

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

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

Electronic Meeting: GoToMeeting

MINUTES

PRESENT

Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Todd Carroll (U)..... Liberty University
Catherine Gamble (U/R) Amherst County Citizen Representative
Paul Harvey (U/R)..... Campbell County
Andrew LaGala (U)..... Lynchburg Regional Airport
Lee Newland (U)..... City of Lynchburg
Anne Nygaard (U) City of Lynchburg
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
Sara Carter (U)..... Town of Amherst
Mariel Fowler (U/R) Bedford County
Kevin Jones (U/R)..... Federal Highway Administration
J. Lee Newland (U) City of Lynchburg
Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County
Gary Shanaberger (R)..... Town of Appomattox
Daniel Sonenklar (U/R)..... Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
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

Gary Christie CVPDC
Will Cockrell EPR
David Cook Virginia Department of Transportation
Mallory Cook CVPDC
Philipp Gabathuler CVPDC
Kelly Hitchcock..... CVPDC
Ada Hunsberger..... CVPDC
Carol Moneymaker..... Virginia Department of Transportation
Scott Smith CVPDC
Bill Wuensch EPR
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

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

3. Welcome New Staff Member: CVPDC Regional Planner Ada Hunsberger

Ada Hunsberger was introduced to the members of the Transportation Technical Committee.

4. Approval of the August 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Sharon Williams, seconded by Mary Zirkle, to approve the August 13, 2020 minutes, and it was unanimously approved.

5. Draft Department of Conservation & Recreation Middle James River Plan

Kelly Hitchcock, with CVPDC, introduced the Middle James River Segment Plan that includes approximately 125 miles of the James River. The plan looks at enhancing the recreational and access experience along the segment. The draft plan is available to view and receive comments on through November 24, 2020.

Kelly Hitchcock also reported that Amherst County applied for and was awarded a grant from the National Park Service that may support the Middle James River Segment Plan as well.

6. Update on VTrans Needs Prioritization

Chris Wichman, with OIPI, provided a presentation on the development of VTrans midterm needs. The purpose of the midterm needs is to screen Smart Scale applications, prioritize VDOT revenue sharing applications, and form the basis of the VTrans Multimodal Project Study Pipeline.

Currently with prioritization, the CTB's direction is to develop a concept for a project development pipeline to ensure that local and regional planning agencies can benefit from it. The pipeline would be used for recommendations of studies to help develop projects and solutions to inform the funding programs.

7. Presentation/Discussion on Draft Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan

Will Cockrell with EPR provided the most recent update on the Long Range Transportation Plan draft as it is currently published on the Connect Central Virginia 2045 website. The TPO Policy Board identified a few additional revisions that were added in the most recent

version. Additional comments were received prior to this meeting, and those revisions are currently being addressed so that they will be ready for the TPO meeting next week.

Anne Nygaard mentioned that she had submitted additional comments for edits to the current plan, and Scott Smith explained that staff are currently working through those comments to see what can be addressed. Both Anne Nygaard and Lee Newland expressed they would like to see the changes to the Plan based on these comments before voting to recommend the Plan to the Policy Board.

A motion was made by Mary Zirkle, seconded by Jeremy Bryant, to adopt the plan and recommend to the Policy Board.

The vote was:

Brian Booth – Yes
Todd Carroll – Yes
Catherine Gamble – Yes
Paul Harvey – Yes
Andrew LaGala – Yes
Lee Newland – No
Anne Nygaard – No
Sharon Williams – Yes
Rick Youngblood – Yes
Mary Zirkle – Yes

The motion carries.

8. Presentation on Upcoming Web-Based Connect Central 2045 Dashboard

Scott Smith introduced the MySidewalk dashboard that will be used in conjunction with the Long Range Transportation Plan. The dashboard will tentatively launch by the end of September.

9. Matters from the Committee

David Cook asked about TTC review before launch of the MySidewalk dashboard, and Scott Smith confirmed that the draft would be distributed out to TTC members for review.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

The next meeting will be on October 8, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.