Mr. Davey Wells, Office of Planning and Environment, (202) 493–6316; or Mr. Christopher Hall, Office of Chief Counsel, (202) 566–5218. Both agencies are located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., ET for FHWA, and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., ET for FTA, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 27, 2016, the FHWA and FTA published a proposed rule to revise the transportation planning regulations to promote more effective regional planning by States and MPOs. See 81 FR 41473. The goal of the proposed revision is to promote unified planning products for each urbanized area, even if there are multiple MPOs designated within that urbanized area. Specifically, the NFRM proposed that MPOs would develop a single metropolitan transportation plan, a single transportation improvement program (TIP), and a jointly established set of performance targets for the entire urbanized area and contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period for the transportation plan. If multiple MPOs are designated within that urbanized area, they would jointly prepare these unified planning products. To accomplish this, the proposed revisions would clarify that the metropolitan planning area (MPA) must include the entire urbanized area and contiguous area expected to become urbanized within 20 years.

As discussed in the NFRM, these proposed revisions would better align the planning regulations with statutory provisions concerning the establishment of MPA boundaries and the designation of MPOs. This includes the statutory requirement for the MPA to include an urbanized area in its entirety together with the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within 20 years, and the exception provision to allow more than one MPO to serve a single MPA if warranted by the size and complexity of the MPA. This return to the original legislative intent is in alignment with the findings of the draft report Beyond Traffic: Trends and Choices 2045. Beyond Traffic was released by the Department in February 2015. It examines the long-term and emerging trends affecting our Nation’s transportation system and the implications of those trends. It describes how demographic and economic trends, as well as changes in technology, governance, and our climate, will increase the importance of our metropolitan regions in making decisions that cross State, political, socioeconomic, and other transportation planning lines. By 2045, the population is anticipated to increase by 79 million people, with most of that growth occurring in metropolitan areas. The rulemaking would establish clearer operating procedures, and reinstate certain coordination and decisionmaking requirements for situations where there is more than one MPO serving an MPA. The proposed rule would require unified planning products for the MPA, including jointly established performance targets within the MPA, and a single metropolitan transportation plan and TIP for the entire MPA in order to result in planning products that reflect the regional needs of the entire urbanized area. These unified planning products would be jointly developed by the multiple MPOs in each MPA where more than one MPO is designated.

The FHWA and FTA propose to phase in implementation of these proposed coordination requirements and the proposed requirements for MPA boundary and MPO boundaries agreements over 2 years.

Additional Public Comments Sought on Specific Issues

The FHWA and FTA are reopening the comment period in order to receive public comments on certain issues raised in the NPRM. Specifically, the FHWA and FTA are looking for specific and detailed comments that contribute to the understanding of the impact of the proposed requirements for unified planning products where multiple MPOs serve the same urbanized area, potential exceptions that should be included in the final rule, and criteria for applying such exceptions. The FHWA and FTA also seek specific and detailed comments on the expected costs of implementing the proposed rule. The FHWA and FTA are seeking comments specific to these issues as we decide whether to finalize any provisions within the scope of the NPRM. Previously submitted comments should not be resubmitted.

The original comment period for the NPRM closed on August 26, 2016. The FHWA and FTA ask commenters to focus on the specific issues open for public comment, as discussed in the above paragraph. Other comments will be considered to the extent practicable.

To allow time for interested parties to submit comments on the targeted issues highlighted above, the comment period is being reopened until October 24, 2016.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 19th 2016, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.65 and 1.91.

Gregory G. Nadeau,
Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

Carolyn Flowers,
Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration.

[FR Doc. 2016-25507 Filed 8-22-16; 8:45 am]
BILLING CODE 4910-22-P
RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-CITIES AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AMENDING THE FY 15-FY 15 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS UPC# 107533 (APPOMATTOX RIVER TRAIL IN COLONIAL HEIGHTS). UPC# 107534 (SIDEWALKS ON ROUTE 1 IN COLONIAL HEIGHTS) AND UPC# 104036 (SOUTHSIDE DEPOT RESTORATION IN PETERSBURG)

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation provides financial assistance to public agencies for transportation technical studies; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation requires approval of regional transportation plans and programs by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in accordance with 23 U.S. C. Part 450; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-Cities Area Transportation Policy Committee is the duly designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Tri-Cities Area; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Transportation has requested amendment to the FY15 - FY18 Transportation Improvement Program to initiate preliminary engineers work on the subject projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Policy Committee of the Tri-Cities Area Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby endorses amendment to the FY15 –FY18 Transportation Improvement Program as described above and presented on October 13, 2016

Upon a motion by ____________ seconded by ____________ and carried on a voice vote, a motion was endorsed for amendment to the FY 12 -FY 15 Transportation Improvement Program to accomplish the above described action as presented on October 13, 2016 with ___ of 9 voting members present.

The Honorable William Charis

Date

Chair, Tri-Cities MPO