



Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization

Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance

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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.

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.