

# Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, March 10, 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  
Paul Harvey.....Campbell County  
Tom Martin.....City of Lynchburg  
Brad Robinson.....Bedford County  
Rick Youngblood.....VDOT-Lynchburg District

#### **ABSENT**

Doyle Allen.....Bedford County Citizen Representative  
Josh Baker.....GLTC  
Mark Courtney.....Lynchburg Regional Airport  
Jack Hobbs .....Town of Amherst  
Richard Metz.....Campbell County Citizen’s Representative  
Cheng Yan.....Federal Highway Administration

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Doyle Allen.....Bedford County Citizen Representative  
Roxanne Casto.....Town of Appomattox  
Richard Metz.....Campbell County Citizens Representative  
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

David Cook.....VDOT  
Kelly Hitchcock.....Local Government Council  
Matt Perkins.....Local Government Council  
Judie Talbot.....Institute for Environmental Negotiation, University of Virginia  
Bob White.....Local Government Council

### **1. Call to Order**

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

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

Bob presented the FY-17 Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). White noted that the funding level remains virtually the same from last year, provided background to the Program and noted that the Program would be presented at the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization's April meeting for approval pending a recommendation from the Committee. White reviewed projects and provided overview of details of efforts in the program.

Kelly Hitchcock presented project overview of alternative transportation elements of the Program. In addition, White noted that alternative transportation aspects within a community are increasingly becoming considered as critical elements in the economic development of a region.

White also presented the FY-17 Region 2000 Local Government Council Rural Transportation Planning Work Program noting that it closely mirrors that of the UPWP. White noted that the major effort for the upcoming year is the update to the Rural Long Range Transportation Plan.

Rick Youngblood noted that both programs had been reviewed both at the State and Local level and edits and suggestions from both had been incorporated in to the document.

Upon a motion by Rick Youngblood to recommend both the FY-17 Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization Unified Planning Work Program and the FY-17 Region 2000 Local Government Council Rural Transportation Planning Work Program as presented, to the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Region 2000 Local Government Council respectively, for approval, duly seconded by Tom Martin, this motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Overview of Current Planning Activities: City of Lynchburg**

Tom Martin provided an overview of current planning activities in the City of Lynchburg. Martin noted key findings from the City's recent zoning ordinance diagnostic and reviewed the update to the City's Comprehensive Plan. Martin noted that key elements of the

update took into account density, mixed uses, design review, mobility, and environment. Additionally, Martin reviewed specific updates to the city's zoning ordinance.

Martin reviewed ongoing and future initiatives including Tinbridge Hill Streetscape Improvements, Safe Routes to School projects, Downtown Streetscape Improvements, and Tyreeanna/Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Plan Update.

Martin also noted that the City has established their first Institutional District.

#### **4. Update on the HB2 Project Selection Process**

Rick Youngblood provided an update to the HB2 project selection process. Youngblood noted that the Lynchburg District did well in the recommended scenario and noted that the work accomplished by the localities, VDOT, the Transportation Technical Committee, the Region 2000 Local Government Council, and other players made the HB2 effort seemingly fruitful.

#### **5. Overview of the Campbell County/RT 29 Corridor Study Effort**

Paul Harvey introduced the project and introduced Judy Talbot, Senior Associate with the Institute for Environmental Negotiation of the University of Virginia and facilitator on this project.

Talbot provided further details on Route 29 Corridor Study. Reviewed aspects of the study including community meetings, conversations with other parties with interest in the corridor such as Greater Lynchburg Transit Company, Lynchburg Airport, Liberty University and various businesses along the corridor that seek to hear about goals and ideas of these individuals regarding current and future corridor conditions. The study intends to identify preferred options and alternatives for the corridor and identify priorities for implementation.

Rick Youngblood added insight to the process, who is involved, and the importance and significance of this project, not just locally, but nationally as it is being watched and will be potentially used as a template to apply to future projects.

#### **6. Matters from the Committee**

No additional matters were brought to the Committee for discussion.

#### **7. Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Rick Youngblood to adjourn, duly seconded by Brad Robinson, this motion carried unanimously.

Signed:

  
Paul E. Harvey, Chair