



**CENTRAL VIRGINIA  
METROPOLITAN  
PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION**

**Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization**

828 Main Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24504  
September 17, 2015 at 4:00 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lee Beaumont.....Liberty University  
 Carl Boggess.....Bedford County  
 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  
 Frank Rogers.....Campbell County  
 Chris Winstead..... Lynchburg VDOT District

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ken Bumgarner.....Town of Amherst  
 John Sharp.....Bedford County

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Gary Christie ..... Region 2000  
 Vlad Gavrilovic..... Renaissance Planning  
 Brad Robinson..... Bedford County  
 Matt Perkins.....Local Government Council  
 Bill Wuensch.....EPR  
 Rick Youngblood.....Lynchburg VDOT District

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Stan Goldsmith called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**2. Approval of Minutes - July 16, 2015 Meeting**

Upon a motion by Jack Hobbs to approve the minutes of July 16, 2015 as presented, duly seconded by Dean Rodgers, this motion carried unanimously.

**3. Public Hearing and Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the Public Participation Plan of the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Gary Christie provided a brief overview of the amendment to the Public Participation Plan to be considered by the MPO. Christie noted that a review by the Federal Transit Administration, in their Triennial Review of the GLTC examining statutory and administrative requirements, found that an addition to the CVMPO Public Participation Plan was needed in order to acknowledge GLTC's public participation process. Christie noted the additional language that would be added to the Public Participation Plan and read it aloud.

Stan Goldsmith, Chair, opened the Public Hearing at 4:05 pm. There were no comments received written or oral. Goldsmith closed the Public Hearing at 4:06 pm.

Upon a motion by Kim Payne to approve the amendment to the Public Participation Plan of the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization to acknowledge GLTC's public participation process, duly seconded by Frank Rogers, this motion carried unanimously.

#### **4. Status Report of the Central Virginia Long Range Transportation 2040**

Bill Wuensch provided an update to the CVLRTP planning process. Wuensch stated that the Plan draft documents were available for review and provided an overview of the information presented in the draft plan documents. Wuensch stated that the draft Plan had been presented to the Transportation Technical Committee which approved a recommendation to present the Plan to the MPO for adoption. Wuensch stated that the Plan will be presented to the MPO at its October 2015 meeting.

Wuensch also provided the MPO information on how the Constrained List and the Vision List were developed.

Kim Payne inquired on how projects move from the vision list to the constrained list under HB2.

In reply to Payne's question, Rick Youngblood stated that if a project is scored and selected as a result of the HB2 process then by default that project will move to the constrained list because it will be funded through the program. Youngblood stated that projects that are funded from a different source, and subsequently go through the administrative process, most notably, approved amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program and to the Long Range Transportation Plan through public hearings, then those projects would be added to the constrained project list also.

Jack Hobbs inquired on how new projects, those that may develop prior to the next update of the LRTP, are considered for inclusion in the Plan.

In reply to Hobbs, Gary Christie stated that there will be a way for those newly recognized projects to be included in the CVLRTP. Rick Youngblood noted that through

new study initiatives that it is anticipated that new projects will surface and those projects will be scored and possibly moved into the priority listing through the same administrative process. Christie noted that the administrative process to updating the project list will be identified and presented to the MPO.

Turner Perrow noted a project regarding an entrance to Tyreeanna Road that he presented to the MPO for continued tracking and inclusion in the future in the CVLRTP.

Rick Youngblood stated that the LRTP process involves a substantial modeling effort which begins to identify potential problem areas which in turn helps populate the project list. Youngblood stated, that though the project referenced by Perrow is specifically not mentioned, it is indirectly captured through access management project and that that corridor is referenced in the CVLRTP vision project list.

Chris Winstead stated that one of the HB2 presentations to the Commonwealth Transportation Board in July 2015 was the presentation of a concept that the HB2 process take place every two years and on the off-year that revenue sharing and transportation alternative program programs might be considered on the off-year.

#### **5. Region 2000 and Regional Connectivity: *A Pilot Study of Economic Opportunity for the Future***

Chris Winstead stated that he had spoken with Shannon Valentine and she has sent her regrets for not being present but that she is excited about of the focus on identifying multi-modal transportation options available to us can help sustain and grow jobs in Region 2000 through this study that she helped to initiate. Winstead noted that this pilot study correlates well to the work of the Blue Ridge Economic Coalition.

Vlad Gavrilovic presented background info on this pilot study by providing the project purpose, the proposed approach, and the highlights of the study, for example, one-on-one interviews with businesses and stakeholders and benchmarking of economy/connectivity of Central Virginia against peer regions. Additionally, Gavrilovic stated that one of the aspects of the study is to quantify economic benefits to connectivity to other regions (Roanoke, Danville and Charlottesville). Gavrilovic concluded his presentation with an overview of the benefits of the study to the Region and the Commonwealth, notably to encourage super-regional collaboration.

Stan Goldsmith questioned if this study would impact considerations for Route 29 access from Northern Virginia to the southern part of the State. Gavrilovic stated that this study would identify big picture linkages, such as percentages in improvement in travel time and how that translates into economic productivity, by offering quantifiable data for regions to use in making decisions for imitating specific projects.

Rick Youngblood stated that this study is intended to focus Lynchburg Region/ Region 2000 and the regional economic impact of transportation connectivity.

Chris Winstead stated that there are no preconceived notations on the outcomes but rather provide objective understanding of job opportunities and potential hurdles an lend itself to addressing some of these issues.

Kim Payne commented that he hoped that the study would not only focus on commodity movement but also address linkages to the exchange of intellectual capital, an area that generates substantial growth and wealth. Payne questioned how study would be funded.

Gavrilovic noted that the most likely source of funding would be from the State, specifically a grant application through the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment as there is an interest in more specific information from a regional level.

Upon a motion by Kim Payne to approve the concept to study regional connectivity through this approach, duly seconded by Turner Perrow, this motion carried unanimously.

#### **6. Discussion and Resolution Identifying HB2 Prioritized Transportation Projects for Submission by the MPO**

Gary Christie stated that the MPO is seeking to submit two projects to the HB2 process. Christie noted that the MPO is asked to approve the resolution for the projects in the priority order that they are presented and as recommended by the Transportation Technical Committee, that being 1) Rt. 460, Timberlake Road, at Waterlick Rd. (Rt. 622) in Campbell County-intersection improvements and, 2) Rt. 221, Forest Road-from Gristmill Drive (Rt. 1426) to Graves Mill Drive (rt. 126) In Bedford County-intersection improvements.

Kim Payne questioned if these submittals impacted the project submissions from the other entities in the region.

In reply, Gary Christie stated that the MPO project submission will be considered in the statewide scoring and evaluation for funding whereas those prioritized projects submitted by the localities will be considered in both the statewide and district level application programs for funding consideration.

Upon a motion by Frank Rogers to approve the resolution to support the projects submissions by the MPO as prioritized, duly seconded by Jack Hobbs, this motion carried unanimously.

**7. Resolution Supporting Locality Project Submissions to HB2**

Gary Christie stated that the resolution of support for those projects pertaining to Corridors of Statewide Significance submitted by the localities within the MPO planning boundary to the HB2 process will need a support from the MPO. Projects listed in the resolution for consideration of support were:

*Amherst County*

Project Description: Route 29 Business (Madison Heights) Sidewalk Improvement – complete sidewalk network along Route 29 Business

Project Type: Corridor of Statewide Significance, Regional Network, Safety

Project Description: Woody’s Lake Road reconstruction and safety improvements

Project Type: Corridor of Statewide Significance, Regional Network, Safety

Project Description: US Route 60 Sidewalk extension – Construct pedestrian facilities along Route 60 between Main Street and Whitehead Drive.

Project Type: Corridor of Statewide Significance, Regional Network and Safety

*Campbell County*

Project Description: Route 622 – Lynbrook Road roadway reconstruction and realignment.

Project Type: Corridor of Statewide Significance, Regional Network and Safety

*City of Lynchburg*

Project Description: Route 221 (Lakeside Dr.)/ Route501 (Old Forest Rd.) Intersection improvements – one way pairs.

Project Type: Corridor of Statewide Significance, Regional Network, Safety

Project Description: Odd Fellows Road - Part B – widen and reconstruction of roadway from Mayflower Dr. to Lynchburg Expressway.

Project Type: Corridor of Statewide Significance, Regional Network

*Greater Lynchburg Transit Company*

Project Description: Central Business District Circulator – Provide a fixed route circulator to service Lynchburg’s downtown area.

Project Type: Corridor of Statewide Significance, Regional Network

Upon a motion by Kim Payne to adopt the resolution of support as presented for project applications submitted to HB2 by localities for projects within the MPO planning boundary, duly seconded by Turner Perrow, this motion carried unanimously.

**8. Opportunity for Public Comment**

Stan Goldsmith, Chair opened the meeting for public comment. No comments were received written or oral.

**9. Matters from the Members**

There were no further matters discussed.

**10. Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Will Mays to adjourn, seconded by Jack Hobbs, Stan Goldsmith, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

10/15/2015