

# **Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization (CVMPO)**

October 19, 2017

Staff Report

- 1. Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes: July 27, 2017 Meeting (See Attachment 2)

The minutes of the July 27, 2017 meeting of the CVMPO are attached for your review and approval.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval.

- 3. Opportunity for Public Comment
- 4. Public Hearing, Consideration, and Approval of Proposed Amendments to the FY 2018-2021 Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP) (Attachment #4a & 4b)

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has proposed the funding adjustment described in attachment 4a to the CVTIP FY18-21. This funding adjustment—which has been reviewed and approved at the staff level of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)—reflect changes in funding needs regarding the Odd Fellows Rd. Segment B2 GARVEE (Grant Application Revenue Vehicle) Debt Service.

The complete TIP document can be viewed here:

http://www.localgovernmentcouncil.org/images/PDFs/17\_08\_CVTIP-2018-2021\_proposed\_10-19-17.pdf

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends adoption of the resolution.

5. Adoption of Resolutions Supporting Transportation Alternatives Applications from Localities within the MPO Boundary (Attachment #5a & 5b)

Two localities within the MPO are submitting applications for VDOT's Transportation Alternatives Program for Fiscal Year 2019. VDOT requires MPO approval of these applications. The proposed projects are:

# **County of Amherst**

Riveredge Trail Extension

# City of Lynchburg

Blackwater Creek Bikeway Extension to Linkhorne Middle School Atlanta Avenue Trail

The CVMPO Transportation Technical Committee met on October 12, 2017 and recommended these projects for approval by the MPO Policy Board.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends adoption of the resolution.

# 6. Adoption of Resolutions Supporting Highway Safety Improvement Program Applications from Localities within the MPO Boundary (Attachment #6a)

The City of Lynchburg is submitting for applications to VDOT's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and has requested a resolution of MPO support.

The proposed projects are:

Graves Mill Road Adaptive Signals
Nationwide Drive Roundabout & Pedestrian Improvements
Old Forest Road Pedestrian Improvements
Kemper Street Pedestrian Improvements

The CVMPO Transportation Technical Committee met on October 12, 2017 and recommended these projects for support by the MPO Policy Board.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends adoption of the resolution.

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

MAP 21 (the current federal transportation funding bill) requires states and localities to set performance targets for a number of factors, including:

- Safety
- Transit system performance
- Pavement condition
- Bridge condition
- System performance
- Freight movements on Interstates

The 2040 Central Virginia Long-Range Plan (CVLRP) set in motion the concept of measuring the effectiveness of transportation solutions in our region, so it will be relatively easy for the CVMPO to adjust to the new federal requirements. These performance targets will serve as a baseline that will help us determine the success of certain projects and programs.

#### **ATTACHMENT 1B**

The two measures that are currently being developed and adopted are transit system performance and safety. Transit providers (like GLTC) have set their own system performance goals. Most MPOs in Virginia are choosing to adopt the statewide safety measures being developed by VDOT (the only exceptions to this are the larger MPOs in Hampton Roads, Richmond, and Northern Virginia).

In January, the MPO Policy Board will be asked to 1) affirm the performance goals adopted by GLTC and 2) establish safety targets for the MPO area. More information will be provided to the Policy Board prior to the January meeting.

**Recommendation:** Participate in the discussion.

# 8. Presentation & Discussion on the Role of MPOs in Virginia

The MPO Policy Board has gained several new members recently. This presentation will serve as an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the MPO.

**Recommendation:** Participate in the discussion.

#### Matters from the Members

## 10. Adjournment

#### 11. Informational Items

The Graves Mill Road Corridor Study Project has kicked off. MPO Policy Board Members will be invited to the first public meeting once it is announced.

Scott Smith will be facilitating a session with the Virginia Association of MPOs at the Governor's Transportation Conference on October 24-27. One of the topics covered in the session will be the recently-completed Lynchburg Regional Connectivity Study.

The CVMPO will be meeting at 4:00 p.m. on the following dates, unless otherwise noted or notified.

- January 18, 2018
- April 19, 2018