Places 29 Advisory Council Meeting Minutes August 22, 2013


We need a Secretary (long-term or on a rotating basis) to take brief minutes

Lee Catlin - Places 29 Council operating ground rules/guidelines

- Appointed group members, guests and elected officials can sit at the table, while public attendees are asked to sit in chairs away from table, so discussions are more easily facilitated at different levels
- Council will begin allocating time at the beginning and at the end of meetings for public comments. (we will evaluate this after a few meetings)
- Allocate time during the meetings for Board of Supervisor/Planning Commission members to comment
- Public officials are asked to listen to the appointed members, rather than actively participate in discussions; Elected officials will be encouraged to add opinions or further information, when appropriate
- It must be assumed that everyone in the group has joined with good motives and differing opinions, and the group must challenge itself to respect these differences. Any grievances or differences must be expressed in our group setting and not via e-mail
- Anyone wishing to add an any item or point of discussion to a meeting can simply contact the current chair, Heather Stokes, and ask for an item be added to the agenda

Sarah Rhodes, Thomas Jefferson Planning District, discussed the Multimodal US 29 project as a part of the Charlottesville/Albemarle MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (for the 2040 Plan) (3 handouts are scanned at the bottom of the minutes). This project is a technical based approach, using the approved Places 29 Master Plan as a guide and with the assumption that the Western 29 Bypass is built. The Long Range Transportation Plan is updated every 5 years and the next plan is due May 2014.

Next Meeting: September 26, 2013 5:00 Room 235 County Office Building

Sub committees

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Multimodal US 29
Project Description

Transit:

- **Repurpose 2-lanes** along the US 29 corridor from the south fork of the Rivanna River to Hydraulic Rd to accommodate transit needs for express bus service or Bus Rapid Transit (BRT).
- **Upgrade traffic signals** along the corridor with signal preemption technology to accommodate dedicated transit lanes.
- **Build transit infrastructure** including service structure and station amenities. Note: These costs will be included in the transit projects that are considered for this plan.

Bike and Pedestrian Improvements:

- **Add bike/ped crossings** that are grade-separated and at-grade. Note: Crossings to be considered are for bike and pedestrian movement only. Grade-separated crossings are not currently proposed in the Places 29 Master Plan, but have been considered to ensure Multimodal 29 functions well.

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- **Create bike/ped linkages** that connect US 29 to the Northtown Trail. Connections would include facilities along Rio Road; Carrsbrook Drive; and parallel to the east side of existing US 29, connecting Rio and Carrsbrook. Note: The Northtown Trail would be an important component for this project, but will treated independently from this project.

- **Build new bike/ped facilities** along the west side of US 29. Facilities will be moved from US 29 to a parallel road network including Berkmar Drive Extended and other connections that will be built with new development.

Planning-level Cost Estimates:

- **Road**: We estimate that the restructuring of two lanes on US 29 for transit, adding 3.15 miles of two new lanes, and building or restructuring pedestrian facilities where needed will cost $17,829,000.

- **Bike facilities**: We estimate that adding 3.31 miles of bike lanes to roads, and building 1.65 miles of multiuse path where connections are needed will cost $4,033,900.

- **Bike/ped crossings**: We estimate that building 5 grade-separated bike/ped-only crossings, 3 on-grade crossing facilities with signage, and improving or adding traffic & pedestrian signals at all 8 intersections, will cost $24,436,500.

Cost estimates, which are based on VDOT’s cost calculator spreadsheet, amount to **$46,299,400.**
Meetings and Workshops Timeline

Long Range Transportation Plan
Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO

Aug ‘13

Wed, 28th, 5-7pm: **PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENT**
TOPIC: 3rd Round Scenarios (capacity-building projects only)

Sept ‘13

Wed, 4th, 7pm: CHART Citizens Advisory Committee
Wed, 11th, Noon: City and County Joint Planning Commission
Tues, 17th, 10am: MPO Technical Committee
Wed, 25th, 4pm: MPO Policy Board

Oct ‘13

Wed, 23rd, 5-7pm: **PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENT**
TOPIC: Preferred Scenario (capacity-building projects only),
non-capacity improvements

Nov ‘13

Wed, 6th, 7pm: CHART Citizens Advisory Committee
Wed, 13th, Noon: City and County Joint Planning Commission
Tues, 19th, 10am: MPO Technical Committee
*To Be Determined*: MPO Policy Board

More to come in 2014!
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All events will be held in the Water Street Center,
407 E Water Street, Charlottesville