

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, December 10, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Electronic Meeting: GoToMeeting

MINUTES

PRESENT

Jeremy Bryant (U/R).....Amherst County
Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Mariel Fowler (U/R) Bedford County
Paul Harvey (U/R)..... Campbell County
Lee Newland (U).....City of Lynchburg
Anne Nygaard (U)City of Lynchburg
Daniel Sonenklar (U/R).....Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Rick Youngblood (U/R) Virginia Department of Transportation

ABSENT

Sara Carter(U).....Town of Amherst
Todd Carroll (U)..... Liberty University
Catherine Gamble (U/R)Amherst County Citizen Representative
Kevin Jones (U/R)..... Federal Highway Administration
Andrew LaGala (U) Lynchburg Regional Airport
Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County
Gary Shanaberger (R)..... Town of Appomattox
Russell Thurston (R)..... Town of Brookneal
Sharon Williams (R).....Town of Altavista
Mary Zirkle (R)Town of Bedford

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

OTHERS PRESENT

David Cook Virginia Department of Transportation
Mallory Cook..... CVPDC
Philipp Gabathuler CVPDC
Ada Hunsberger..... CVPDC
Kelly Hitchcock..... CVPDC

1. Call to Order

Paul Harvey, Chair, called the meeting to order via GoToMeeting at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Ada Hunsberger conducted a roll call of the TTC members and other participating individuals present at the meeting.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 10, 2020 and October 8, 2020

Anne Nygaard made a motion, seconded by Rick Youngblood, to approve the minutes of the September 10 and October 8 meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. MySidewalk, Website and & New Projects

Ada Hunsberger provided an update on a variety of digital and online projects that have been ongoing. The MySidewalk platform launched on December 1 after comments have been received by members of the Committee. Additional comments have been received and will be reflected as MySidewalk continues to be updated. Comments will continue to be received on a rolling basis.

Additionally, Ada and Mallory Cook have been working on the transportation website, including securing the name change of "cvmpo.org" to "cvtpo.org" to better reflect the new name of the CVTPO. Staff are still working to add more information and correct out-of-date information, as well as to create more visually appealing and engaging content.

Ada encouraged members of the TTC to assist in the sharing of social media content from CVPDC and CVTPO to help increase engagement as it relates to transportation projects. Ada explained that information regarding the current Intersection Study in Bedford was shared within a Town of Bedford Facebook group and has now received over 500 responses to the survey.

Ada encouraged members of the Committee to begin thinking about projects that may be beneficial for the PDC and TPO to be involved in for the new year.

5. Growth & Accessibility Planning Technical Assistance Program

Ada Hunsberger introduced the new project under OIPI. The application cycle has just begun and is scheduled to end mid-January. There are a variety of applications under this program.

6. Virginia Walkability Action Institute – Lynchburg Action Plan

Kelly Hitchcock, with CVPDC, provided a presentation on the Lynchburg Action Plan as it relates to advancing safe and equitable pedestrian access in the city. The initial application was submitted to VDH in February of this year.

The social determinant factors were very important in the process of this project. Additionally, the team assessed multi-generation and culturally diverse impacts and concerns. The area that was assessed as the top priority is located at and around the intersection of Charlotte Street and Rivermont Avenue. When this information was reviewed by the City of Lynchburg, however, the City decided to implement action and move forward with a project through the city.

An alternative site of the area around the intersection of Bedford Avenue and Rivermont Avenue has also been reviewed, and this area is located one block away from the original proposed location. Additionally, the intersection of 12th Street and Monroe St. was selected as the final project location due to the location and current layout surrounding the intersection.

Anne Nygaard reviewed the plans for the selected location and noted that Dunbar Middle School students will also be involved in an art design that will be incorporated into the area as the location is in proximity to the school.

7. Matters from the Committee

Ada thanked members of the TTC on behalf of the PDC for working together and all contributions to projects completed this year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

The next meeting will be on January 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.