

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, April 13, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Lee Beaumont (U) Liberty University
Mariel Fowler (UR) Bedford County
Paul Harvey (U/R) Campbell County
Richard Metz (U/R) Campbell County Citizen Representative
Rick Youngblood (U/R) VDOT – Lynchburg District

ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R) Bedford County Citizen Representative
Nick Britton (U/R) Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Jeremy Bryant (U/R) Amherst County
Roxanne Castro (R) Town of Appomattox
Maggie Cossman (U) City of Lynchburg
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
John Rayman (U) Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County
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

David Cook VDOT – Lynchburg District
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: April 13, 2017

Upon a motion by Richard Metz to approve the minutes of April 13, 2017 as presented, duly seconded by Lee Beaumont, this motion passed unanimously.

3. Recommendation to MPO of FY 2017-2018 Unified Planning Work Program (Urban)

Scott Smith presented the draft 2017-2018 UPWP (Urban). He explained that the TTC approved the rural work plan last month and the Local Government Council also. The urban plan includes the work for the MPO as well as the transit work. It is also known as the 5303. The MPO will adopt the urban plan with a resolution next week. Scott also explained that this year there will be more of a focus on the development of a pedestrian bicycle data program for the Region 2000 area.

Another project this year will be working with the Town of Amherst and Sweet Briar College to develop a pedestrian connection between them. A kick-off meeting will be on May 9th.

This year's consultant driven project will be to look at Graves Mill Road in a comprehensive manner, involving Lynchburg and Bedford County. The study of the interchange at the expressway at Graves Mill Road will go all the way from the old Nationwide property to 221.

Philipp Gabathuler reported that the Transit Development Plan will be considering major changes to the fixed routes in the bus program, as there are several routes that are under-utilized. Philipp explained that the Transit Development Plan is a required federal document, and has to be updated every five years. The focus of this update will be looking at the operational efficiency of the fixed route system. The plan is being paid for by DRPT, with staff support provided to the GLTC.

Philipp also reported that the downtown circulator bus will be tentatively starting the third week of June.

Scott Smith reported that support will also be provided to GLTC, Centra Health, and other stakeholders in the upcoming year, looking at the possibility of an inter-city bus connection.

The motion was made by Richard Metz, seconded by David Cook, to accept the CVMPO budget for FY 2018 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Discussion on April 20th CTB SYIP Hearing

Scott Smith reported that the Commonwealth Transportation Board will conduct their annual spring meeting at the VDOT Lynchburg district office on Thursday, April 20th. There will be a hearing on the six year improvement plan.

Scott explained that the City of Lynchburg has been trying to find funding for its split pairs project at Lakeside Drive. This project would cost \$24M, which is all that Smart Scale has for Lynchburg this year and cannot be funded. Because of this, the City of Lynchburg is going to request that the CTB look at altering the way it measures economic development impact, and how it values previous money spent on a project.

Campbell County has an opportunity to get a project funded that is not high on the list presently. Lynbrook Road, which connects the corridor between Rt. 29 and 460, using discretionary funds.

5. Matters from the Committee

Scott Smith reported that the Connectivity Study will be rolled out next week on the website.

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

The next meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee will be on June 8th.

Signed: _____

Paul E. Harvey, Chair

Date: _____