



**Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization**

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**March 17, 2021, 4:00 pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT (In-Person)**

Dwayne Tuggle..... Town of Amherst, Chair  
Dean Rodgers..... Amherst County  
John Sharp..... Bedford County  
Robert Hiss..... Bedford County  
Frank Rogers..... Campbell County  
Chris Winstead..... VDOT Lynchburg District  
Josh Moore..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company  
Kenny Craig..... Liberty University  
Drew Wade..... County of Amherst

**MEMBERS PRESENT (Virtually)**

Beau Wright [Electronic Policy present]..... City of Lynchburg  
Sara Carter [Electronic Policy present]..... Town of Amherst  
Daniel Sonenklar [Electronic Policy present]..... Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Charlie Watts Campbell County

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Rick Youngblood (virtual)..... VDOT Lynchburg District  
Gary Christie..... CVPDC  
Kelly Hitchcock..... CVPDC/CVTPO  
Robin Craig..... CVPDC/CVTPO

**1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum**

Mayor Tuggle, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. There was an established quorum physically present, and therefore voting was able to proceed.

**2. Electronic Meeting Policy**

The electronic meeting policy was presented to provide for the participation of CVTPO members Sara Carter, Beau Wright, and Dan Sonenklar. Frank Rogers motioned, duly seconded by Chris Winstead, to adopt the electronic meeting policy. The motion was unanimously approved

### **3. Approval of the September 21, 2021 Minutes**

Frank Rogers motioned, seconded by John Sharp, that the minutes of September 21, 2021 be approved as presented. With abstention by Drew Wade, who had not attended the meeting, the motion passed unanimously.

### **4. Connect Central Virginia 2045 LRTP Amendment**

A motion for the CVTPO to adopt the Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) and Connect Central Virginia 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments as presented was made by Frank Rogers. The motion was seconded by Dean Rodgers. The motion, with abstention by Drew Wade, passed unanimously.

### **5. FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program**

Kelly Hitchcock provided an overview of the proposed FY2023 Unified, or Urban Area, Planning Work Program. Hitchcock highlighted some format changes from past years and pointed out some key projects proposed to be executed in FY23 with CVTPO approval. The VDOT FY23 allocation, \$183,920 and the \$22,990 FY 21 rollover, comprise the foundation for the VDOT program activities. Hitchcock noted that the DRPT FY23 allocation was not known at the time of the meeting, however the anticipated funds support the proposed program activities.

Projects of note include, via VDOT program funds: execute a Regional Potential Safety Improvement (PSI) study similar to the valuable FY22 project; date foundation to update the regional greenways, trail plan; development of new Title VI Plan. Hitchcock noted that some of these activities were to have been completed in FY22 but limited staff prevented. Hitchcock noted that the unused funds will rollover and will be eligible to provide planning benefit to the CVTPO in FY2024.

Hitchcock presented the proposed DRPT-funded project activities

### **6. Transportation Alternatives Program**

Ada Hunsberger provided an overview of the various Transportation Alternatives projects which were submitted to VDOT for approval. There were projects discussed from the City of Lynchburg, Amherst County and Amherst Town.

A motion to approve the resolution of support for the City of Lynchburg application was made by Wynter Benda and seconded by Dean Rogers.

A motion to approve the resolution of support for the Amherst County application was made by Dean Rodgers and seconded by Sara Carter.

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## **7. DRPT TRIP Application**

Philipp Gabathuler presented information about the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company's Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP) application. The board was asked to confirm support of the application by a vote. A motion was made by John Sharp and seconded by Mr. Hiss.

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

Dean Rogers raised the topic of pedestrian access from Amherst to Lynchburg by way of either the John Lynch bridge or underneath the Carter Glass bridge. He suggested using transportation alternatives funding to complete such a project. Kelly Hitchcock mentioned it would connect to Madison Heights. Mr. Winstead commented that we will need to make sure that the project is safe, resilient, and cost effective. Mr. Winstead will be setting up a meeting with the City of Lynchburg and Amherst County to further this effort.

Mr. Hiss discussed the expansion of Century equipment on Route 460 (at Rt 811), which has brought up concerns about access there and other industries have similar issues. CVTPO staff will coordinate between the Salem and Lynchburg VDOT districts, as well as Campbell and Bedford County.

- 9. Adjournment:** There being no further business, John Sharp made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Robert Hiss. With unanimous approval, the meeting adjourned.