

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

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

Electronic Meeting: GoToMeeting

MINUTES

PRESENT

Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Jeremy Bryant (U/R) Amherst County
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
Sharon Williams (R)..... Town of Altavista
Rick Youngblood (U/R)..... Virginia Department of Transportation
Mary Zirkle (R) Town of Bedford

ABSENT

Todd Carroll (U)..... Liberty University
Sara Carter (U) Town of Amherst
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

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
Kelly Hitchcock..... CVPDC
Ada Hunsberger..... CVPDC
Carol MoneyMaker Virginia Department of Transportation
J.P. Morris Virginia Department of Transportation
Chris Wichman..... OIPI

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Mallory Cook performed a roll call of the members and other participants present for the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes: September 10, 2020

Ada Hunsberger recommended the Committee table the September 10, 2020 minutes until the next meeting after receiving a request from Anne Nygaard to amend the minutes with additional comments. The minutes of the September 10, 2020 meeting will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting.

4. Opportunities for Regional Collaboration

Ada Hunsberger explained that after meeting with various members of the committee over the past several months, many members have requested opportunities to bring more dynamic content into TTC meetings.

Some ideas presented have included peer-to-peer forums on specific topics and guest speakers on specific topics. Staff are requesting recommendations from members of the committee on how to provide more innovative methods for conducting TTC meetings.

5. VTrans Needs Prioritization Policy

Chris Wichman, with OIPI, provided an update on the draft policy for the prioritization of VTrans mid-term needs. The prioritization process for selecting projects was also reviewed. The VTrans website has been developed to provide resources and includes information like past or upcoming workshops, the draft policy guide and draft technical guide and methods for submitting comments on the policy.

The policy is currently in the 30-day review and comment period that will end on November 30. Rick Youngblood encouraged the Committee members to review this information as it will impact future Smart Scale projects specifically within this region.

6. MYSidewalk: Digital Data Platform

Ada Hunsberger and Philipp Gabathuler provided a demo and additional information regarding the new Long-Range Plan dashboard through the MYSidewalk platform. The dashboard provides a variety of information including demographics, transportation and commuting data, and performance measures.

MYSidewalk also provides a reporting tool that can be used to provide census information and a variety of other sources to visualize projects and help understand the needs in any jurisdiction. A walkthrough on how to create reports, and an overview of the Long Range Plan Dashboard was provided for the Committee.

Ada Hunsberger asked for the Committee to submit any feedback between the time of this meeting and Thanksgiving, as the current plan is to launch the dashboard by December 1.

7. Matters from the Committee

Ada Hunsberger shared that the TPO website has now been updated to the new url: cvtpo.org and staff are currently working to finish up the changes being made to the website.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

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

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