

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor
February 11, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

URBAN MEMBERS

PRESENT

Christopher Arabia.....Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Lee Beaumont.....Liberty University
Jeremy Bryant.....Amherst County
Maggie Cossman for Tom Martin.....City of Lynchburg
Paul Harvey.....Campbell County
Jack Hobbs.....Town of Amherst
Richard Metz.....Campbell County Citizen’s Representative
Brad Robinson.....Bedford County
Rick Youngblood.....VDOT-Lynchburg District

ABSENT

Doyle Allen.....Bedford County Citizen Representative
Josh Baker.....GLTC
Mark Courtney.....Lynchburg Regional Airport
Cheng Yan.....Federal Highway Administration

RURAL MEMBERS

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Christopher Arabia.....Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Jeremy Bryant.....Amherst County
Paul Harvey.....Campbell County
Richard Metz.....Campbell County Citizens Representative
Brad Robinson.....Bedford County
Rick Youngblood.....VDOT-Lynchburg District

ABSENT

Doyle Allen.....Bedford County Citizen Representative
Roxanne Casto.....Town of Appomattox
Johnnie Roark.....Appomattox County
Russell Thurston.....Town of Brookneal
Bart Warner.....Bedford City
Dan Witt.....Town of Altavista
Cheng Yan.....Federal Highway Administration

OTHERS PRESENT

Don Austin.....VDOT-Lynchburg District
David Cook..... VDOT-Lynchburg District
Philipp Gabathuler.....Local Government Council
Kelly Hitchcock.....Local Government Council
Matt Perkins.....Local Government Council
Bob White.....Local Government Council

1. Call to Order

Paul Harvey called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

2. Approval of December 10, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Rick Youngblood to approve the minutes of December 10, 2015 as presented, duly seconded by Richard Metz, this motion passed unanimously.

**3. Discussion of the CVMPO and Region 2000 Local Government Council FY-17
Transportation Work Programs**

Bob White noted that he has started work on the transportation work programs for the CVMPO and Local Government. White provided an overview of the direction of the programs noting that planning funds will be dedicated to update and maintenance to the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program, especially important in light of HB2, for alternative transportation planning throughout the MPO, support of transit planning activities to GLTC, and general support to localities as needed.

Philipp Gabathuler presented an overview of GLTC initiatives and the interaction of staff with transit planning in the region. Gabathuler noted specific efforts such as development of Route Advisory Committee, Bus Stop Consolidation Study and Transit Development Plan update.

White noted that the Rural program efforts are similar to those on the Urban side in respect to administrative functions, general development support, alternative transportation efforts and technical assistance to localities. White noted that the Rural Transportation Plan will be updated this coming year.

Kelly Hitchcock provided further details regarding alternative transportation efforts such as Safer Streets Challenge, application to grants for clean street pilot projects and efforts working with Amherst Town on walkability study.

4. Update on the HB2 Project Selection Process

Rick Youngblood noted that the scores for HB2 were released in January. Youngblood noted that under the recommended scenario that the Lynchburg District funding level increases from about \$35 million to \$63 million to support district grant program. He noted that from a scoring perspective, the projects submitted through HB2 by the Lynchburg District were almost double of State average. Youngblood noted that the work, not only of VDOT, but also the CVMPO and PDC and the prioritization process implemented paid off in that 26 of the 36 submitted projects to HB2 were listed in the recommended scenario. Youngblood noted that the Commonwealth Transportation Board still must review and approve the projects and that it may change slightly. Youngblood noted that if the Region continues to work together as it has, that the Region will continue to see dividends paid to the district in regards to our transportation projects.

Bob White noted that staff is pursuing a de-briefing on the scoring and selection process to better position project submittals under HB2 in the next round.

5. Overview of Current Planning Activities: Campbell County

Paul Harvey presented an overview of planning activities in Campbell County. Harvey noted the “hotspots” for development in the County are those within a one-mile radius of the intersections of Airport Rd and Wards Road and Waterlick and Timberlake Road. Additionally, Harvey noted the County has a decrease in natural growth rate (more deaths than births in the county) and that all population growth experienced is from people moving into the County as well as noting additional planning challenges and opportunities in the County. Additionally, Harvey provided some details on a current study effort on RT 29 and the expected outcomes of that study.

6. Matters from the Committee

Kelly Hitchcock announced an upcoming one-hour webinar on van pools on February 24th and encouraged the Committee to share with their networks.

Chris Arabia noted the Telework Week is March 7 – 11 and DRPT will be promoting and sending information out to staff.

7. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Richard Metz to adjourn, duly seconded by Rick Youngblood, this motion carried unanimously.

Signed:


Paul E. Harvey, Chair