

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, February 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Nick Britton (U/R).....Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Maggie Cossman (U).....City of Lynchburg
Mariel Fowler (U/R).....Bedford County
Paul Harvey (U/R).....Campbell County
Johnnie Roark (R).....Appomattox County

ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R).....Bedford County Citizen Representative
Josh Baker (U).....Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Lee Beaumont (U).....Liberty University
Jeremy Bryant (U/R).....Amherst County
Roxanne Casto (R).....Town of Appomattox
Mark Courtney (U).....Lynchburg Regional Airport
Jack Hobbs (U).....Town of Amherst
Kevin Jones (U/R).....Federal Highway Administration
Tom Martin (U).....City of Lynchburg
Richard Metz (U/R).....Campbell County Citizen Representative
Russell Thurston (R).....Town of Brookneal
Bart Warner (R).....Town of Bedford
Dan Witt (R).....Town of Altavista
Rick Youngblood (U/R).....VDOT-Lynchburg District

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

OTHERS PRESENT

David Cook (U/R).....VDOT-Lynchburg District
Susan Cook.....Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO
Philipp Gabathuler.....Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO
Austin Mitchell (U/R).....Amherst County
Scott Smith.....Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2017

Upon a motion by Johnnie Roark to approve the minutes of January 12, 2017 as presented, duly seconded by Maggie Cossman, this motion passed unanimously.

3. Report on Items of Interest from VDOT Annual Programming Meeting

Scott Smith gave an update on a Smart Scale presentation at the annual programming meeting. Our localities submitted 10 projects for Smart Scale funding in this cycle, and 4 are slated for funding:

- Old Courthouse Road project in Appomattox
- 151 - Rte. 29 intersection improvements in Amherst County
- Patriot's Place roundabout
- Turn lane at the intersection of Waterlick and Thomas Jefferson Road in Bedford County

The presentation talks about the average request costs for the projects and what could make applications stronger.

David Cook recommended thinking about safety and economic development when putting applications together, as they are rated very highly on Smart Scale.

VDOT is also going to be doing a pilot program with Rtes. 29 and 460 to develop an arterial management/corridor preservation plan.

4. VTrans 2025 Multimodal Plan Tier I Recommendations Public Comment

Mr. Smith reported that the public comment part of the website is now open, and he will send the address to everyone. He also explained that when Renaissance set up for the public comment meeting, they only brought information for the Lynchburg District. However, he added that there were no Tier 1 recommendations for Bedford County (Salem District).

5. Update on Several Transportation Studies in the Region

David Cook reported that the Timberlake Corridor Study kicked off on January 24. Operational and safety conditions are being studied on a three-mile section from Waterlick to Leesville Road. This will also be a multi-jurisdictional study between Lynchburg and Campbell County.

The Rte. 29 assessment has been wrapped up and the draft version is on the website.

The Candler's Mt. Road assessment has also wrapped up and the draft version is available.

Philipp Gabathuler reported there are two weeks left on the congestion survey. Currently there have been 211 responses. Data should be available by the next TTC meeting.

Nick Britton advised the committee that he has just finished a data collections study on all of the urban transit agencies in the state, including the GLTC. He added that the GLTC does a good job of maintaining data, which is important, because a portion of operating money comes from data provided on trends in ridership, service hours, and service miles. Growth at Liberty University and increased ridership have contributed to increased funds.

Scott Smith asked if the committee has previously discussed an inter-city bus service connecting Lynchburg to Charlottesville or Roanoke. He explained that Gary Christie, Centra Health, GLTC, and other organizations have met a couple of times in the past year to talk about the possibility of a connector service to go to Charlottesville or to the VA Medical Center in Roanoke. He suggested that the next step for the committee would be to facilitate a survey of potential riders to gauge demand and interest. However, the trick would be getting to the right people. He is working on a plan for this.

6. Matters from the Committee - There were none.

7. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Johnnie Roark to adjourn, duly seconded by Maggie Cossman, Paul Harvey adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m. The next meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee will be on January 12, 2017.

Signed: _____
Paul E. Harvey, *Chair*

Date: _____