

# Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

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

## DRAFT MINUTES

### PRESENT

Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company  
Mariel Fowler (U/R) .....Bedford County  
Paul Harvey (U/R)..... Campbell County  
J. Lee Newland (U) .....City of Lynchburg  
Daniel Sonenklar (U/R)..... Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation

### ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R)..... Bedford County Citizen Representative  
Jeremy Bryant (U/R) ..... Amherst County  
Todd Carroll (U).....Liberty University  
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  
Tom Martin (U).....City of Lynchburg  
Richard Metz (U/R)..... Campbell County Citizen Representative  
Johnnie Roark (R) .....Appomattox County  
Gary Shanaberger (R)..... Town of Appomattox  
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  
Philipp Gabathuler.....CVPDC/CVMPO  
Samuel Hayes..... Moffatt & Nichol  
Kelly Hitchcock..... CVPDC  
Jennifer Martin ..... Lynchburg Area Center for Independent Living  
Joshua Pratt..... BRT Transportation  
Phil White ..... EPR  
Mary Zirkle.....Town of Bedford

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of the July 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Mariel Fowler, and seconded by Lee Newland, the minutes of July 11, 2019 were unanimously approved.

**3. Proposed Rural Area Transportation Alternatives Projects**

Scott Smith reported that two rural projects are currently under development. If the TTC agrees by consensus with the localities' applying for the funding, the PDC will adopt a resolution of support.

- 1) The Town of Altavista is proposing a sidewalk on the east side of Main Street between Wood Lane and Seventh Street, and along a small portion of the south side of Seventh Street. The project would also include a crosswalk at 7<sup>th</sup> and Main St., and pedestrian oriented lighting. The TAP request would be about \$550,000, including right of way acquisition.
- 2) Bedford would like to install crosswalks across the ramps where 460 intersects East Main Street, which turns into Link Road. There is no estimate for this project as yet.

A motion was made by Lee Newland to recommend the PDC adopt a resolution of support. The motion was seconded by Mariel Fowler. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4. Presentation on Bicycle & Pedestrian Counter Program**

Kelly Hitchcock reported that VDOT has provided bicycle counters across the state, with two of the counters received by the CVPDC. Funding for another counter was received through Ride Solutions. These counters provide the ability to get real data. The directional data differentiates between bicycles and pedestrians. Kelly explained that they hope to keep the counters out for a minimum of three weeks. She is proposing a focus on the Lynchburg trails, and then moving to Amherst, as they are submitting a TAP application. Her plan is to move the counters to sidewalks in the towns during the winter. The real data provided by the counters will be available to the localities for programs and projects such as SmartScale.

**5. Presentation on "State of the System" Report for Long-Range Transportation Plan**

Scott Smith reported that new ideas had been suggested for engaging the public in the Long Range Transportation Planning in place of workshops or public meetings. It was suggested to go out to where people are, so the first event attempted was the Get Downtown Festival in Lynchburg. Approximately 300 comments were received. The next event will be Centerfest in Bedford.

Also being planned is a session at the Lynchburg Farmers' Market. Other suggestions included Walmart and the Kemper Street Station.

Will Cockrell, with EPR, gave an overview on the Long-Range Transportation Plan process. He explained that they are looking at more than just the MPO, but also looking at the rural areas also, as one transportation system. In meetings with the public up to this point, safety has been a big issue.

An on-line survey will be available, and Will asks that marked-up versions be sent to Scott Smith.

## **6. Matters from the Committee**

Scott Smith reported that the MPO adopted the new bylaws at their last meeting. The state is fine with changing the name of the MPO to the TPO (Transportation Planning Organization), and the attorney is helping to update the document the localities all agreed to in 1979 and 2001. A resolution will be sent to all of the localities for approval.

Kelly Hitchcock asked everyone how she could send information to their localities on promotional events for RideShares.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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