



## Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization

### ~ MINUTES~

January 21, 2021, 4:00 pm

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Booth.....	Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Sarah Carter .....	Town of Amherst
Kenny Craig .....	Liberty University
Jennifer Moore .....	Amherst County
Dean Rodgers.....	Amherst County
Frank Rogers .....	Campbell County
John Sharp.....	Bedford County
Dwayne Tuggle.....	Town of Amherst
Charlie Watts .....	Campbell County
Chris Winstead.....	VDOT Lynchburg District
Beau Wright.....	City of Lynchburg

#### MEMBERS ABSENT

Jimmy Ayers .....	Amherst County
Robert Hiss.....	Bedford County
Daniel Sonenklar.....	Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Reid Wodicka.....	City of Lynchburg

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Kenny Brown.....	CVPDC
Gary Christie.....	CVPDC
Mallory Cook.....	CVPDC
Philipp Gabathuler .....	CVPDC
Ada Hunsberger .....	CVPDC/CVTPO
Kelly Hitchcock .....	CVPDC
Rick Youngblood.....	VDOT

**1. Call to Order**

Ada Hunsberger welcomed all participants and called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm via GoToMeeting. Ada welcomed Jennifer Moore from Amherst County Board of Supervisors and Charlie Watts from Campbell County Board of Supervisors as new and returning members of the Policy Board.

**2. TPO Board Elections**

Ada explained that a new Chair and Vice Chair need to be appointed after the elected officials serving these terms have both been replaced as TPO board members for their jurisdictions. Dwayne Tuggle and Beau Wright have both offered to serve as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Upon a motion made by Sara Carter, seconded by Frank Rogers, Dwayne Tuggle and Beau Wright were appointed as Chair and Vice Chair respectively for the remainder of FY 2021.

**3. Approval of Minutes: August 20, 2020 and September 17, 2020**

A motion was made by Chris Winstead, seconded by Dean Rodgers, to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020 and September 17, 2020 meetings, and it was unanimously approved.

**4. Connect Central Virginia 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan**

At the last meeting of the TPO, the Long-Range Transportation Plan was adopted, and a supporting dashboard was launched on December 1, 2020. The dashboard contains information on demographics, data, and other information that provides insight into both the urbanized and rural areas as it relates to the LRTP. Staff appreciate any comments and feedback to help make the resource more useful.

**5. Review of TIP Adjustments**

Ada Hunsberger explained that the Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living is going to be requesting fund allocations from DRPT and the Federal Transit Administration. If awarded the allocation, they will be purchasing two modified minivans with wheelchair ramps and one raised-roof van with a lift to help provide transportation for individuals with disabilities and senior clients. If these fund allocations are to be awarded, this will be incorporated into the TIP. The TPO will not be required to provide

any funding to this allocation, but support from the TPO to add this to the TIP is necessary.

A motion was made by Beau Wright, seconded by Frank Rogers, affirming support of the Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living's funding request as being in alignment with the objectives of the TIP and it was unanimously approved.

Additionally, some administrative adjustments have been made to the TIP at VDOT's request to better reflect the STIP. A narrative of the changes was provided.

Philipp Gabathuler provided an overview of DRPT's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP). The TIP adjustment proposed includes a variety of measurable targets to be included in support of this. GLTC has expressed support of these changes.

A motion was made by Sara Carter, seconded by Beau Wright, affirming support of the adjustment presented, and it was unanimously approved.

## **6. Current Project Updates & Future Project Ideas**

VDOT just released the draft recommendation for funding of Smart Scale applications. At this time, public comments and staff recommendations are being considered. Regional projects include one in Amherst County, two in Campbell County, one in Bedford County, and two in Lynchburg.

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) also submitted a Smart Scale application for a second round-trip train between Washington DC and Roanoke, which would serve Lynchburg as well.

Staff has been working on the Town of Bedford Longwood Ave & Independence Blvd project since late 2019 and it is currently in its final stages. A survey was published for public comment and over 540 responses were received. Additionally, a corridor study is ongoing for Rustburg's Route 24. The first public meeting was conducted in November 2020. A survey was created using MetroQuest, which engaged over 100 participants with over 230 unique comments received.

In the next month, staff will begin working on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Frank Rogers asked if it would be beneficial for the TPO to provide comments or pass a motion of support for the Smart Scale funding draft as presented. Chris Winstead stated

that it was up to the Policy Board and Rick Youngblood stated that it could be a good measure to do so.

By consensus of the board, an official letter in support of funding the Smart Scale projects identified in the draft funding scenario will be created to affirm the Board's position that the proposed projects support the regional goals of the TPO.

**7. Matters from the Members**

There were none.

**8. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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