



**CENTRAL VIRGINIA  
METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION**

**Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Hilton Garden Inn  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24504  
April 16, 2015 at 3:30 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ken Bumgarner.....Town of Amherst  
 Stan Goldsmith, *Chair*.....Campbell County  
 Jack Hobbs.....Town of Amherst  
 William Mays.....Amherst County  
 Kim Payne.....Lynchburg City  
 Turner Perrow.....Lynchburg City  
 Dean Rodgers.....Amherst County  
 John Sharp.....Bedford County  
 Rick Youngblood ..... Lynchburg VDOT District

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Lee Beaumont.....Liberty University  
 Mark Reeter.....Bedford County  
 Frank Rogers.....Campbell County

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mike Callahan ..... Renaissance Planning  
 Gary Christie ..... Region 2000  
 Susan Cook.....Local Government Council  
 Philipp Gabathuler..... Local Government Council  
 Vladimir Gavrilovic ..... Renaissance Planning  
 Brad Robinson..... Bedford County  
 Bob White.....Local Government Council  
 Bill Wuensch .....EPR  
 Rick Youngblood.....Lynchburg VDOT District

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Stan Goldsmith, *Chair*, called the meeting to order at 3:30pm

**2. Approval of the March 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Ken Bumgarner to approve the minutes of March 19, 2015, seconded by Rick Youngblood, the minutes of March 19, 2015 were approved unanimously.

**3. Public Hearing and Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2015-2018 (CVTIP)**

Bob White explained that the GLTC and VDOT are requesting amendments to the CVTIP.

GLTC is requesting an amendment to the CVTIP in order to align funding with current capital needs. Total funding for GLTC will remain the same.

VDOT has requested an amendment to add the addition of two rail safety projects: one at Goodman Crossing Road in Campbell County, and a second for safety improvements at various crossings in Lynchburg. Currently there is no Construction: Rail grouping for the CVTIP.

Stan Goldsmith opened the public hearing at 3:30 p.m. There were no comments; therefore the public hearing closed at 3:37 p.m.

Bob White advised that this matter required a thirty day public comment period, and that no comments were received. Staff recommends approval, and there is a resolution included in the meeting packet.

The motion was made by John Sharp, and seconded by Will Mays, that the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization approve the CVTIP Fiscal Years 2015-2018 as amended and dated April 16, 2015. The motion was approved unanimously.

**4. Consideration and Approval of the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization's Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Year 2016 (UPWP)**

Bob White explained that the UPWP for FY 16 is the document that will guide the staff activities for the coming year. The Transportation Technical Committee has reviewed and recommends the approval of the UPWP.

One resolution is for the Virginia Dept. of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. A motion was made by Kim Payne, and seconded by Turner Perrow, to adopt this resolution. The motion was approved unanimously.

The second resolution is for the Virginia Dept. of Rails and Public Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration. Kim Payne made the motion to adopt this resolution, seconded by Jack Hobbs, and the motion carried unanimously.

**5. Consideration of Support for the Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living, Inc. and Heart Haven’s Federal Transit Administration Funding Requests**

Bob White reported that the Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living is requesting CVMPO support for two grant applications through the FTA.

The first request is through the FTA 5310 program for capital assistance, with funding to be used to purchase two handicap accessible minivans and two 14-passenger vans with lift. The total grant request is \$160,000, eighty percent being federal funds, and twenty percent Alliance funds.

The second request is through the FTA 5317 program for operating expenses for the Alliance’s New Freedom program. Funds will be used to supplement operating expenses for the transportation of disabled individuals to necessary appointments, such as medical appointments, grocery stores, and other locations. The total grant request is \$89,000, with ninety percent federal funds and ten percent Alliance funds.

Heart Havens requests CVMPO support for its application for FTA grant funds. This request is for capital assistance to purchase three 9-passenter vans with handicapped-accessible lifts. This total request is \$105,000, with 80 percent federal funds and 20 percent agency funds.

Turner Perrow made the motion, with a second by Ken Bumgarner, to approve these requests for support. The motion carried, with Stan Goldsmith abstaining.

**6. Status Report and Discussion of the Central Virginia Long Range Transportation Plan Year 2040**

Bob White opened discussion about the draft project evaluation results and priority projects identification, and project schedule update for the CVLRP for 2040.

Bill Wuensch joined the discussion, presenting some of the preliminary results of the project prioritization analysis. He reported that 72 projects were identified through the state process. There was a scoring process that involved three different lenses:

- 1) Benefit score
- 2) Cost score
- 3) Project readiness

They then looked at the projects that fit within the funding projection over the next thirty years. This number is not yet available, so they are proceeding based on an assumption of \$125,000,000. Twenty-one projects were identified as having the highest benefit to the region. These projects were ranked by the greatest benefit, to a total of about \$125,000,000. Eleven projects were identified and touch all of the localities in the region.

## **7. Presentation: VTrans Multimodal Transportation Plan and Needs Assessment**

Vladimir Gavrilovic, of Renaissance Planning described the statewide transportation plan (VTrans2040), and the statewide Needs Assessment process, part of the VMTP. The Commonwealth Transportation Board will be conducting a comprehensive review of state wide transportation needs. As part of that, they will assess the capacity needs for three scales, considering all modes of transportation:

- 1) Corridors of statewide significance
- 2) Regional networks
- 3) Improvements to support urban development areas

The statewide transportation plan (VTrans2040) includes two documents:

- 1) VTrans 2040 Vision
- 2) Multimodal Transportation Plan

A key part of the transportation plan is an economic needs assessment for every region of the state. This economic needs assessment is important because it ties into HB2. For a project to get nominated under HB2 and be received for the process of rating it, it has to be tied to a transportation need. That transportation need has to be identified in the statewide plan. Mr. Gavrilovic stated that the underlying principles for the needs assessment come from the state administration. They are: attracting and retaining the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce, and supporting goods movement for Virginia businesses.

Mr. Gavrilovic explained that the VTrans Vision is the goals and objectives part of the planning process.

Over the coming months, Renaissance Planning will be meeting with our MPO and staff to describe the transportation needs assessment for our area. They will need input on regional needs or policy directions from this group.

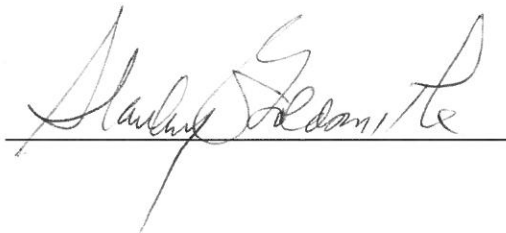
**8. Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were none.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stanley Adams", written over a horizontal line.

Date:

July 16 2015