

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, May 14, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Electronic Meeting: GoToMeeting

MINUTES

PRESENT

Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
 Sara Carter (U)..... Town of Amherst
 Mariel Fowler (U/R) Bedford County
 Paul Harvey (U/R)..... Campbell County
 Kevin Jones (U/R)..... Federal Highway Administration
 Andrew LaGala (U)..... Lynchburg Regional Airport
 J. Lee Newland (U) City of Lynchburg
 Anne Nygaard (U) City of Lynchburg
 Gary Shanaberger (R)..... Town of Appomattox
 Daniel Sonenklar (U/R)..... Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
 Russell Thurston (R) Town of Brookneal
 Sharon Williams (R)..... Town of Altavista
 Rick Youngblood (U/R)..... Virginia Department of Transportation
 Mary Zirkle (R) Town of Bedford

ABSENT

Jeremy Bryant (U/R) Amherst County
 Todd Carroll (U)..... Liberty University
 Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County
 Mohammad Zaid (U)..... City of Lynchburg

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

OTHERS PRESENT

Will Cockrell EPR
 Gary Christie CVPDC
 Mallory Cook CVPDC
 Todd Daniel..... Virginia Department of Transportation
 Michael Virginia Department of Transportation
 Philipp Gabathuler CVPDC
 Kelly Hitchcock..... CVPDC
 Scott Smith CVPDC
 Phil White EPR

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of the March 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Mariel Fowler, and seconded by Anne Nygaard, the minutes from March 12, 2020 were unanimously approved.

4. Recommendation to TPO Policy Board of CVTPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Scott Smith presented the urban transportation work program for the next fiscal year. Highlights include the completion of the Long-Range Transportation Plan update (with web-based component) and the Village Highway Corridor Study in Rustburg.

A motion was made by Mary Zirkle, seconded by Sharon Williams to send the recommendation to the TPO Policy Board, and was unanimously approved.

5. Recommendation to Central VA Planning District Commission of CVPDC Rural Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Scott Smith presented the rural transportation work program for the next fiscal year. Highlights include providing staff support to the Village Highway (Rustburg) Corridor Study and completion of the Independence Boulevard/Longwood Avenue Intersection Study in Bedford.

Mariel Fowler made a motion, seconded by Mary Zirkle to send the recommendation to the CVPDC, which was unanimously approved.

6. Overview of Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Progress

Will Cockrell shared that EPR has been conducting individual meetings with the included localities about projects and provided a review of the development for selecting projects. The most recent completed survey was the most successful so far, having nearly 1,000 comments and responses from constituents and are now currently in the last engagement phase.

7. Discussion on LRTP Public Engagement during COVID-19 Pandemic

Because of the community response to COVID-19 and health concerns, EPR has developed a new plan including a live, online public meeting in June that can be broadcast on the

community access channel to accommodate those without internet access. Another consideration would be to create an in-person meeting location with plenty of space to accommodate social distancing.

Mary Zirkle shared that there may be some facilities to accommodate a public viewing space, such as the Bedford Welcome Center. Anne Nygaard expressed concern regarding planning for such an event without foreknowledge about attendance numbers. According to EPR, in the past meetings like these have had low engagement with numbers in attendance that would comply with social distancing guidelines.

The Committee discussed conducting a meeting on June 30th. The Committee was also in agreement that the focus would be a focus of online options with local access broadcasts while continuing to explore more public venue options for in-person participants.

8. Matters from the Committee

Scott Smith informed the Committee that he will be resigning from his position as Transportation Director in September when his family moves out of state. The PDC will begin looking for a new director in June.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

The next meeting will be on June 11, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.