

CENTRAL VIRGINIA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



CVMPO

Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization

Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance

~ MINUTES~

September 17, 2020, 4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sara Carter	Town of Amherst
Kenny Craig	Liberty University
Jon Hardie, Chair	Campbell County
Gaynelle Hart (proxy for Reid Wodicka)	City of Lynchburg
Robert Hiss	Bedford County
Dean Rodgers	Amherst County
Frank Rogers	Campbell County
Claudia Tucker	Amherst County
Dwayne Tuggle	Town of Amherst
Chris Winstead	VDOT Lynchburg District

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian Booth	Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
John Sharp	Bedford County
Beau Wright	City of Lynchburg

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Christie	CVPDC
Philipp Gabathuler	CVPDC
Sarah Honosky	News & Advance
Ada Hunsberger	CVPDC
W. Scott Smith	CVPDC/CVMPO
Daniel Sonenklar	Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Phil White	EPR
Bill Wuensch	EPR
Rick Youngblood	VDOT

1. Call to Order

Jon Hardie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm via GoToMeeting.

Scott Smith welcomed and recognized Sara Carter, returning to the TPO after an extended leave of absence.

2. Approval of Minutes: August 20, 2020

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

3. Presentation on the Connect Central Virginia 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan

Phil White with EPR reviewed the goals and successful actions taken to develop the LRTP over the last year with the additional draft changes since the last meeting.

4. Update on Area Construction Projects, Smart Scale Applications

Rick Youngblood reported that VDOT is currently working through 33 applications that have been submitted in the region. The current TPO submitted projects, as well as current projects, were reviewed by Mr. Youngblood.

Kenny Craig asked about anticipated scoring of the 460/811 Intersection Improvements project, and Mr. Youngblood explained that this project would be considered a potential safety improvement and had the potential to score well.

5. Consideration of Resolution in Support of Smart Scale Project Applications

Scott Smith explained that it was requested for the TPO to submit the application for both the 460/811 Intersection Improvements project and the Timberlake Road Improvements Project included among the list of Smart Scale applications.

A motion was made by Frank Rogers, seconded by Bonnie Svrcsek, to approve the Resolution, contingent upon the final approval of the regional localities' support of the projects listed. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Update on Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan Progress

Will Cockrell with EPR provided an update on the Virtual Town Hall conducted on June 30th that included approximately 15 attendees. Attendees of the event were directed to the

website with all the projects for review, and a comment period ran until July 15th. At this time, no comments have been received.

Mr. Cockrell reviewed the current draft of the Long Range Transportation Plan and its successful integration of the Lynchburg Connectivity Study into the plan. The Rural Long Range Transportation Plan was also reviewed.

The engagement process for this plan has been very successful and has gone well beyond previous iterations of the region's LRTP despite health and safety concerns over the past several months. The process of the project was reviewed, showing how public input and scoring have provided information in moving forward with projects in the region.

7. Matters from the Members

Christ Winstead provided some updates from General Assembly legislation that may impact the region. Effective July 1, a \$0.05 per gallon gas tax increase went into effect with another increase expected next year as well. A \$0.076 per gallon gas tax increase dedicated to construction district grant programs which also went into effect on July 1.

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