

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor
December 10, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

URBAN MEMBERS

PRESENT

- Christopher Arabia.....Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
- Jason Raymond for Josh Baker.....GLTC
- Lee Beaumont.....Liberty University
- Paul Harvey.....Campbell County
- Tom Martin.....City of Lynchburg
- Gregg Zody for Brad Robinson.....Bedford County
- Rick Youngblood.....VDOT-Lynchburg District

ABSENT

- Doyle Allen.....Bedford County Citizen Representative
- Jeremy Bryant.....Amherst County
- Mark Courtney.....Lynchburg Regional Airport
- Michael Gray.....VDOT-Salem District
- Jack HobbsTown of Amherst
- Richard Metz.....Campbell County Citizen’s Representative

RURAL MEMBERS

PRESENT

- Christopher Arabia.....Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
- Paul Harvey.....Campbell County
- Gregg Zody for Brad Robinson.....Bedford County
- Cheng Yan.....Federal Highway Administration
- Rick Youngblood.....VDOT-Lynchburg District

ABSENT

- Doyle Allen.....Bedford County Citizen Representative
- Jeremy Bryant.....Amherst County
- Michael Gray.....VDOT-Salem District
- Richard Metz.....Campbell County Citizens Representative
- Johnnie Roark.....Appomattox County
- Russell Thurston.....Town of Brookneal
- Bart Warner.....Bedford City
- Dan Witt.....Town of Altavista

OTHERS PRESENT

David Cook.....VDOT
Philipp Gabathuler.....Local Government Council
Kelly Hitchcock.....Local Government Council
Anne Nygaard.....City of Lynchburg
Matt Perkins.....Local Government Council
Scott Smith.....Local Government Council
Bob White.....Local Government Council

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chairman Paul Harvey called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Approval of the September 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Upon the motion of Rick Youngblood to approve the minutes of September 10, 2015 as presented, seconded by Christopher Arabia, the meeting minutes of September 10, 2015 were approved unanimously.

3. Discussion and Recommendation of the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization Title VI Plan Update

Bob White provided brief review of Title VI Plan history and development in our Region and noted steps moving forward for Plan update.

Philipp Gabathuler reviewed and detailed items that were being changed and/or added through the Plan update process.

Upon a motion by Gregg Zody to recommend the Title VI Plan update to the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization for approval, duly seconded by Rick Youngblood, this motion passed unanimously.

4. Region 2000 Rural Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Scott Smith provided a review of the Plan update and noted that in preparation for the effort he will be visiting each locality to discuss aspects of the current Plan. Smith stated that a key to this effort will be the coordination of the Rural Plan with existing plans.

Rick Youngblood stated that he contributes many of the HB2 projects submitted from the region having been screened into the HB2 evaluation process due to their strong support and inclusion in the rural long range transportation plan as well as other regional plans.

5. Matters from the Committee

Bob White

Gregg Zody provided a project overview of the Route 811 Corridor Study being conducted in Bedford County.

Paul Harvey provided a project overview of the Route 29 Corridor from intersection of Rt. 24/Yellow Branch north to the Lynchburg City line. Rick Youngblood added that this study is a SHRP II study, funded through FWHA. It will utilize a planning tool called PlanWorks which uses a facilitator on this corridor. He noted that this is not a full study of the corridor but rather will result in a strategic plan that Campbell County and VDOT have already approved to facilitate easier coordination in developing areas along this corridor. Cheng Yan noted that this project ranked high among priority studies country-wide.

Rick Youngblood briefed the Committee on a regional connectivity study, presses forward by Commonwealth Transportation Board member Shannon Valentine, to look at economic viability of the Lynchburg surrounding area in regards to a multimodal transportation system and what may be missing from in view of economic development. The project will utilize modeling data from other markets to create a sub-regional supermodel that ties in these other markets. Essentially this is a sub study of VTrans 2040. Bob White added that one of the goals of the CEDS is to strengthen interconnectivity between our region and our external markets. White noted that this project will identify strategies, and possibly projects, that will be quantified and be assured that if these strategies/projects are pursued then we will be doing something to improve the economy in our area.

Rick Youngblood briefed the Committee on a STARS study for Candler's Mountain Road from Route 460 to Wards Road. Youngblood noted that this study should be completed by summer 2016 and will be released in conjunction with the Rt. 29 Expressway Study.

Rick Youngblood noted that the next STARS study project area has been identified as the Timberlake Rd corridor from Waterlick Road extending to Leesville Road.

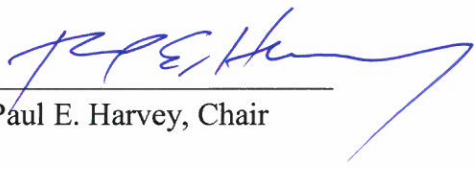
Rick Youngblood also noted that there will also be a study in Nelson County regarding the Lockn festival property at Oak Ridge Farm in Arrington, VA.

Kelly Hitchcock noted that there is a “Technical Assistance from FTA and Transit Oriented Development” webinar scheduled in the near future. Also, Hitchcock mentioned that webinar scheduled on this same day led by FHWA regarding changes and Own Road facilitation for bike accommodations.

Chris Arabia reminded that DRPT’s application period is for Transit Capital and Operating Grants is open and closes the first business day of February. Arabia also noted that the updates for the transit development plans are due January 1.

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Youngblood, seconded by Lee Beaumont, and with no objections being heard, Chairman Harvey adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Signed: 
Paul E. Harvey, Chair