

CENTRAL VIRGINIA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



**Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Holiday Inn Lynchburg, 601 Main Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504

**~DRAFT MINUTES~**

**October 19, 2017, 4:00 pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lee Beaumont..... Liberty University  
 Carl Boggess.....Bedford County  
 William Mays, *Vice Chair*.....Amherst County  
 Turner Perrow, *Chair*..... City of Lynchburg  
 Dean Rodgers..... Amherst County  
 Frank Rogers..... Campbell County  
 John Sharp..... Bedford County  
 Bonnie Svrcek.....City of Lynchburg  
 Dwayne Tuggle..... Town of Amherst  
 Chris Winstead.....VDOT Lynchburg District

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Brian Booth..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company  
 Peter Huber ..... Town of Amherst  
 Michael Rousseau .....Campbell County

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Nick Britton ..... Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation  
 Gary Christie..... Local Government Council/CVMPO  
 Susan Cook .....Local Government Council  
 Jennifer Martin..... Lynchburg Area Center for Independent Living  
 W. Scott Smith..... Local Government Council/CVMPO  
 Rick Youngblood..... VDOT Lynchburg District

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes – July 27, 2017 Meeting**

Upon a motion by Will Mays to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2017 meeting, seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, this motion carried by unanimous vote.

**3. Opportunity for Public Comment – There were none.**

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

Rick Youngblood explained that VDOT has proposed a funding adjustment to the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP). The adjustment reflects changes in funding regarding the Odd Fellows Road GARVEE Debt Service., in the amount of \$5,853,387, and has been reviewed and approved by the TTC.

Turner Perrow opened the public hearing at 4:05 p.m. There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed at 4:06 p.m.

Upon a motion by Frank Rogers, and seconded by John Sharp, to approve the adjustment to the CVTIP, the motion was unanimously approved.

**5. Adoption of Resolutions Supporting Highway Safety Improvement Program Applications from Localities within the MPO Boundary**

MPO approval is required by VDOT for applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program for FY 2019, being submitted by two localities within the MPO. These projects have been reviewed and approved by the TTC.

- 1) The Blackwater Creek Bikeway Extension to Linkhorne Middle School and pedestrian trail along Atlanta Avenue
- 2) The Riveredge Trail Extension in Amherst County

The motion was made by John Sharp, and seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, to approve these applications. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Adoption of Resolutions Supporting Highway Safety Improvement Program Applications from Localities within the MPO Boundary**

The City of Lynchburg is submitting applications to VDOT'S Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). These are:

- 1) Graves Mill Road Adaptive Signals
- 2) Nationwide Drive Roundabout and Pedestrian Improvements
- 3) Old Forest Road Pedestrian Improvements
- 4) Kemper Street Pedestrian Improvements

Although not required, the City is requesting a Resolution of Support from the MPO. These projects have been reviewed by the TTC and are being recommended for a Resolution of Support by the MPO.

A motion was made by Frank Rogers, and approved by John Sharp, to adopt resolutions of support for these projects. The motion was unanimously approved.

**7. Discussion on Upcoming Adoption of Safety Performance Targets**

Scott Smith explained that the current federal transportation bill, MAP21, addresses how to measure the effectiveness of projects that have been done. MAP21 requires the states and the MPOs to adopt performance measures for a number of key areas, including:

- 1) Transit performance
- 2) Safety
- 3) Bridge and pavement condition
- 4) Congestion
- 5) Freight movements on Interstates

These performance measures will serve as a baseline that will help determine the success of certain projects and programs. The two measures currently being developed and adopted are transit system performance and safety. Mr. Smith added that most MPOs in Virginia are adopting the safety measures developed by VDOT. In January, the MPO will be asked to affirm the performance goals adopted by GLTC, and to establish safety targets for the MPO area.

**8. Presentation and Discussion on the Role of MPOs in Virginia**

Scott Smith gave a presentation on the overview of the roles and responsibilities of the MPO.

**9. Matters from Members**

- 1) Nick Britton reported that there will soon be a bus travelling from Blacksburg to Washing D.C. twice each day.
- 2) Scott Smith reported that the Governor's Transportation Conference is next week and he will be moderating a session.
- 3) Mr. Smith also reported that there will be a kick-off meeting for the Graves Mill Road Corridor Study on November 16.<sup>1</sup>

**10. Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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<sup>1</sup> This meeting was later rescheduled for December 12, 2017.