



Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization

Region 2000 Conference Room, Lynchburg, VA 24504

~DRAFT MINUTES~

July 19, 2018, 4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carl Boggess Bedford County
 Brian Booth Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
 Nick Britton VA Dept. of Rails & Public Transportation
 Kenny Craig Liberty University
 William Mays, *Vice-Chair* Amherst County
 Turner Perrow City of Lynchburg
 Dean Rodgers Amherst County
 Frank Rogers Campbell County
 Bonnie Svrcek City of Lynchburg
 Dwayne Tuggle Town of Amherst
 Chris Winstead VDOT Lynchburg District

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sara Carter Town of Amherst
 John Sharp, *Chair* Bedford County
 Charlie Watts Campbell County

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Christie Local Government Council
 Susan Cook Local Government Council
 Carrie Dungan News & Advance
 W. Scott Smith Local Government Council/CVMPO

1. Call to Order

Will Mays, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
 Scott Smith introduced a new member of the MPO, Kenny Craig representing Liberty University.

2. Approval of Minutes – April 26, 2018 Meeting

Upon a motion by Frank Rogers to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 meeting, seconded by Turner Perrow, this motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment – There were none.

4. Adoption of Resolution Supporting SmartScale Applications for Projects within the MPO Boundaries

Scott Smith explained that projects within the MPO boundaries, they either need to be listed on the Long Range Plan, or be consistent with the Long Range Plan. There is a total of seven projects that are within the MPO boundaries that our localities are submitting this year.

A motion was made by Bonnie Svrcek to adopt a Resolution supporting these projects. The motion was seconded by Turner Perrow and unanimously approved.

5. Presentation on Virginia Transit Reform Initiative

Nick Britton, from the Virginia Dept. of Rails and Public Transportation, reported that one of the big items that came up during the past legislative session was how the Commonwealth of Virginia would deal with the expiration of bonds that are being used to fund capital purchases of transit vehicles. This prompted a look at how capital needs would be managed in the coming years, out to 2023 and further. One of the big pieces of the new legislation is changes in how capital is funded. Right now there is a tiered approach to capital. Tier 1 is major bus purchases, Tier 2 is for new service, such as the Hopper, and Tier 3 for technical intelligent transportation systems such as bus stop signage. These tiers all had different matching fund levels associated with them, but now all matching levels are the same, at 68% for everyone. Large projects, or major expansion projects, will be judged similar to the way SmartScale projects are judged.

Mr. Britton explained that on the operating side, effective July 1, 2019, all operating money will be based on performance measures.

The third part of the legislation is the urban transit agencies strategic plans. All transit agencies that are in MPOs, such as GLTC, that have 20 buses or more have to do strategic plans now, every five years.

6. Update on Regional Van Pool Study

Scott Smith reminded the group that in April a concept was presented of working with the local Workforce Development Board, DRPT and Ride Solutions to do a study of van pool opportunities and to develop a plan for how to roll out van pool operations in our

area. He explained that there was money in the DRPT budget that was not spent the last fiscal year, 2016 to 2017. This is about \$23,000 that rolled over into the fiscal year budget for 2017 to 2018. It was approved at the April meeting to use this money for the van pool study. There is also approximately an additional \$5,500 that rolled over into this year. He asked if the group would be willing to add this amount to the surplus from the previous year. The MPO approved this by consensus.

7. Matters for Members

Brian Booth advised that he is finishing up the GLTC Traffic Analysis Plan. They have received recommendations for proposed route changes and will be putting them out to the public for review and comment in August. Their goal is to potentially implement the changes sometime in October.

Chris Winstead announced that the new member of the CTB is Bert Dodson. There is a completion date for the first Odd Fellows Road contract is August 3, 2018. The rest of Odd Fellows Road from the post office north to the Expressway is already under construction.

Mr. Winstead reminded that August 1 is the deadline for SmartScale Round 3.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

9. Informational Items

The next scheduled meeting of the CVMPO will be at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 18, 2018 (location TBA).