



**CENTRAL VIRGINIA
METROPOLITAN
PLANNING
ORGANIZATION**

Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization

Craddock Terry Hotel and Event Center, *Riverside Foyer*

1312 Commerce Street

Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

April 17th, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Bumgarner.....Town of Amherst
Jack Hobbs.....Town of Amherst
David Laurrell.....Campbell County
William Mays.....Amherst County
Kim Payne.....Lynchburg City
Mark Reeter.....Bedford County
John Sharp.....Bedford County
Chris Winstead.....Lynchburg VDOT District

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lee Beaumont.....Liberty University
Joan Foster.....Lynchburg City
Stan Goldsmith, *Chair*.....Campbell County
Clarence Monday.....Amherst County

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Christie.....Local Government Council
Philipp Gabathuler.....Local Government Council
Vlad Gavrilovic.....Renaissance Planning Group
Todd Hall.....Citizen
Matt Perkins.....Local Government Council
Raymond Partridge.....Office of Transportation Public Private Partnerships
Alicia Petske.....News and Advance
Bob White.....Local Government Council
Bill Wuensch.....EP&R
Rick Youngblood.....VDOT

MINUTES - Final

1. Call to Order

David Laurrell called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Approval of the January 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Kim Payne to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mark Reeter, the minutes of January 16, 2014 were unanimously approved.

3. Public Hearing and Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the Central Virginia Long Range Transportation Plan Year 2035 (Plan) Regarding Odd Fellows Road

Bob White presented to the members the details of this amendment, namely that The Virginia Department of Transportation requested an amendment to the Plan allowing advancement of improvements to the existing Odd Fellows Road and in conjunction with the Odd Fellows Rd interchange.

David Laurrell opened the Public Hearing at 4:02 p.m.

Todd Hall, Citizen, provided the following comments:

"I think that it is probably too late to say anything, but I think the plan for putting the extension at the end of Odd Fellows Rd is a bad idea for the tax payers. That area has been unchanged, pretty much, for the last thirty years, and I don't think that you have any businesses or commercial entities coming in, wanting to put their businesses out there. As Sarah Palin put it, "the bridge to nowhere", well, this is kinda going to be Lynchburg's "bridge to nowhere". I know there have been other parties that have been kinda... would like to have the bridge out there but it would only be serving their purposes not the City's tax payers. It may be too late to stop it, but I just think it is a bad idea. Thank you."

With no else present to offer Public Comments on this Plan, David Laurrell closed the Public Hearing at 4:04 p.m.

Bob White noted that both the Technical Review Committee and staff recommend this amendment for approval. Also, Bob White noted that a thirty-day comment period was in effect for this matter and no comments were received.

Upon a motion by Kim Payne to approve the resolution for Amendment to the Central Virginia Long Range Transportation Plan Year 2035 (Plan) Regarding Odd Fellows Road, seconded by Jack Hobbs, this motion passed unanimously.

Kim Payne provided comments regarding the Odd Fellows Road improvement and Odd Fellows Road interchange projects noting specifically that there were several businesses that were in favor of this project and that this project offers alternative gateways into the City and to Liberty University. Kim Payne also noted that this project was supported by resolution from Lynchburg City Council.

Chris Winstead also noted that this project provides alternative traffic relief from surrounding roads, namely Candler's Mountain Road, options that currently does not exist.

4. Public Hearing and Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2012 – 2015 (CVTIP) regarding Greenview Drive, Odd Fellows Road Interchange, and Related Items

Bob White noted that VDOT is requesting an amendment to the CVTIP allowing for consideration of a public private partnership approach to construction of the Odd Fellows Rd interchange, improvements to Odd Fellows Rd, and improvements to Greenview Dr.

David Laurell opened the Public Hearing at 4:11 p.m. There being no one present to offer comments, David Laurell closed the Public Hearing at 4:12 p.m.

Bob White noted that both the Technical Review Committee and staff recommend this amendment for approval. Also, Bob White noted that a thirty-day comment period was in effect for this matter and no comments were received.

Upon a motion by Kim Payne to approve the resolution for Amendment to the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2012 – 2015 (CVTIP) regarding Greenview Drive, Odd Fellows Road Interchange, and Related Items, seconded by Mark Reeter, this motion passed unanimously.

Kim Payne also noted that this project was supported by resolution from Lynchburg City Council.

5. Public Hearing and Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2012-2015 (CVTIP) regarding the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC)

Bob White noted that GLTC is requesting an amendment to the CVTIP to support the construction of the new Kemper Street transfer facility. This action will reallocate \$500,000 initially dedicated for real estate acquisition to construction activities, including street improvements. Bob noted that this is a description correction to the January amendment.

David Laurell opened the Public Hearing at 4:13 p.m. There being no one present to offer comments, David Laurell closed the Public Hearing at 4:14 p.m.

Bob White noted that both the Technical Review Committee and staff recommend this amendment for approval. Also, Bob White noted that a thirty-day comment period was in effect for this matter and no comments were received.

Upon a motion by Kim Payne to approve the resolution for Amendment to the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2012-2015 (CVTIP) regarding the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC), seconded by Mark Reeter, this motion passed unanimously.

6. Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization's Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Year 2014

Bob White presented a recommendation by the staff to amend the UPWP FY 14 to allow reprogramming of \$44,150 in project funding to next year's UPWP to allow for the use of these funds for the Central Virginia Long Range Transportation Plan (CVALRTP) update. Bob noted that these funds have been identified for this purpose.

Bob White noted that the Technical Review Committee has reviewed this item and recommends this amendment for approval.

Upon a motion by Will Mays to approve the resolution for Amendment to the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization's Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Year 2014 (UPWP FY 14), seconded by Chris Winstead, this motion passed unanimously.

7. Consideration and Approval of the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization's Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Year 2015 (UPWP FY 15)

Bob White presented the UPWP FY 15 document to the members for consideration noting that this document guides the staff activities for the coming year. Bob also noted specific projects included in the program, notably, the update to Central Virginia Long Range Transportation Plan, two corridor studies, and planning assistance to the GLTC.

Bob White noted that both the Technical Review Committee and staff recommend this amendment for approval and that two resolutions are required: one for the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration and one for the Virginia Department of Rails and Public Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration.

Upon a motion by Jack Hobbs to approve the resolutions for approval of the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization's Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Year 2015 (UPWP FY 15), seconded by Chris Winstead, this motion passed unanimously.

8. Consideration of Support for the Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging's, Horizon Behavioral Health's, and Heart Havens' Federal Transit Administration Funding Requests

Bob White detailed the requests of Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging, Horizon Behavioral Health, and Heart Havens for grant applications through the FTA 5310 program and, in the case of CVAAA, for FTA 5317 program.

Bob White noted that the Technical Review Committee has considered this matter and recommends this amendment for approval.

Upon a motion by Kenneth Bumgarner in support for the Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging's, Horizon Behavioral Health's, and Heart Heavens' Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding Requests, seconded by Kim Payne, this motion passed unanimously.

9. Discussion of the Upcoming Central Virginia Long Range Transportation Plan Year 2040 Update

Bob White provided a brief overview of the planned update indicating key elements of the plan which include integration of the CEDS into the document and addressing performance measures. Bob mentioned that staff has selected EP&R for assistance with this project.

Bill Wuensch and Vlad Gavrilovic provided an overview of the project process schedule and the planned integration of online media platforms to increase public participation.

10. Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments received.

11. Matters from the Committee

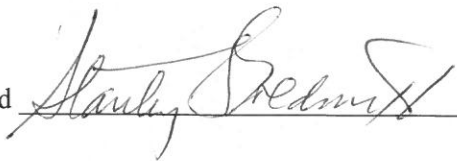
Will Mays spoke to the matter of the Route 29 bypass. He stated that it was his belief that this matter was an important regional issue and that this issue should continue to be pursued.

Chris Winstead commented on the Six Year Improvement Plan Draft that was released. Chris noted that State-wide funding has decreased but that the Local District saw a one percent increase in program funds. Chris mentioned that there would a Public Hearing on May 15th at the VDOT Lynchburg District office.

Bob White also mentioned a CVMPO meeting will be needed on May 15th at 5:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, David Laurell adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Signed  Date: 8/21/14
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