



Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization

Kirkley Hotel, Lynchburg, Virginia

MINUTES~ April 20, 2017,

4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Booth.....Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
 Jack Hobbs.....Town of Amherst
 William Mays, *Vice Chair*.....County of Amherst
 Turner Perrow, *Chair*.....City of Lynchburg
 Dean Rodgers..... County of Amherst
 Bonnie Svrcek.....City of Lynchburg
 Dwayne Tuggle.....Town of Amherst
 Rick Youngblood (in place of Chris Winstead).....VDOT Lynchburg District

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lee Beaumont.....Liberty University
 Carl Boggess.....County of Bedford
 Frank Rogers.....County of Campbell
 Michael RousseauCounty of Campbell
 John Sharp.....County of Bedford

OTHERS PRESENT

Nick Britton Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
 Gary Christie.....Local Government Council/CVMPO
 Susan CookLocal Government Council/CVMPO
 Scott Smith.....Local Government Council/CVMPO

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2017 Meeting

Upon a motion by Will Mays to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting, seconded by Rick Youngblood, this motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment – There were none.

4. Public Hearing, Consideration, and Approval of Proposed FY 2018-2021 Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP)

Scott Smith gave an overview of the CVTIP prior to opening the public hearing. He explained that although this is the new tip, nothing really changes in the documents except dollar amount and projects. Rick Youngblood also explained that the TIP is the required document in order to secure federal funding for projects.

Scott explained that an incorrect version of the TIP was posted on the website during the public comment period. The version of the TIP that was advertised does not list two projects for the Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living. While *dollar amounts* can be changed administratively, *projects* cannot be added to the TIP without going through a public input process. In addition, updated funding amounts have been received from DRPT for most of the items in Section 4 of the TIP. Therefore, Section 4 needs to be replaced.

Scott explained that with the proposed TIP adoption an amendment would need to be made, contingent upon no adverse public comment happening in a new 30-day public comment period. If there is no adverse public comment during that period, the resolution will go into effect. If public comment is received, a hearing will be scheduled. This solution was proposed by staff at DRPT.

Turner Perrow opened the public hearing at 4:08 p.m. There being no comments, the public hearing closed at 4:09 p.m.

The motion was made by Jack Hobbs to adopt the CVTIP as it was publicly advertised and discussed. There was a second to the motion by Rick Youngblood, and it was unanimously approved.

Scott Smith presented two documents to the MPO. One was the replacement for Section 4 of the CVTIP, and the other was the resolution approving the amended CVTIP. Two new projects for the Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living are also under consideration.

Dean Rodgers made the motion to adopt the resolution as edited. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Svrcek and unanimously approved.

5. Consideration and Approval of Proposed Amendments to the FY 2015-2018 Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP)

Scott Smith explained that VDOT has requested changes in dollar amounts in the Traffic Safety and Operations, and the Preventative Maintenance and System Preservation line items.

The motion was made by Will Mays, and seconded by Rick Youngblood, to approve the proposed amendments to the FYT 2015-1018 CVTIP. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consideration and Approval of the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 2018

Scott Smith reviewed highlights of the work program:

- Alternative transportation initiative
- Measuring bicycle and pedestrian data program
- Consultant support - Graves Mill Road Corridor Study (serving both the City of Lynchburg and the County of Bedford)
- Will be working with GLTC and other stakeholders to look into the possibility of an inter-city bus service between Lynchburg and Charlottesville.

The total budget for FY 2018 is \$360,416.00. These funds are from the state and federal government, and the Local Government Council

- \$45,000.00 is banked towards the next Long-Range Plan update.
- \$54,000 is allocated for consultant support. This year these funds will be used for the Graves Mill Road Corridor Study.
- Remaining funds goes toward staff support and overhead.

Dean Rodgers asked about the status of a collection of mapped bicycle routes that was never done. Scott thought that it had been done, and said he would find out where it is.

Rick Youngblood made the motion to approve the Unified Planning Work Program, and the motion was seconded by Bonnie Svrcek. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Presentation on Funding Mechanisms for Transportation Projects in Virginia

Scott Smith presented information on how transportation projects are funded in Virginia. He listed several broad categories of funding:

- Smart Scale – all state money, with two different parts
 - 1) District Grant Programs
 - 2) Statewide High Priority Projects
- HISP – Highway Safety Improvement Program – 90% federal money, usually used on corridors with high crash rates.
- Transportation Alternatives Program – 80% federally funded, for bicycle and pedestrian safety facilities

- Revenue Sharing Program – VDOT will split project cost equally with localities

8. Report on Town of Amherst Walkability & Main Street Traffic-Calming Study

The current fiscal year consultant project was doing work for the Town of Amherst to develop a plan to make the town more walkable, and to look at strengths and weaknesses in the town. A link to the document on this study was provided in the meeting packet.

9. Report on Lynchburg Regional Connectivity Study

Scott explained that the executive summary of this study is made up of “one-pagers” that describe all of the areas of focus. They were distributed at the LRTAG (Lynchburg Regional Transportation Advisory Group) meeting. A resolution will be presented at the next MPO in support of the study.

10. Matters from Members

- 1) Scott Smith welcomed Brian Booth, newly-hired General Manager of GLTC.
- 2) Turner Perrow announced the next meeting date on July 27, 2017.

11. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Approved by: _____

Date: _____