



Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization

~ MINUTES ~

July 21, 2022 4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT (In-Person)

Beau Wright, Chair City of Lynchburg
Dean Rodgers Amherst County
Robert Hiss Bedford County
Wynter Benda City of Lynchburg
Chris Winstead VDOT Lynchburg District
Josh Moore Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Kenny Craig Liberty University
Drew Wade County of Amherst

MEMBERS PRESENT (Virtual)

Dwayne Tuggle Town of Amherst
Sara McGuffin Town of Amherst
Daniel Sonenklar Dept of Rail and Public Transit

MEMBERS ABSENT

Frank Rogers Campbell County
John Sharp Bedford County
Charlie Watts Campbell County

OTHERS PRESENT

David Cook VDOT Lynchburg District
Alec Brebner Executive Director, Crater PDC
Kelly Hitchcock CVPDC/CVTPO

1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

Dwayne Tuggle, outgoing Chair, welcomed and called the meeting to order.

Upon motion by Wynter Benda, seconded by Robert Hiss, electronic participation was recognized and approved for meeting participation.

2. Board 2022-2023 Elections

Wynter Benda motion that Beau Wright, serve as CVTPO Chair, and that Charlie Watts, serve as CVTPO Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Robert Hiss. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

3. Approval of the March 17, 2022 Minutes

Beau Wright, CVTPO Chair, requested consideration of May 19, 2022 CVTPO Meeting Minutes for approval.

Wynter Benda motioned for approval of the May 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes as submitted. With a second by Robert Hiss and unanimous approval, Wright confirmed the meeting minutes approved.

4. Proposed FY21-24 CVTIP Amendment Consideration (Public Hearing)

Beau Wright, at 4:04 p.m. opened the Public Hearing to consider amendment to the FY21-24 CVTIP. No public comments were received. Wright closed the Public Hearing at 4:05 p.m.

Kelly Hitchcock provided a brief overview of the proposed amendment to the FY21-24 CVTIP as submitted by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to provide for additional funding for Preventative Maintenance and System Preservation activities throughout the VDOT Lynchburg District. Hitchcock confirmed there was a public comment period that ran June 17 through July 18, 2022 and that no comments were received.

A motion was made by Dean Rodgers, seconded by Robert Hiss, to approve the amendment to the CVTIP as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Consideration for Resolution of Support for SMART SCALE Applications

Hitchcock presented the twelve (12) applications (4 Amherst, County 2 Lynchburg, 3 Bedford County, and 3 Campbell County) being submitted from the CVTPO area to VDOT SMART Scale Round 5 application cycle. Robert Hiss provided an overview of the 460 Corridor Improvement project included in the application list.

Wynter Benda motioned that the CVTPO adopt the Resolution of Support as presented for all twelve applications being submitted from CVTPO area. Robert Hiss seconded the motion. With unanimous approval, Beau Wright declared the motion carried.

6. US DOT Safe Roads and Streets for All (SS4A) Program Application Consideration

Hitchcock provided an overview of the US DOT SS4A program which provides funding for planning and construction projects. It was noted that for any locality or entity to receive construction funding they must first develop a Safe Action Plan that incorporates an equity and vision zero or complete street safety component. Staff highlighted that the current Connect Central Virginia 2045 has numerous of the required safety plan components but is missing the equity and complete street evaluation and approval element. It was further noted that, with a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, localities will be eligible to apply for Infrastructure Bill construction funding.

CVTPO grant discussion points included:

- Dean Rodgers questioned the merit of adopting a vision zero policy and in utilizing an evaluation of underserved communities or socioeconomics in determining safety focused projects. He suggested that the current process utilized is a balanced process.
- Beau Wright questioned if his understanding was correct that the CVPDC could use this plan to apply for additional funds that could be utilized by the CVPDC or the member localities. Hitchcock confirmed that was correct.
- Wyter Benda asked if there was a specific long-term project that was intended for the region that was not within the current LRTP. It was noted that a specific targeted project was not the immediate focus, rather the ability to establish policy and processes that could potentially allow for the CVTPO to directly receive funding, similar to a TMA, or provide additional federal funding to advance current LRTP priority projects.
- After further discussion a motion for advancing an application was advanced.

Sara McGuffin motioned that the CVPDC submit a Safe Streets and Roads for All planning grant with a match not-to-exceed \$70,000. The motion was seconded by Wynter Benda. On a five affirmative and two negative vote, by Dean Rodgers and Drew Wade, Chair Beau Wright affirmed the motion carried.

Hitchcock noted that the application is due September 15th and will need locality confirmation and CVPDC match funding approval. It was confirmed that managers would be contacted to confirm application participation and CVPDC match approval.

7. Other Matters from the Board and/or Staff

a. VDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)

Hitchcock noted that the CVPDC is coordinating with UVA Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP), via their on-call-consultant Kimley-Horn to work with localities in assessing potential safety projects for the pending VDOT Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP) applications. Hitchcock noted the next application round, due November, will focus on VDOT Systemic Safety activities and open to localities that own or maintain their roadways. Tim White, Kimely-Horn, is working with localities and has already met with Altavista, Town of Bedford and Lynchburg. Other localities meetings will be during August.

8. Adjournment

Robert Hill motioned, seconded by Chris Winstead, to adjourn. With unanimous approval, Beau Wright adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.

By:  _____
CVTPO Chair

Date: 10/20/2022

