



Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization

Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance

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January 16, 2020, 4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sara Carter ..... Town of Amherst
Jon Hardie ..... Campbell County
Amanda Kaufman (proxy for Robert Hiss) ..... Bedford County
Turner Perrow, Chair ..... 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

Brian Booth..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Kenneth Campbell ..... Amherst County
Kenny Craig..... Liberty University
Robert Hiss..... Bedford County
John Sharp..... Bedford County
Daniel Sonenklar..... Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Christie..... CVPDC
Will Cockrell..... EPR
Mallory Cook..... CVPDC
Philipp Gabathuler ..... CVPDC
W. Scott Smith..... CVPDC/CVMPO
Phil White ..... EPR

1. Call to Order

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

## **2. Approval of Minutes: October 17, 2019**

Upon a motion made by Frank Rogers and seconded by Dean Rodgers to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2019 meeting, the minutes were approved, with Sara Carter and Bonnie Svrcek abstaining.

## **3. Opportunity for Public Comment - There were none.**

## **4. Election of New Vice Chair**

Turner Perrow reported that the MPO former vice chair, Charlie Watts, has resigned from the MPO.

A motion was made by Frank Rogers and seconded by Sara Carter to nominate Jon Hardie as Vice Chair to fill the unexpired term through June 30, 2020, and was unanimously approved.

## **5. Update on Organization Name Change**

Scott Smith reported that all of the surrounding localities adopted resolutions authorizing the MPO name change back in October 2019. In order to move forward with the name change from MPO to Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), a new MOU between the PDC, MPO, GLTC and Secretary of Transportation must be developed, outlining the duties of the MPO.

Scott asked for consideration of adopting the MOU, and reported that the public comment period is underway and will conclude on February 15, 2020. Scott asked that the MPO adopt the MOU at this time, contingent upon no negative comments being received during the public comment period in order to move forward with the Long Range Transportation Plan updates.

Upon a motion made by Frank Rogers and seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, the resolution was approved unanimously contingent upon no negative comments received.

## **6. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment, 221/501 Improvements**

Scott Smith reported that as the 221/501 split pairs project has been funded via SmartScale, and in order to receive federal funding must be added to the TIP. A public advertisement was run in November, but no comments were received by the public.

Upon a motion by Bonnie Svrcek, and seconded by Frank Rogers, the proposed TIP amendment was unanimously approved.

## **7. Setting Goals and Performance Measures for Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan**

Will Cockrell of EPR reviewed the Long Range Transportation Plan by discussing the goals, performance measures and targets. In order for the region to receive funding, a long-range plan is imperative. Will also reviewed the TTC discussion from the January 13, 2020 meeting, as the committee supported the proposed goals and measures, as well as support of using ActiveTrans for bike and pedestrian only projects.

Dean Rodgers asked about Placemaking and whether the weight and placement was best in the economic development section of the LRTP. Sara Carter expressed that such a percentage weight is necessary, otherwise these types of projects will get overlooked.

A motion was made by Frank Rogers and seconded by Turner Perrow to adjust the weighted percentages of the “Economy” section 3.1 to make Placemaking weighted 15%, CEDS 30%, Surrounding Employment Density 30%, and Freight Volumes to remain at 25%.

The vote was:

Sara Carter: Nay

Jon Hardie: Yes

Amanda Kaufman: Nay

Turner Perrow: Yes

Dean Rodgers: Nay

Frank Rogers: Yes

Bonnie Svrcek: Nay

Dwayn Tuggle: Nay

Chris Winstead: Nay

The vote failed to approve the motion for adjusting the weighted percentages.

Upon a motion by Frank Rogers, and seconded by Sara Carter, the MPO approved the goals and measures with some changes to the language to help clarify the specifics of Placemaking and was unanimously approved.

Will Cockrell shared the next steps for the 2045 LRTP as: working with the MPO to finalize the list of projects, reviewing the scoring of the projects in February with VDOT and the MPO, and working with the TTC to determine what modifications or consolidations can be made to all of the projects.

#### **8. Matters from the Members**

Frank Rogers reported that Campbell County has a Smart Scale project centered for Laxton Road, Greenview Drive, and Timberlake Road intersections at Lowes. Frank requested that it be discussed at the April meeting regarding the MPO's sponsorship of the application.

**9. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.