

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, March 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Lee Beaumont (U)..... Liberty University
Nick Britton (U/R).....Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Maggie Cossman (U).....City of Lynchburg
Mariel Fowler (U/R).....Bedford County
Paul Harvey (U/R).....Campbell County
Richard Metz (U/R).....Campbell County Citizen Representative
John Rayman (U).....Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Johnnie Roark (R).....Appomattox County
Rick Youngblood (U/R).....VDOT-Lynchburg District

ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R).....Bedford County Citizen Representative
Jeremy Bryant (U/R).....Amherst County
Roxanne Casto (R).....Town of Appomattox
Mark Courtney (U).....Lynchburg Regional Airport
Jack Hobbs (U)Town of Amherst
Kevin Jones (U/R).....Federal Highway Administration
Tom Martin (U).....City of Lynchburg
Russell Thurston (R).....Town of Brookneal
Bart Warner (R).....Town of Bedford
Dan Witt (R).....Town of Altavista

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

OTHERS PRESENT

Susan Cook.....Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO
Philipp Gabathuler.....Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO
Scott Smith.....Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO

1. Call to Order

Paul Harvey called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: March 9, 2017

Upon a motion by Richard Metz to approve the minutes of March 9, 2017 as presented, duly seconded by Rick Youngblood, this motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion on results of congestion survey

Phillip Gabathuler reported on the results of the congestion survey. He stated that the survey was open for about one month. A total of 254 responses were received, with 191 locations that they were able to map. Phillip will add information to the final report about funded projects that apply to specific areas that came up as hot spots. He also added that 60% of the responses were from the City of Lynchburg, 30% from Campbell County, and the rest from Bedford and Amherst Counties.

4. Approval of Adjustment to FY 2016-2017 Rural Work Program

Scott Smith reported that in May he and Philipp Gabathuler will be attending a Training and Development Program in New York, as part of the National Planning Conference. The cost for this involves an adjustment to the current copy of work for the Rural budget. He would like to move \$5,200.00 from the Rural Long Range Plan into the Program Administration Rural Transportation Planning Management. Rick Youngblood explained that PL funds can be carried over from one year to the next, but Rural funds are lost if not used.

The motion was made by Richard Metz, and seconded by Maggie Cossman, to approve this adjustment. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Approval of FY 2017-2018 Rural Work Program

The proposed Rural Work Program for next year was included in the meeting packet. Scott Smith informed the committee that the Urban MPO and DRPT Transit Oriented Work Programs will be coming in April.

Upcoming projects include:

- Scott Smith and Philipp Gabathuler will be working on one or two corridor or intersection safety analysis.
- Kelly Hitchcock will continue to work on alternative transportation planning activities. One of these is the Appomattox County Trail Network, which will establish connectivity between the National Park and the Town of Appomattox.
- Bedford County and Brookneal are updating their Comprehensive Plans in the next year, and will be receiving assistance with the transportation elements of their comprehensive plans.

Mr. Smith also advised the committee that the total amount of rural funding is \$72,500.00. \$50,000.00 comes from VDOT, and the balance is matched by Region 2000.

Johnny Roark made a motion, with a second by Richard Metz, to approve the 2017-2018 Rural Work Program. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Matters from the Committee

Rick Youngblood reported that the final Candler’s Mountain Study should be completed in the coming week. It will be presented to the City of Lynchburg, along with the Expressway Study.

The Connectivity Study is complete and presentations are being made.

The Timberlake Study is getting underway. This is a 3.2-mile study from Waterlick to Leesville Road. It is a unique cross-jurisdictional study, with Campbell County and Lynchburg.

VDOT is also working with the Lock-In Festival in Nelson County, as the event also impacts commuting patterns in this region.

Rick Youngblood advised that the second round of Smart Scale has been completed. He has been working with Shannon Valentine on which projects will be funded. Five have been identified to date.

Nick Britton reported that GLTC has a new General Manager, Brian Booth, from Radford Transit.

He also reported that GLTC will be moving to 419 Bradley Drive on April 1st and 2nd.

7. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Signed: _____
Paul E. Harvey, *Chair*

Date: _____