

# Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization

# **Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance**

# ~ MINUTES~

# October 17, 2019, 4:00 pm

# Brian Booth Greater Lynchburg Transit Company Kenneth Campbell Amherst County Kenny Craig Liberty University Turner Perrow, Chair City of Lynchburg Frank Rogers Campbell County John Sharp Bedford County Dwayne Tuggle Town of Amherst Chris Winstead VDOT Lynchburg District

# **MEMBERS ABSENT**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sara Carter	 Town of Amherst
Robert Hiss	 Bedford County
Dean Rodgers	Amherst County
	Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Bonnie Svrcek	 City of Lynchburg

### OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Christie	CVPDC
Will Cockrell	EPR
Susan Cook	CVPDC
W. Scott Smith	
Marissa Sperry	

### 1. Call to Order

Turner Perrow, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

# 2. Approval of Minutes: September 19, 2019

- **3.** Upon a motion made by Frank Rogers and seconded by Dwayne Tuggle to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting the minutes were approved, with Bonnie Svrcek abstaining.
- **4. Opportunity for Public Comment -** There were none.

# 5. Update on Organization Name Change & Bylaws Update

Turner Perrow reported that he, along with Frank Rogers, Paul Harvey, and Scott Smith have updated the organization name change and bylaws. They were approved by the MPO at the July meeting with the understanding that legal counsel will help to work through the details. The agreement now needs to be updated with the Secretary of Transportation. The attorney has advised having the localities adopt something similar to the cooperative agreement. All localities have either approved this resolution, or will this month. Once this resolution has been adopted by all of the localities the new cooperative agreement will be sent to Richmond for Shannon Valentine's signature and will then be official.

# 6. Upcoming TIP Amendment: 221/501 Split Pairs Project

Scott Smith reported that the CTB voted to provide funding for the split pairs project in June, and a public comment period has been advertised in order to add this project to the Transportation Improvement Program.

# 7. Setting Goals and Performance Measures for Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan –

Will Cockrell, with EPR, reviewed the 2045 goals and performance measures for the Long Range Transportation Plan process. How the goals and performance measures are defined will determine which projects get into the process. The goal is to have these measures adopted by this group by January so that project evaluation can begin in the spring of 2020.

The local intercept approach was used to interact with the public, rather than the public meetings done in the past. Marissa Sperry, with EPR, said that she felt this approach was very successful. Will also announced that VDOT has a license for MetroQuest, and EPR is hoping to be able to use their license also.

The proposed schedule for the planning process is:

January 16 – recommendation from the TTC on the goals and performance measures April 16 – project evaluation discussion Mid-summer – discussion of the draft plan

An on-line survey will be sent to the TTC to get more feedback on the goals and performance measures.

The plan should be done in August, and the public open house scheduled. The state-wide transportation plan, VTrans, is now being updated. This is important because in order to qualify to submit to Smart Scale some of the projects need to meet specific needs in VTrans.

Will Cockrell closed by stating that between this meeting and the January meeting a survey will be sent out, and also short white paper on each of the goals and performance measures for review and feedback. Turner Perrow asked for a one page summary of the goals, also.

### 8. Matters from the Members

Scott announced that the VDOT fall meeting will be held at the Ramey Auditorium on November 4, and also a meeting for the Rt. 460/29 Arterial Management Plan on October 29.

**9.** Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.