



**Virginia's Region 2000
Local Government Council
Executive Committee Meeting**
828 Main Street, 12th Floor
Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

Large Conference Room
**November 17, 2016
5:00 p.m.**

Agenda

1. **Welcome** John Sharp, Chair
2. **Minutes from September 15 and October 17, 2016** John Sharp, Chair
3. **Financial Update** Rosalie Majerus
4. **Consideration of Resolutions of Support for Rural Transportation Smart Scale projects**
..... Scott Smith
5. **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy** Gary Christie
 - a. Action to adopt
 - b. Consideration of LGC role in economic development strategy planning and implementation
6. **Other Business from Staff or Council Members** Gary Christie
7. **Closed Session for Personnel** Gary Christie
In accordance with Virginia Code 2.2-3711(A)(1)
8. **Next meeting January 19, 5 p.m., LGC offices**
9. **Adjourn** John Sharp, Chair



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September 15, 2016
5:00 pm

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Members Present:

Carl Boggess, Bedford County Administrator, *Treasurer of Council*
Kenneth Campbell, Amherst County Board of Supervisors
Joan Foster, Lynchburg City Council
Philipp Gabathuler, Appomattox Town Manager
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager
Bryan Moody, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator
Bonnie Svrcek, Lynchburg City Manager
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager

Members Absent:

Susan Adams, Appomattox County Administrator
Kenneth Bumgarner, Amherst Town Council
Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Delegate T. Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates
Stacey Hailey, Bedford Town Council
Charles Kolakowski, Bedford Town Manager
Megan Lucas, Lynchburg Regional Economic Alliance
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator
Michael Rousseau, Campbell County Board of Supervisors
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors, *Chair of Council*

Others Present:

Margaret Carmel, News & Advance
Gary Christie, Local Government Council, *Executive Director*
Susan Cook, Region 2000
Sam Gerstemeier, Centra
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, *Deputy Director of Finance*

Meeting Minutes

1. Selection of Vice Chair

Paul Harvey nominated Joan Foster for the office of Vice Chair. The nomination passed unanimously by those present.

2. Welcome/Moment of Silence

Joan Foster, in Chairman John Sharp's absence due to a work related commitment, proceeded with the meeting by asking everyone to observe a moment of silence.

3. Appreciation of Mayor Harvey for Service as FY 16 Chair

On behalf of the LGC, Mayor Foster expressed appreciation to Paul Harvey for his service as Chair for FY 2016.

4. Approval of Minutes: July 21, 2016

Carl Boggess made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2016 as presented. Bonnie Svrcek seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

5. Financial Report

- A. Rosalie Majerus reported that operational expense has been slightly less than planned. The two grants having the most activity for the first two months of the FY year are Campbell County Rte. 29, which is being fully reimbursed, and the EDA CEDS. The LGC is receiving a 50% match for that from the Dept. of Commerce.

Gary Christie reported that three additional revenue source grants:

- 1) Appomattox Tornado Recovery – grant amount is \$30,000 of which \$15,000 will be retained by the LGC for administrative staff.
- 2) Pamplin Water Tank Repair, \$15,000 – 16,000 from the Virginia Dept. of Health
- 3) Town of Amherst, from the Virginia Dept. of Health

- B. Presentation and Discussion on Dues Increase

Gary Christie asked to Council to have a discussion regarding raising dues, and explained that these funds are important as steady revenue. When asked about the fund balance, Rosalie Majerus answered that the policy is for three years of non-recurring expenses, or about \$600,000. At present we are over that amount by \$300,000.

Bonnie Svrcek stated that without a strategic direction or need an increase in dues would be difficult for her to support.

Following discussion by Council members, Ms. Svrcek made a motion that dues remain the same for FY 2017. Russell Thurston seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion of Legislative Agenda and GoVirginia

Gary Christie asked Council to think about items they would like taken to the General Assembly. Items suggested:

- Bryan Moody – storm water
- Russell Thurston – over regulation
- Dean Rodgers – dam safety rules
- Joan Foster – threat of losing historic tax credits
- Dean Rodgers – future of the Central Virginia Training Center

Mr. Rodgers advised that Sen. Newman has proposed meeting with the entire legislative delegation, and the Alliance is setting up this meeting. To this date, the LGC, the Alliance, and Amherst County have each passed resolutions addressed to the state legislature requesting funds be applied to the Training Center that would be used by the Dept. of General Services to conduct a Level 1 and Level 2 environmental study, to pay for a development plan, and to pay for the razing of the derelict buildings. Amherst County is looking for support for contributing to this effort, as it is a regional sized entity.

Dean Rodgers made a motion that the Local Government Council pledge \$20,000 for this effort. The motion was seconded by Bryan Moody, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Rodgers said that he would approach his Board for additional funds, and Bonnie Svrcek said that she would address her EDA. Mr. Rodgers will also send an email to each of the localities, to present to their Boards, for possible additional help.

Gary Christie explained that GoVirginia is an economic development incentive program that is coming from the state. It has been suggested that this region be included with Roanoke and New River Valley. Roanoke and New River Valley PDCs would like to join with this group and send a recommendation that the three PDCs serve as the regional conveners to encourage and help the state form this regional council.

7. Update to CEDS Plan Update

Mr. Christie explained that the new CEDS will be approved at the October 1 meeting by the CEDS committee, and there will be a roll-out of the CEDS at the October meeting of the LGC, which will be held at the CAER. At this meeting there will be five stations set up to talk about the five initiatives proposed in the document.

One specific issue the LGC will address is the placement of a comprehensive One-Stop Career Center, as required by law, on the CVCC campus. Ben Bowman explained that one of the first things to look at is a feasibility study to determine the needs and cost, and other options for location.

Gary Christie informed the Council that they have a proposal to use some reserve funds to share in the cost of the Workforce Board with \$5,000 to hire an engineer for a feasibility study.

A motion was made by Bryan Moody, with a second by Carl Boggess, to use \$5,000 of reserve funds for this purpose. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Introduction of Samuel Gerstemeier, Government Relations, Centra

Gary Christie introduced Samuel Gerstemeier, Government Relations Mgr. with Centra. His duties will include dealing with the General Assembly, and he will also interact at the local level. Mr. Gerstemeier said that as one of his responsibilities he will be the registered liason at the state level for the Central Virginia Training Center. He will also have interactions with the other Chambers throughout the region.

9. November Selection of General Assembly Members

Gary Christie asked the Council for thoughts on selection of General Assembly Members. The by-laws call for General Assembly members to rotate. No offers will be made until after the election. If the Council goes by rotation in selection, offers would go to Ben Cline and Steve Newman.

10. Matters from the Council

Paul Harvey asked if anyone knew the status of the Healing Center, which is a recovery center. Dean Rodgers said that his understanding is that they are still trying to solicit \$10,000 from each locality to accumulate \$100,000. As far as he knew, a location for the center had not been determined.

Bryan Moody reported that Appomattox County is trying to bring back their local holding cell, as they don't have enough staff to cover the county and also transport people to the Blue Ridge Jail facility.

Gary Christie added that Ruth Hendrick has asked for feedback on how they are doing with the Small Business Development Center.

11. Adjourn

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Signed: _____

By: _____, _____ (title)



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Local Government Council**
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CAER
**October 20, 2016
4:00 pm**

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Members Present:

Susan Adams, Appomattox County Administrator
Carl Boggess, Bedford County Administrator, *Treasurer of Council*
Kenneth Campbell, Amherst County Board of Supervisors
Mayor Phyllis Campbell, Town of Brookneal
Joan Foster, Lynchburg City Council
Mayor Paul Harvey, Town of Appomattox
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager
Megan Lucas, Lynchburg Regional Economic Alliance
Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors, Chair of Council
Bonnie Svrcek, Lynchburg City Manager
Russell Thurston, Brookneal Town Manager

Members Absent:

Kenneth Bumgarner, Amherst Town Council
Waverly Coggsdale, Altavista Town Manager
Delegate T. Scott Garrett, Virginia House of Delegates
Stacey Hailey, Bedford Town Council
Charles Kolakowski, Bedford Town Manager
Mayor Mike Mattox, Town of Altavista
Bryan Moody, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors
Frank Rogers, Campbell County Administrator
Michael Rousseau, Campbell County Board of Supervisors

Others Present:

Ben Bowman, Region 2000 Workforce Development Board
Gary Christie, Local Government Council, *Executive Director*
Susan Cook, Region 2000
Rosalie Majerus, Local Government Council, *Deputy Director of Finance*
Matt Tarleton, Market Street
Ashlie Walters, News & Advance

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Moment of Silence

John Sharp opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. with a moment of silence.

2. Financial Report

Rosalie Majerus reviewed the financial report included in the meeting packet.

- She reported that total operating expense is about 21% of planned expense, about where it should be at this time.
- Under Direct Project Expenses two line items have been added to the budget:
 - 1) \$20,000 added for the Amherst Training Center
 - 2) \$5,000 for the WIOA Career Center MonitoringBoth items were approved at the last LGC meeting.

Gary Christie presented two budget items that required approval:

- 1) Project with the Town of Pamplin with the Virginia Health Dept. Water Tank Improvements
 - a. Revenue - \$15,000
 - b. Expenditures - \$4,000
- 2) Project with Appomattox County Recovery Planning Grant
 - a. Revenue - \$30,000
 - b. Expenditures - \$20,000

A motion was made by Megan Lucas, and seconded by Jack Hobbs, to approve the two new line items. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Recommended Legislative Items

Gary Christie presented four legislative items that were suggested at the last LGC meeting:

- 1) Stormwater Programs
- 2) Dam Safety Regulations
- 3) Central Virginia Training Center Reuse
- 4) Support the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit in its current form

Megan Lucas made a motion, seconded by Dean Rogers, to support the recommended legislative items, reflecting comments by Bonnie Svrcek which declare that The Region 2000 Local Government Council does not support the Virginia Stormwater Management Program as currently configured, and any further mandates are opposed.

The motion carried unanimously.

Dean Rodgers gave the Council an update on the Central Virginia Training Center.

4. Staff Reports and Items from LGC

- a) Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant Application - Mr. Christie reported that the LGC had previously discussed and moved forward with a Hazardous Mitigation Plan at a price of \$2500.00 per jurisdiction. It is moving forward, and he will be submitting an application next week, but without the Town of Pamplin, Bedford, and Altavista.
- b) Philipp Gabathuler has been hired as Senior Planner and will begin work on November 1st. His focus will be on Transportation.
- c) Consideration of an agreement with adjacent Planning District Commissions not in the GoVirginia area – Mr. Christie explained that we are moving forward with GoVirginia region to the west. Proposed MOCs (Memorandum of Cooperation) will be done with Planning District Commissions to the east and north. This resolution asks that once each year representatives from each of the Planning Districts meet to build up dialog. Bonnie Svrcek suggested extending the agreement time from 2 years to 3 years.

A motion was made by Jack Hobbs, and seconded by Paul Harvey to approve the proposed Memorandum of Cooperation, reflecting Ms. Svrcek's edit. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Meeting Schedule for 2017

Megan Lucas made a motion, seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, to approve the 2017 meeting schedule:

- a. January 19 – Commission meeting
- b. March 16 – Executive Committee
- c. April 20 – Commission Dinner meeting
- d. May 18 – Executive Committee
- e. June 15 (if needed) – Executive Committee
- f. July 27 (change in schedule) – Commission meeting
- g. September 21 – Executive Committee
- h. October 19 – Commission Dinner meeting
- i. November 16 – Executive Committee

The motion carried unanimously.

6. Overview of the CEDS process and role of the LGC going forward

Matt Tarleton, of Market Street, presented the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) for the next 5 years, as developed by the steering committee.

7. Next Meeting – Executive Committee November 17, 2016

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

The meeting was followed by a reception and presentation on the 2016 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Signed: _____

By: _____, _____ (title)

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VIRGINIA'S REGION 2000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL				
Budget to Actual for FY17				
as of October 31, 2016				
	<u>FY17 Adjusted Budget</u>	<u>Actual as of 10/31/16</u>	<u>Diff Between Budget & Actual</u>	<u>% of Budget Used</u>
OPERATIONS FUND (EXPENDITURES)				
<u>SALARY</u>				
ADMINISTRATION	193,290	64,018	129,272	33.12%
FINANCE	133,479	44,493	88,986	33.33%
OPERATIONS	171,771	36,656	135,115	21.34%
WIA	135,916	45,850	90,066	33.73%
	634,456	191,017	443,439	30.11%
PART TIME HELP	43,280	9,357	33,923	21.62%
Total Salaries & Wages	677,736	200,374	477,362	29.57%
EMPLOYER COST FICA	51,847	14,622	37,225	28.20%
EMPLOYER COST V R S	41,176	12,397	28,779	30.11%
EMPLOYER COST HEALTH INS	93,890	27,506	66,384	29.30%
EMPLOYER COST LIFE INS	8,311	2,502	5,809	30.10%
WORKERS COMP	700	288	412	41.14%
Total Fringe Benefits	195,924	57,315	138,609	29.25%
<u>OFFICE EXPENSES</u>				
AUDITING SERVICES	5,100		5,100	0.00%
PAYROLL ACCOUNTING SERVICES	8,400	2,553	5,847	30.39%
LEGAL SERVICES	3,000		3,000	0.00%
LIABILITY INSURANCE	1,200	1,427	(227)	118.92%
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	21,000	3,313	17,687	15.78%
ADVERTISING	1,000	896	104	89.60%
POSTAGE	1,500	(49)	1,549	-3.27%
TELEPHONE	5,000	1,825	3,175	36.50%
INTERNET SERVICES	700	178	522	25.43%
OFFICE SUPPLIES	6,000	1,683	4,317	28.05%
PRINTING & BINDING	2,500		2,500	0.00%
TRAVEL	7,500	1,177	6,323	15.69%
SPECIAL MEETINGS	9,500	1,783	7,717	18.77%
EDUCATION & TRAINING	6,000	2,585	3,415	43.08%
DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS	10,800	4,632	6,168	42.89%
PUBLICATIONS	700	88	612	12.57%
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	1,000	169	831	16.90%
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	1,000	168	832	16.80%
RENTAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT	4,500	933	3,567	20.73%
OFFICE RENT	61,797	18,322	43,475	29.65%
PARKING	4,200	1,295	2,905	30.83%
COMPUTER EQUIP/SOFTWARE	10,000	1,389	8,611	13.89%
Total Office Expenses	172,397	44,367	128,030	25.74%
Total Operations Expenses	1,046,057	302,056	744,001	28.88%

VIRGINIA'S REGION 2000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL				
Budget to Actual for FY17				
as of October 31, 2016				
	<u>FY17 Adjusted Budget</u>	<u>Actual as of 10/31/16</u>	<u>Diff Between Budget & Actual</u>	<u>% of Budget Used</u>
Total Operations Expenses (from Page 1)	1,046,057	302,056	744,001	28.88%
Direct Project Expenses				
Amherst CDBG - Old Town Madison Heights	1,000	0	1,000	0.00%
Amherst Training Center	20,000	0	20,000	0.00%
Appomattox County Comp Plan	250	0	250	0.00%
Appomattox CDBG - Meadowlark	8,500	2,364	6,136	27.81%
Appomattox CDBG - Planning	750	0	750	0.00%
Appomattox Recovery Planning Grant	20,000	12,797	7,203	63.99%
Brookneal Streetscape	0	34	(34)	#DIV/0!
Campbell County Route 29 Corridor Planning (VTRC)	57,500	50,693	6,807	88.16%
DHCD	2,500	0	2,500	0.00%
DRPT / FTA	2,500	6	2,494	0.24%
EDA CEDS - LGC	64,966	43,192	21,774	66.48%
Pamplin CDBG	0	255	(255)	#DIV/0!
Pamplin VDH Water	4,000	361	3,639	9.03%
Regional Radio Board	2,000	178	1,822	8.90%
RideSolutions	22,414	2,056	20,358	9.17%
TMDL Redevelopment	250	1,500	(1,250)	600.00%
Town of Amherst Main Street Waterline	800	149	651	18.63%
VDOT - PL	17,000	4,164	12,836	24.49%
VDOT - Rural	2,500	0	2,500	0.00%
WIOA Career Center	5,000	0	5,000	0.00%
WIA	198,000	24,652	173,348	12.45%
Total Direct Project Expenses	429,930	142,401	287,529	33.12%
TOTAL OPERATING & DIRECT PROJECT EXPENSES	\$1,475,987	\$444,457	\$1,031,530	30.11%
Pass Thru Expenses				
Regional Radio Board	1,249,988	354,830	895,158	28.39%
VDOT - PL	85,500	20,088	65,412	23.49%
WIA	950,000	191,530	758,470	20.16%
Total Pass Thru Expenses	\$2,285,488	\$566,448	\$1,719,040	24.78%
Total Expenses	\$3,761,475	\$1,010,905	\$2,750,570	26.88%

VIRGINIA'S REGION 2000 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL				
Budget to Actual for FY17				
as of October 31, 2016				
	<u>FY17 Adjusted Budget</u>	<u>Actual as of 10/31/16</u>	<u>Diff Between Budget & Actual</u>	<u>% of Budget Received</u>
Revenues				
OPERATIONS FUND (REVENUE)				
Dues	154,428	154,429	(1)	100.00%
Miscellaneous Revenue	12,000	218	11,782	1.82%
Total Operations Revenue	166,428	154,647	11,781	92.92%
Direct Project Revenues				
Amherst County - Old Town Madison Heights	9,000	3,000	6,000	33.33%
Appomattox County Comp Plan	2,000	0	2,000	0.00%
Appomattox CDBG - Meadow Lark	40,000	0	40,000	0.00%
Appomattox CDBG - Planning	6,000	0	6,000	0.00%
Appomattox Recovery Planning Grant	30,000	0	30,000	0.00%
Campbell County Route 29 Corridor Planning (VTRC)	62,500	51,331	11,169	82.13%
DHCD	72,471	37,985	34,486	52.41%
DRPT / FTA	104,468	10,279	94,189	9.84%
Hazard Mitigation		2,500		
EDA/CEDS - LGC	50,000	24,285	25,715	48.57%
Pamplin VDH Water	15,000	0	15,000	0.00%
Regional Radio Board	25,000	10,526	14,474	42.10%
Region 2000 Services Authority	169,985	51,323	118,662	30.19%
RideSolutions	44,214	7,024	37,190	15.89%
TMDL Redevelopment	3,000	0	3,000	0.00%
Town of Amherst Main Street Waterline	7,000	0	7,000	0.00%
VDOT-PL	111,936	18,589	93,347	16.61%
VDOT-Rural	58,000	11,209	46,791	19.33%
WIA	434,399	97,382	337,017	22.42%
Total Direct Project Revenues	1,244,973	325,433	922,040	26.14%
Interest	750	687	63	91.60%
TOTAL OPERATIONS & DIRECT PROJECT REVENUES	1,412,151	480,767	933,884	34.05%
Surplus/(Use of Fund) Balance	(63,836)	36,310	(97,646)	
Funding from Fund Balance for EDA CEDS	65,027		65,027	0.00%
Funding from Fund Balance for Amherst Training Ctr	20,000		20,000	
Funding from Fund Balance for Career Center Location	5,000		5,000	
Funding from Fund Balance	90,027	0	90,027	0.00%
	\$26,191	\$36,310	(\$7,619)	
Pass Thru Revenue				
Regional Radio Board	1,249,988	970,754	279,234	77.66%
VDOT - PL	85,500	12,892	72,608	15.08%
WIA	950,000	191,530	758,470	20.16%
Total Pass Thru Revenues	\$2,285,488	\$1,175,176	\$1,110,312	51.42%
Total Revenue	3,787,666	1,655,943	2,109,223	
Net Surplus/(Use of Fund) Balance	26,191	645,038		

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL

Budget to Actual for FY17

as of October 31, 2016

CASH ON HAND

Sun Trust Checking

LGC Funds

327,693

WIA Trainit Funds

4,429

Local Govt Invest Pool

473,563

Petty Cash

155

Cash on Hand

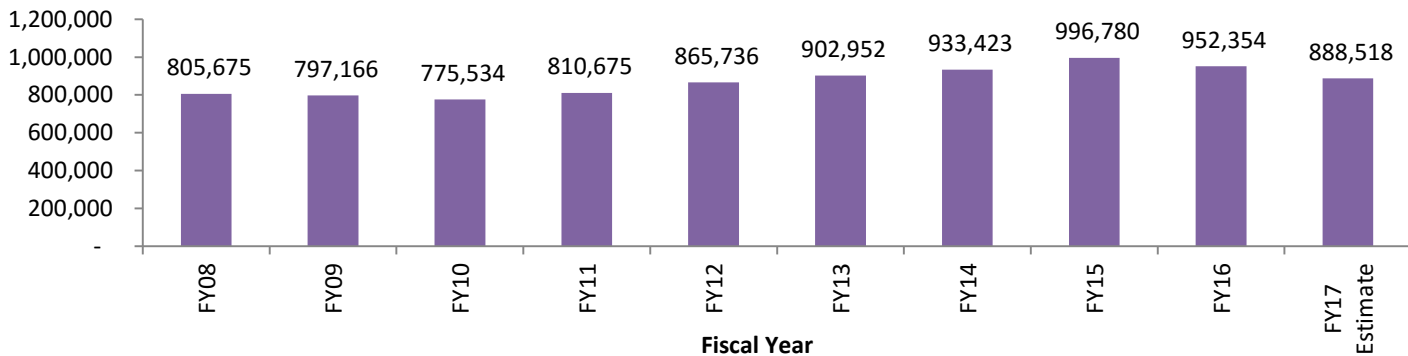
\$ 805,840

CALCULATION OF ESTIMATED YEAR-END FUND BALANCE

Estimated Year-end Fund Balance

\$ 888,518

Year-end Fund Balance





**Resolution of Support for Project Applications Submitted
for Smart Scale Funding by Localities for Projects Within the Boundaries
of the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council**

WHEREAS, the Smart Scale program directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to develop and use a prioritization process to select transportation projects to be funded for both urban and rural communities throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, through the Smart Scale process, projects submitted by eligible entities will be evaluated and scored based on predetermined evaluation measures; and

WHEREAS, in review of the scored project list, and considering other information submitted to the CTB on each project, the CTB will be better informed in their funding decisions regarding projects to be included in the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP); and

WHEREAS, each project application must meet an identified need in VTrans 2040 for a Corridor of Statewide Significance, Regional Network, or Urban Development Area to be determined eligible for the Smart Scale process; and

WHEREAS, each Smart Scale project submission related to a Corridor of Statewide Significance requires a resolution of support from the relevant regional entity; and

WHEREAS, this resolution serves to meet the aforementioned requirement for projects listed in Exhibit 1 and submitted by those eligible entities within the Local Government Council boundary.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council does hereby support projects described in Exhibit 1 for submission to the Smart Scale project evaluation process.

ADOPTED this 17th day of NOVEMBER, 2016 upon motion by _____, and duly seconded by _____.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary F. Christie, Secretary
Virginia's Region 2000
Local Government Council

CERTIFIED BY:

John Sharp, Chair
Virginia's Region 2000
Local Government Council

EXHIBIT 1

Resolution of Support for Project Applications Submitted for Smart Scale Funding by Localities for Projects Within the Boundaries of the Virginia's Region 2000 Local Government Council.

Projects are listed in alphabetical order by locality and are not prioritized.

Amherst County

Project Description: Improvements at intersection of Amherst Highway (U.S. Route 29) and Patrick Henry Highway (Virginia Primary Route 151) (Smart Scale ID 1448).

Funding Program: High Priority Projects Program, District Grants Program

Project Description: Median barrier replacement on Lynchburg Expressway (U.S. Route 29 Business) (Smart Scale ID 1482).

Funding Program: High Priority Projects Program, District Grants Program

Appomattox County

Project Description: Improvements on Old Courthouse Road (Virginia Primary Route 24) in the Town of Appomattox (Smart Scale ID 1495).

Funding Program: High Priority Projects Program, District Grants Program

Bedford County

Project Description: Installation of right turn lane on Thomas Jefferson Road (State Route 811) at intersection with Waterlick Road (State Route 622) (Smart Scale ID 1209).

Funding Program: High Priority Projects Program, District Grants Program

Project Description: Construction of roundabout on Thomas Jefferson Road (State Route 811) at intersection with Patriot Place (State Route 622) (Smart Scale ID 1184).

Funding Program: High Priority Projects Program, District Grants Program

Campbell County

Project Description: Passing lanes on Brookneal Highway (U.S. Route 501) between Gladys and Naruna (Smart Scale ID 1283).

Funding Program: High Priority Projects Program, District Grants Program

Project Description: Transportation improvements relating to Altavista Elementary School on Lynch Mill Road (State Route 714) within the Town of Altavista (Smart Scale ID 1259).

Funding Program: High Priority Projects Program, District Grants Program

Project Description improvements to the intersection of Lynch Mill Road (State Route 714) and Clarion Road (State Route 711) within the Town of Altavista (Smart Scale ID 1261).

Funding Program: High Priority Projects Program, District Grants Program

Project Description: Improvements to Lynbrook Road (State Route 622) (Smart Scale ID 1281).

Funding Program: High Priority Projects Program, District Grants Program

City of Lynchburg

Project Description: Intersection improvements on Forest Road/Lakeside Drive (U.S. Route 221) at intersection with Lynchburg Expressway (U.S. Route 501) (Smart Scale ID 1483).

Funding Program: High Priority Projects Program, District Grants Program

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Synopsis

Thanks to the many LGC members who attended the roll out of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy last month at CAER. We're ready for the Local Government Council to adopt the plan and discuss the LGC role in implementation.

When posted, the plan will be found at <http://www.localgovernmentcouncil.org/regional-initiatives/ceds.html>.

Proposed LGC Role in Implementation of the CEDS

1. LGC continues as the Liaison to the Economic Development Administration
2. LGC begins the process to have the region designated as an Economic Development District
3. LGC continues role of maintaining annual changes to CEDS and producing annual reports to EDA
4. LGC is responsible for a mid-cycle review of the CEDS and coordinating the five year up-date
5. LGC staff presents a proposal to update the www.Region2000dashboard.org website to reflect and track economic and demographic trends of the region and to track the progress of the implementation of the CEDS.
6. LGC staff presents a proposal to lead in the implementation of Goal V: "...supporting the vitality of our diverse communities and downtowns"
 - a. Advance a Regional Riverfront vision that seeks to "unlock" the region's riverfronts, better connection and integrating local communities with the James, Roanoke and Staunton Rivers
 - b. Expand the establishment of Arts and Culture Districts throughout the region to encourage and incentivize projects that improve the aesthetic, artistic and cultural appeal of the region
7. LGC staff will assist the Alliance with staff support to the CEDS Implementation Committee

Requested Action:

- a) Adopt the Virginia's Region 2000 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and Implementation Plan, October 2016.
- b) Authorize staff to bring back:
 - a. More detail on the application process for an Economic Development District designation
 - b. A proposal on how the LGC can lead the implementation of CEDS Goal V related to Riverfront Vision and Arts and Culture Districts
 - c. A proposal to update the www.region2000dashboard.org website
 - d. A staffing plan to:
 - i. maintain EDA annual reports and annual changes to CEDS
 - ii. provide staffing assistance to the Alliance and the CEDS Implementation Committee



Letter of Intent to Convene Council Members for Region 2 under the Provisions of GO Virginia

The New River Valley Regional Commission, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, and Region 2000 Local Government Council are proposing to convene the membership of the Regional Council that covers the counties, cities and towns within their respective service areas (Regional Council area #2). The purpose of the Regional Commissions is to help promote regional strategies, partnerships, and solutions to strengthen economic resilience and enhance our region's quality of life. They carry out this work by bringing both public and private stakeholders together to address issues that transcend municipal boundaries.

Our organizations have 40+ years of experience in convening various groups to pursue issues of importance, such as coordinating private and public sector organizations in preparing regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies, and serving as the administrative entity and fiscal agent for our respective Workforce Development Boards. Each organization works closely with the various Chambers of Commerce in our regions by either serving on the Chambers' Board of Directors or assisting the Chambers in their initiatives. We also work closely with regional and local economic development organizations by assisting these organizations with needed data, preparing maps, and helping write grants to obtain funding from numerous federal and state agencies.

We have close working relationships with the many universities and colleges in the region. Over the years, we have been engaged with institutions of higher education, such as working with Virginia Tech on its Catalyst Project, which is intended to help strengthen entrepreneurial development in the technology sector. Additionally, we have assisted our community colleges in their strategic planning efforts and in promoting workforce development programs in these institutions.

With our extensive network of stakeholders throughout the great region, our commissions are well suited to convene the appropriate individuals to serve on the Regional Council which will serve our area of Western Virginia. We would ensure that the right people are at the table to pursue the projects that will enhance our region's economic competitiveness.

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