



**CENTRAL VIRGINIA
METROPOLITAN
PLANNING
ORGANIZATION**

Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization

Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership Offices

Large Conference Room
828 Main Street, 12th Floor
Lynchburg, Virginia 24504
October 18, 2012 at 4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Bumgarner.....Town of Amherst
Joan Foster.....Lynchburg City
David Laurrell.....Campbell County
William Mays, Chairman.....Amherst County
Kim Payne.....Lynchburg City
Hugh Pendleton.....Campbell County
John Sharp.....Bedford County
Rick Youngblood representing Robert Guercia.....Lynchburg VDOT District

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jack Hobbs.....Town of Amherst
Clarence Monday.....Amherst County
Frank Rogers.....Bedford County

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Arabia.....Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Gary Christie.....Local Government Council
Ed Craighill.....Boxley, LRTAG
Philipp Gabathuler.....Local Government Council
Rex Hammond.....Lynchburg Regional Chamber of Commerce
Kelly Hitchcock.....Local Government Council
Mark Peake..... Commonwealth Transportation Board Member
Matt Perkins.....Local Government Council
Bob White.....Local Government Council

MINUTES - FINAL

1. Call to Order

Chairman Will Mays called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

2. Approval of the April 19, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by David Laurell, Chairman Mays presented the minutes for approval. The minutes of April 19, 2012 were unanimously approved as presented.

3. Public Hearing and Initial Discussion of the Development of the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CVMPO) Title VI Plan and related Public Participation Plan for the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization Amendment

Bob White provided background information regarding the DRPT's requirement that all MPO's in the State must assemble an update to their Title VI Plan. Further, he explained that this MPO has rolled into the Plan existing policies related to communication and public involvement as similarly written in the Public Participation Plan. Also, this MPO has placed in the Plan those items related to minority, low income, and limited English proficiency populations and how the MPO reaches those groups. Additionally, policies were laid into the Plan, at the suggestion of the DRPT, relating to staff training, contract language and a formal non-discrimination complaint procedure.

No action needed to be taken on this day, however; the draft version of the Plan will be presented before the Board for formal consideration at the next meeting. No comments were received during Public Hearing. A Public Hearing will need to be conducted on this matter as well as an update will need to be made to the existing Public Participation Plan.

4. Discussion with Mark Peake, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Member

Mark Peake discussed and informed the Board regarding various issues and matters discussed at the most recent CTB Meeting. He updated the members on the Route 29 Bypass in that the funding was committed and contract signed. Additionally, mention was made that the Lynchburg District may be moved to another district and further discussion was made of the district's current funding level. Mark discussed the DRPT and the funding for the GLTC and other public transportation systems. He mentioned that the State Senate wants further accountability measures before any further money is spent in these programs.

5. Update on 'Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) - the New Federal Transportation Bill

Bob White presented information and an overview of the new transportation bill MAP-21. He mentioned major changes in the bill, specifically, the increase in funding regarding the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and the funding to other activities (e.g. Safe Route to Schools) are being decreased. Regarding the Metropolitan Planning aspects of the bill, the requirements are relatively the same however, there is a push towards enhancing performance base measurements. Also, regarding the Federal Transit Program, the emphasis is on the maintenance of the current systems though other funding may suffer.

6. Discussion of Presentations to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

Gary Christie began discussion for the members with Mark Peake seeking his opinion on how to best approach the CTB with items and projects for their consideration. Mark suggested focusing on the percentage of funding that we receive as being ½ of the next lowest district at 2% as well as identifying projects in an effort to take advantage of revenue sharing. Bob White mentioned opportunities to meet with the CTB and mentioned that he would like to discuss further representation from the MPO at these meetings in addition to staff. Gary mentioned, and suggested, specific priority projects of the MPO to be presented to the CTB.

7. Opportunity for Public Comment

The Public Comment period opened at 4:05 pm. With no public comments in favor of or against the discussion regarding the Title VI Plan, or any other matter, the Public Comment period closed at 4:07 pm.

8. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: Bob White stated that the CVMPO needed to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair for fiscal year 2012-2013. In keeping with the rotation of service alphabetically and by jurisdiction, he presented that Mr. John Sharp of Bedford County and Mr. Hugh Pendleton of Campbell County have agreed to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair of the MPO respectively. Upon motion by David Laurell, seconded by Kim Payne, new Chair John Sharp and Vice-Chair Hugh Pendleton were approved unanimously by those present.

9. Matters from the Members

There were no further matters from the committee.

10. Adjournment-Next meeting of the CVMPO is January 17, 2013.

Chairman Will Mays adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Signed



John Sharp, Chair