

CENTRAL VIRGINIA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

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November 17, 2016, 4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lee Beaumont.....Liberty University
Jack Hobbs.....Town of Amherst
William Mays, Vice Chair.....County of Amherst
Bonnie Svrcek.....City of Lynchburg
Dean RodgersCounty of Amherst
John Sharp.....County of Bedford
Chris Winstead VDOT Lynchburg District

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ken Bumgarner.....Town of Amherst
Carl Boguess.....County of Bedford
Turner Perrow, Chair.....City of Lynchburg
Frank Rogers.....County of Campbell
Michael RousseauCounty of Campbell
Cheng Yan.....Federal Highway Administration

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Christie.....Local Government Council/CVMPO
Mark Courtney.....Lynchburg Regional Airport
Susan CookLocal Government Council/CVMPO
Lee Newland.....City of Lynchburg
Scott Smith.....Local Government Council/CVMPO
Marjette Upshur City of Lynchburg
Shannon Valentine.....Commonwealth Transportation Board
Rick Youngblood VDOT Lynchburg District

1. Call to Order

Will Mays, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes – July 21, 2016 Meeting

Upon a motion by Bonnie Svrcek to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2016 meeting, seconded by Jack Hobbs, this motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. Adoption of Resolution Supporting Transportation Alternatives Applications from Localities within the MPO Boundary

Upon a motion by Jack Hobbs, and seconded by John Sharp, the resolution was approved unanimously.

4. Adoption of Resolutions Supporting Transportation Alternatives Applications from Localities within the MPO Boundary

Upon a motion by Dean Rodgers, seconded by Jack Hobbs, the Amherst County Transportation Alternatives Resolution was approved unanimously.

Upon a motion by Bonnie Svrcek, and seconded by Jack Hobbs, the City of Lynchburg Transportation Alternatives Resolution was approved unanimously.

5. Update and Discussion of the Lynchburg Regional Connectivity Study

Shannon Valentine explained that the Lynchburg Regional Connectivity Study ties connectivity and transportation to economic development. The idea behind this particular study was to have this data and research done at the regional (instead of local or state). She added that Rick Youngblood from VDOT, has served as the project manager for the studies, and Bob White has served as the liaison between this study and the CEDS study.

The study highlights three broad themes, with eight strategy areas:

1. Labor Market & Intra-Regional Connectivity
 - Place making
 - Local Bottlenecks
 - Transit & Transportation Demand Management
2. Inter-Regional Connectivity
 - Intercity Passenger Rail
 - Air Service Development
 - Access on Key Highway Corridors
 - Cargo Oriented Development
3. Digital Connectivity
 - Broadband Coverage

Rick Youngblood reported that VTrans is a state-wide multimodal plan for the state transportation system, and is utilized as part of the process for Smart Scale. One of the key components of VTrans is creating sub-area analysis, which is a more micro look at a particular urbanized area.

Mr. Youngblood advised that the study is a living document, intended to evolve and be updated as necessary. The final draft should be released in December.

6. Opportunity for Public Comment – There were none.

7. Matters from the Members

John Sharp made a recommendation that the public comment opportunity come earlier on the meeting agenda.

8. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Signed:  Date: 4/20/2017