



Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization

Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance

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September 17, 2020, 4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sara Carter Town of Amherst
 Kenny Craig Liberty University
 Jon Hardie, Chair Campbell County
 Gaynelle Hart (proxy for Reid Wodicka) City of Lynchburg
 Robert Hiss Bedford County
 Dean Rodgers Amherst County
 Frank Rogers Campbell County
 Claudia Tucker Amherst County
 Dwayne Tuggle Town of Amherst
 Chris Winstead VDOT Lynchburg District

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brian Booth Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
 John Sharp Bedford County
 Beau Wright City of Lynchburg

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Christie CVPDC
 Philipp Gabathuler CVPDC
 Sarah Honosky News & Advance
 Ada Hunsberger CVPDC
 W. Scott Smith CVPDC/CVMPO
 Daniel Sonenklar Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
 Phil White EPR
 Bill Wuensch EPR
 Rick Youngblood VDOT

1. Call to Order

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

Scott Smith welcomed and recognized Sara Carter, returning to the TPO after an extended leave of absence.

2. Approval of Minutes: August 20, 2020

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

3. Presentation on the Connect Central Virginia 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan

Phil White with EPR reviewed the goals and successful actions taken to develop the LRTP over the last year with the additional draft changes since the last meeting.

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 Svrccek, 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.