



Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization

Central Virginia Planning District Commission Offices

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July 18, 2019, 4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Brian Booth..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
- Kenneth Campbell Amherst County
- Robert Hiss.....Bedford County
- Dean Rodgers..... Amherst County
- Frank Rogers..... Campbell County
- John Sharp.....Bedford County
- Bonnie Svrcek.....City of Lynchburg
- Dwayne Tuggle..... Town of Amherst
- Charlie Watts Campbell County
- Chris Winstead..... VDOT Lynchburg District

MEMBERS ABSENT

- Sara Carter Town of Amherst
- Kenny Craig.....Liberty University
- Turner Perrow, *Chair*.....City of Lynchburg
- Daniel Sonenklar..... Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation

OTHERS PRESENT

- Gary Christie..... CVPDC
- Will Cockrell..... EPR
- Susan Cook CVPDC
- Philipp Gabathuler CVPDC/CVMPO
- Jennifer Martin..... Lynchburg Area Center for Independent Living
- Gary Shanaberger..... Town of Appomattox
- W. Scott Smith..... CVPDC/CVMPO
- Phil White EPR
- Bill Wuensch..... EPR
- Rick Youngblood..... VDOT Lynchburg District

1. Call to Order

John Sharp, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Election of 2019-2020 Officers

The nomination committee presented a proposed rotation schedule for officers that nominated Turner Perrow as Chair, and Charlie Watts as Vice-Chair. Dean Rodgers made the motion to adopt the rotation schedule, seconded by Dwayne Tuggle. The motion was unanimously approved.

In the absence of Turner Perrow, the meeting was turned over to Charlie Watts, Vice-Chair.

The informal rotation schedule is as follows:

	Chair	Vice Chair
2019-20	City of Lynchburg	Campbell County
2020-21	Campbell County	Amherst County
2021-22	Amherst County	Bedford County
2022-23	Bedford County	Amherst Town
2023-24	Amherst Town	City of Lynchburg

3. Approval of the April 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Dean Rodgers, and seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2019 meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment – There were none.

5. Adoption of Resolution of Support for Riveredge Trail Extension Project

Scott Smith explained that the Resolution of Support is for the County of Amherst application for VDOT Transportation Alternatives Funding to extend their Riveredge Park Trail towards the James River Heritage Trail down near the lower trestle at Percival’s Island. The CVMPO Transportation Technical Committee met on July 11, 2019 and recommended this project for approval by the MPO Policy Board.

Frank Rogers made the motion, seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Svrcek and unanimously approved.

6. Adoption of Resolution of Appreciation for Will Mays

Scott Smith asked that the MPO approve a Resolution of Support for Will Mays.

The motion was made by Dean Rodgers to adopt the resolution as presented. Frank Rogers seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Dean Rodgers announced that the Amherst Board of Supervisors has appointed Kenneth Campbell to replace Mr. Mays on the MPO until the end of the year.

7. Adoption of CVMPO Bylaws Amendments

Scott Smith explained that the amended bylaws have been through the 30 day waiting period, and are being presented to the MPO for approval. The only issue the FHWA has with the proposed bylaws changes is the change in the quorum requirement. Rather than changing the requirement to match the PDC, with a minority quorum, the FHWA requires a simple majority quorum as before. His recommendation was to adopt the bylaws as presented, but not adopt the change to a quorum. If the MPO wants to proceed with the change, it would have to go to the governor and have the MPO re-created.

The motion was made by Frank Rogers, and seconded by Dean Rodgers, to approve the bylaws as proposed, incorporating all of the changes except for those proposed for Article VIII, Section 5. The motion was unanimously approved.

Scott explained that the bylaws and name change to the Transportation Planning Organization would go into effect once the cooperative agreement is circulated to the Boards and Councils for approval.

8. Update on Smart Scale Round 3

Chris Winstead explained that the Six Year Improvement Program is updated once each year. The total value of this plan within the district is \$343 million dollars. There were eight projects identified with full funding in Smart Scale Round 3, and Mr. Winstead reviewed these for the group.

Frank Rogers thanked Mr. Winstead and Rick Youngblood for their support putting the Smart Scale applications together.

9. Central Virginia Long-Range Transportation Plan Kick-Off

Scott Smith reported that the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan update is now beginning. He further explained that in the past there have been two Long Range Plans, rural and urban. Beginning with this update, there will be a unified transportation plan for the region.

Bill Wuensch, with EPR, reviewed the process being used to update the Long Range Transportation Plan, which is scheduled for adoption in August of 2020. Items he reviewed included FY20/21 calendars, expectations for FY20/21, identifying major traffic concerns, and the official kick off of the 2045 process.

Frank Rogers asked Mr. Wuensch how he would be sure he was getting input from the rural areas. Bill replied that they would wrap the last rural plan into this plan, and then do an iteration with the next plan.

Scott listed ideas they had for events to attend. They were:

- Centerfest in Bedford
- Railroad Festival in Appomattox
- County Fair in Amherst
- Get Downtown in Lynchburg
- Campbell County (?)

10. Matters from the Members

Scott announced that on August 13 the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance is hosting an event, called the Merge 2019 Transportation Summit. This event will run from 9:00 to 12:30.

11. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

12. Informational Items

Approved: _____

Date: _____


10/17/2019