



Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization

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By-Laws: Technical Committee

Adopted February 28, 1983. Amended June 27, 1983 to add Charlottesville Albemarle Airport Authority as a nonvoting representative. Amended 1997 to reflect creation of VDRPT separate from VDOT. Amended July 24, 2001 to reflect changes in voting and nonvoting membership as directed by MPO Policy Board.

Article I - Name and Authority

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be known as the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Committee, hereinafter called the Technical Committee.

Section 2: The Technical Committee shall have such authority as prescribed in a Memorandum of Understanding for a Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive Transportation Planning Process for the Charlottesville-Albemarle Urbanized Area between the Metropolitan Planning Organization, hereinafter referred to as the MPO; the Virginia Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as the DEPARTMENT; the City of Charlottesville, acting as a local unit of government and as one of the local transit operators, hereinafter referred to as the CITY; the County of Albemarle, acting as a local unit of government, hereinafter referred to as the COUNTY, the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, acting as a regional clearinghouse responsible for carrying out the Federal Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-95, hereinafter referred to as the A-95 INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW AGENCY; and JAUNT as one of the local transit operators, as approved September 1, 1982 and updated March 9, 1995.

Article II - Purpose

Section 1. The Technical Committee, composed of individuals with technical knowledge in transportation and land use matters, will provide technical review, comment, and recommendations on transportation plans, programs, studies and other appropriate documents, and on regional transportation issues. The Committee shall integrate land use and environmental considerations into all of its activities in order to forge a stronger link between transportation, land use and the environment. The Committee will, (1) determine the influence of current data upon the Transportation Plan in relation to previous data and projected trends; (2) cooperate in the development of the procedures for the collection of traffic data and reassignment of traffic; (3) work with the staffs of the TJPCDC and the Department to review, comment, recommend, and assist the Department, participating political jurisdictions, or the TJPCDC on any proposal, alternatives, and work performed on the location and design of facilities in the Transportation Plan; and serve in an advisory capacity to the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Article III - Membership

Section 1: The voting membership of the Technical Committee shall be composed of three (3) members each designated by and representing the CITY and the COUNTY, one (1) designated by and representing the DEPARTMENT, and one (1) designated by and representing the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. The Technical Committee will also include one (1) voting representative each, designated by and representing the UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, JAUNT, the A-95 REVIEW AGENCY, Charlottesville Transit Service, and any appropriate agency as determined by the MPO.

Section 2. The nonvoting membership of the Technical Committee shall be composed of one (1) representative each, designated by and representing the Long Range Plan Citizen Advisory Committee, the Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport Authority.

Section 3. The Technical Committee shall recommend additional voting or nonvoting membership to the Technical Committee as is deemed necessary to carry out its duties.

Section 4. Appointments to the Technical Committee shall be filled by persons trained and knowledgeable in transportation planning or who, by their positions have an interest and responsibility in transportation planning.

Section 5. In order to provide continuity in the Technical Committee's actions, it is recommended that each member serve for a two-year term and may be reappointed for successive terms.

Section 6. Any member of the Technical Committee who wishes to designate an alternate to serve in his or her absence may do so by submitting the name of that individual to the Chairman of the Technical Committee. An alternate may vote only in the absence of the regular member he or she represents.

Section 7. Whenever any voting member fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without good reason, the Chairman of the Technical Committee shall seek to determine the cause of the absence and whether the appointing authority wishes the delinquent member to be the representative on the Technical Committee.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Technical Committee shall consist of a chairman and vice-chairman.

Section 2. The chairman and vice-chairman shall be elected by and from the membership of the Technical Committee, shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and shall be eligible for reelection.

Section 3. The election of officers shall be held at the Technical Committee's first meeting after July 1 of each year and those members elected to office shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the meeting during which the election is held. A majority vote shall be required for election to any office.

Section 4. The MPO staff shall prepare and maintain a permanent written record of all Technical Committee proceedings, and shall transmit a copy of the minutes of each Technical Committee and Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting to each member prior to the next regular meeting.

Article V - Meetings

Section 1. The Technical Committee shall establish a regular date and place for its meetings. The chairman may establish an alternate meeting date to substitute for conflicts caused by holidays and any emergency reasons. Members will be notified in advance of a rescheduled meeting. The chairman may also call a special meeting or cancel a regular meeting. Consecutive regular meetings cannot be canceled.

Section 2. A quorum shall consist of one-half of the voting representatives of the Technical Committee and shall include at least one representative from both CITY and COUNTY. Vacancies shall not be considered in the establishment of a quorum.

Section 3. The agenda for each Technical Committee shall be prepared jointly between the Chairman and the MPO staff. The agenda will be mailed one week prior to the next meeting.

Section 4. Parliamentary authority for Technical Committee proceedings not otherwise specified by these bylaws shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

Article VI - Amendment

Section 1. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those members present provided that a quorum is present. Proposed changes in the bylaws shall be transmitted to each voting member at least 10 days prior to the meeting when the voting will be conducted.

Article VII - Effective Date

Section 1. These bylaws shall become effective immediately upon ratification by a majority vote of the Technical Committee, subject to approval by the MPO Policy Committee.