



Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization

Via GoToMeeting

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July 16, 2020, 4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Booth Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
 Kenny Craig Liberty University
 Jon Hardie, Chair Campbell County
 Robert Hiss Bedford County
 Dean Rodgers Amherst County
 Frank Rogers Campbell County
 Bonnie Svrcek City of Lynchburg
 Chris Winstead VDOT Lynchburg District
 Beau Wright City of Lynchburg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jimmy Ayers Amherst County
 Sara Carter Town of Amherst
 Daniel Sonenklar Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
 John Sharp Bedford County
 Dwayne Tuggle Town of Amherst

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Christie CVPDC
 Will Cockrell EPR
 Mallory Cook CVPDC
 Philipp Gabathuler CVPDC
 Kelly Hitchcock CVPDC
 W. Scott Smith CVPDC/CVMPO
 Grant Sparks DRPT
 Rick Youngblood VDOT

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes: June 18, 2020

A motion was made by Bonnie Svrcek to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2020, and it was meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No comments were received.

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. Robert Hiss noted that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors had not yet weighed in on all the proposed projects in the county. Scott Smith replied that the adoption of a support resolution doesn't commit the TPO or county to submitting a final application.

A motion was made by Frank Rogers, seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, 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.