

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, October 10, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT

Todd Carroll (U)..... Liberty University
Tyler Creasy, for Jeremy Bryant (U/R)..... Amherst County
Mariel Fowler (U/R) Bedford County
Paul Harvey (U/R)..... Campbell County
Anne Nygaard (U)..... City of Lynchburg

ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R) Bedford County Citizen Representative
Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Sara Carter (U) Town of Amherst
Waverly Coggsdale (R) Town of Altavista
Mark Courtney (U)..... Lynchburg Regional Airport
Kevin Jones (U/R)..... Federal Highway Administration
J. Lee Newland (U) City of Lynchburg
Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County
Gary Shanaberger (R)..... Town of Appomattox
Daniel Sonenklar (U/R)..... Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Russell Thurston (R) Town of Brookneal
Bart Warner (R) Town of Bedford

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

OTHERS PRESENT

Will Cockrell EPR
David Cook..... VDOT – Lynchburg District
Susan Cook..... CVPDC
Samuel Hayes Moffatt & Nichol
Scott Smith CVPDC/CVMPO
Rick Youngblood VDOT – Lynchburg District
Mary Zirkle (by phone) Town of Bedford

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the September 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Rick Youngblood, and seconded by Mariel Fowler, the minutes of September 12, 2019 were unanimously approved.

3. Setting Goals and Performance Measures for Connect Central Virginia 2045

Will Cockrell, with EPR, reported on the goals and measures of the 2045 Long Range Plan. He explained that developing the goals and performance measures is important because that will be the scoring methodology that they will use to evaluate projects and will help determine which projects get vetted through the process. Since the 2040 plan was adopted in 2015, several changes have occurred on the federal and state levels that change the framework for long range plans. At the state level there have been some funding changes that affect how projects are evaluated.

David Cook explained that VDOT has a new license subscription, MetroQuest, which is an online inter-active engagement tool for permanent transportation planning. It is able to send out email, social media, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and keeps up with a constant blast in a geographic scope for the project area. They hope to be able to use this to engage the public and are checking into sharing this with the PDCs and localities. Rick Youngblood advised that he is waiting for guidance on this.

Mr. Cockrell advised that once they have the goals and performance measures approved by the policy board they can begin project evaluation. Performance measures are used to score and evaluate projects. Mr. Cockrell also explained that Smart Scale is the main process used to score projects for funding, and a lot of the projects listed in the Long Range Plan will have to go through this process. Safety, economic development and accessibility should be high considerations when scoring projects.

VTrans, a statewide transportation plan, is currently being updated. This plan is important because with some of the scoring methodologies a need has to be identified in VTrans in order to get funding.

A survey will be sent to Scott and will be available on-line for comments. An initial work session will be held at the next meeting and by January the hope is that this group would affirm the goals and measures and provide input on how to weight the measures and make a formal recommendation. David Cook added that extra points are given for distressed communities.

Will and David are looking at options for scoring methodologies for bike ped projects.

Philipp Gabathuler added that transit is not directly addressed in any of the goals. He suggested looking at each mode described in the infrastructure to determine if something more specific needs to be added.

4. Matters from the Committee

Scott Smith advised that next week there will be a legal notice published for a proposed amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment is adding the 221/501 split pairs project into the TIP. It will come before the TTC at the January meeting, and the MPO at their January meeting.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

The next meeting will be on December 12, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.