

## **DRAFT NOTES**

### **Planning and Coordination Council Technical Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, October 20, 2011**

**University of Virginia - Newcomb Hall Room 389**

- 1. Call to Order** – David Neuman, University of Virginia, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Other voting members included Elaine Echols (for Wayne Cilimberg), Mac Lafferty, and Bryan Elliott, Albemarle County; Kurt Keesecker, Linda Hildebrand and Jim Tolbert, City of Charlottesville and Tom Harkins, and Jeff Moore (for Don Sundgren) University of Virginia. Other interested parties included Kevin Fox, Julia Monteith, and Ida Lee Wootten, University of Virginia; Missy Creasy, City of Charlottesville; Steve Williams, Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC); and Susan Foard, Fry's Spring Neighborhood Association.
- 2. General Items of Interest** – Tom Harkins reported on ongoing construction at the Health System, including the Lee Street Connective Elements, Hospital Bed Expansion, East Chiller Plant and Battle Building. On the weekend of October 29<sup>th</sup>, a large crane will be delivered and erected on the Battle Building site on West Main Street. Jim Tolbert reported on several projects around the City. The Fontaine Ave. Fire Station should begin construction in the next 30-45 days. Construction on the JPA Bridge continues and ROW acquisition is underway on Old Lynchburg Road. Following acquisition, construction on the road improvements will begin. Bryan Elliott reported that the county recently opened Preddy Creek Park and Byrom Park. Also, construction on Jarman's Gap Road continues. David Neuman announced the opening ceremonies of two new buildings on Grounds; Garrett Hall and The Physical and Life Sciences Building. This was followed with an update on two projects for the upcoming Board of Visitors' Buildings and Grounds Committee: preliminary design for the North Grounds Recreation Center expansion and project approval for the Football Fieldhouse at U-Hall. Mr. Neuman let the group know that construction documents are being completed for the replacement of the Rotunda roof. The project will last approximately 14-months and will occasion the removal of the magnolia trees that are located in the east and west Rotunda courtyards. Finally, Mr. Neuman announced that VDOT could not make it to this meeting, but have said they can come to the next PACC Tech meeting, if requested.
- 3. Sustainable Communities Grant (TJPDC)** – Steve Williams, Executive Director of the TJPDC gave an update on the HUD Sustainable Communities Grant that the TJPDC is currently implementing. He focused on four aspects of the grant: 1) creation of a common

land use map, called 'One Map' 2) the Performance Measurement System 3) Searchable index of local plans and 4) Upcoming workshops.

- Review of "ONE MAP" (Common Land Use Transportation Map) – One component of the grant is the creation of a map that consolidates land use and transportation elements in the grant area. Data was collected from the City, County, University and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and compiled to create the first of two maps. The map shared at this meeting was an update of the common future land use and transportation projects map shown to the committee at the August meeting. The map covers future land use and transportation for the MPO area and standardizes future land use into seven general categories. Noticeable differences between this map and the one shown at the August meeting include the inclusion of the general alignment of the Western Bypass. There was a general consensus by the committee that the Area A, B and C information related to the Three-Party Agreement does not need to be incorporated into the map.
  - Review of Performance Measurement System – TJPDC has been working since February 2011 on the creation of a performance measurement system that will be a set of indicators to assess the livability of the Charlottesville/Albemarle area. The system has six main areas: Housing, Transportation, Community, Economy, Infrastructure and Natural Environment. Each area has a number of related indicators. The indicators have been presented to the public at an open-house in June 2011, as well as online. There have been hundreds of comments received to date. Many are very constructive and the measurement system is being refined based on the comments. The deadline for creation of the system is being pushed back until after the December holidays.
  - Another component of the project is the creation of a searchable database of the plans and reviews for the Livable Communities Project. The database would allow keyword searches of the more than 75 local plans reviewed for the Livable Communities Project. Project staff are currently tagging entries to make searching the plans easier.
  - A series of workshops for the project are currently underway. The workshops generally occur on the last Thursday of the month and are focused on gathering input on the updates to the Comprehensive Plans and the Long Range Transportation Plan. This month's meeting is on the 27<sup>th</sup> and is coordinated with an NLI Community Seminar with bike advocate Mia Birk.
4. Travel Demand Model – In addition, Mr. Neuman asked Mr. Williams to update the committee on the Travel Demand Model. The TJPDC and the MPO have developed a model for analyzing and forecasting traffic, car, bike and pedestrian use. In contrast to the previous model available to the TJPDC from VDOT, this model will include University Transit Service, CAT and pedestrian/bicycle data. It is a Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) based model that contains 250 TAZs. This model will be used as a tool for analyzing the

effects of different land use scenarios on traffic and conversely can be used to look at the effect of new transportation facilities on land use. TJPDC is currently completing the validation process for the model and moving into development of forecast year models. The model will be a resource available to the City, County and University, as well as the planning district.

- 5. City and County Comprehensive Plans Update** – Missy Creasy with the City and Elaine Echols with the County each gave a brief summary of the Comprehensive Plan Updates that each are undertaking. Ms. Creasy noted that the City continues to coordinate their process with the TJPDC Livable Communities grant. The current focus is on the Land Use section of the Comprehensive Plan. The future land use map will be a major focus as the City develops a build-out analysis. Other aspects of the update include a land use and housing condition survey and coordinating the zoning map and future land use maps to address conflicts. The Housing Advisory and Parks and Recreation Committees are embarking on a visioning process to help inform the update of their Comprehensive Plan sections.

Ms. Echols indicated that the County is making progress in its Comprehensive Plan process. They have recently completed updates on existing conditions, demographics and capacity analysis. Their analysis found that there is enough land in the development area of the County to support growth through 2030. As a result of this analysis, they have recommended that no additional land be added to the growth area, with the exception of a portion of the I-64 interchange at Shadwell. The County is also examining its policies on commercial uses in rural areas and rural uses in developed areas and will propose updates if necessary. By January 2013, the County hopes to have completed updates to the Economic Development, Housing and Land Use sections of the Comprehensive plan. They also hope to complete a series of ‘mini’ plans for neighborhoods 4, 5, 6, and 7.

- 6. Final Announcements/Adjourn** – David Neuman noted that the next PACC meeting would occur on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 2:00-3:30 PM in the Byrd/Morris Seminar Room of the Harrison Institute/Small Special Collections Library. This was the last PACC Tech meeting of the year to be hosted by UVa. 2012 meetings are to be hosted by the County.

In parting, Ida Lee Wooten noted that UVa recently published a document that explores how the University contributes fiscally to the area. She also noted that the Fall Neighborhood Advisory Group meeting will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> and will feature David Neuman and Michael Strine, Executive Vice President and COO of the University speaking on planning for the future of the University.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.