



**CENTRAL VIRGINIA
METROPOLITAN
PLANNING
ORGANIZATION**

Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization

Elston Inn & Conference Center
Sweet Briar, Virginia 24595
October 15, 2015 at 4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ken Bumgarner.....Town of Amherst
Jack Hobbs.....Town of Amherst
William Mays.....Amherst County
Turner Perrow, *Vice Chair*.....Lynchburg City
Dean Rodgers.....Amherst County
John Sharp.....Bedford County
Rick Youngblood for Chris Winstead..... Lynchburg VDOT District

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lee Beaumont.....Liberty University
Carl Boggess.....Bedford County
Stan Goldsmith, *Chair*.....Campbell County
Kim Payne.....Lynchburg City
Frank Rogers.....Campbell County

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Christie Region 2000
June Driskill Town of Amherst Planning Commission
Philipp Gabathuler.....Region 2000
Bill Gillespie.....Town of Appomattox
Paul Harvey.....Town of Appomattox
Matt Perkins.....Local Government Council
Bill Wuensch.....EPR

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Turner Perrow, *Vice Chair*, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes – September 17, 2015 Meeting

Upon a motion by Jack Hobbs to approve the minutes of September 17, 2015 as presented, duly seconded by Ken Bumgarner, this motion was approved with John Sharp abstaining.

3. Public Hearing and Consideration of the Plan 2040 Central Virginia Long Range Transportation Plan

Bill Wuensch, EPR, PC, presented and overviewed the Plan 2040 which included providing an understanding of the policy context while summarizing MAP21 and HB2 relationships, defining and reviewing the CVLRTP process objectives such as accurately reflecting goal of public and local leaders, creating a transparent evaluation project, ensuring compatibility of the evaluation tool with HB2 scoring factors, and using transportation improvements to support economic development efforts. Additionally, Wuensch provided summary of the project evaluation and results namely creation of the constrained and vision project lists and provided a listing of the Plan 2040 outcomes.

Perrow opened the Public Hearing at 4:17 pm. There were no comments received written or oral. Perrow closed the Public Hearing at 4:18 pm.

Rick Youngblood noted that the CVMPO's Plan 2040 is one of the few in the State that has tied the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy document to the LRTP and further noted that certain benefits have already been realized from the CVLRTP process, most notably that the top five projects were submitted to HB2 for project funding.

Jack Hobbs, noting that there were no public comments, that this process fully involved the public and was well participated in during the sixteen month plan update process.

Gary Christie addressed the process of maintaining a current and up-to-date constrained plan over the next few years until the next mandated plan update in five years and as the MPO and localities consider the scoring outcomes from the HB2 process. Rick Youngblood and Bill Wuensch noted that the evaluation tool that was utilized in the LRTP update is accessible and as new projects are identified the inputs can be applied to the evaluation tool and project outputs can be compared and evaluated against existing projects. Additionally, Youngblood noted that there should be no reason that a new listing cannot be generated each year as new projects are identified.

There were no comments received, oral or written, from the 30 day open public comment period.

Upon a motion by Jack Hobbs to approve the resolution adopting the Plan 2040 Central Virginia Long Range Transportation Plan, duly seconded by John Sharp, this motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Resolution in Support for the City of Lynchburg FY17 Transportation Alternatives Program Application

Gary Christie provided a brief summary of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and presented an overview of the current request by the City of Lynchburg as it

seeks funds through VDOT's TAP for the Dearington Elementary Safe Routes to School Completion Project.

Turner Perrow provided additional information regarding the City's pending application and the benefits to the Dearington Elementary School neighborhood.

Upon a motion by Rick Youngblood to approve the Resolution in Support for the City of Lynchburg FY17 Transportation Alternatives Program Application, duly seconded by Ken Bumgarner, this motion carried unanimously.

5. Opportunity for Public Comment

Turner Perrow opened the meeting for public comment. No comments were received written or oral.

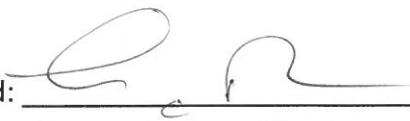
6. Matters from the Members

Rick Youngblood noted two separate VDOT projects are underway. Youngblood noted that start of the Candler's Mountain Rd Study which is an outcome of the RT29 Expressway Study and also stated that VDOT is finalizing the scope of work on the FHWA study on the RT29 corridor in Campbell County to develop a strategic action plan for the corridor. Both projects are expected to finish up around May/June of 2016.

Turner Perrow reported on the Jefferson's Assembly held in Bedford on Oct 14 and commented on the work of the Blue Ridge Economic Coalition (BREC). Members discussed the BREC's work and the benefits of working on transportation efforts together with various districts, namely Lynchburg, Roanoke and Danville. Rick Youngblood noted that it was an outgrowth of the Lynchburg Region Transportation Action Group and in recent conversation the concept was developed to answer questions of how to provide a stronger voice to transportation projects and the linkages to economic development in this region.

7. Adjournment

There being no further matters to discuss, Turner Perrow, *Vice Chair*, adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Signed:  Date: 1/20/2014
By: FRANK Rager
Acting Chair