

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, June 8, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Lee Beaumont (U) Liberty University
Brian Booth (U) Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Nick Britton (U/R) Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Mariel Fowler (UR) Bedford County
Paul Harvey (U/R) Campbell County

ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R) Bedford County Citizen Representative
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
Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County
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 VDOT – Lynchburg District
Susan Cook Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO
Philipp Gabathuler Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO
Austin Mitchell Amherst County
Lee Newland City of Lynchburg
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: April 13, 2017

Upon a motion by Lee Newland to approve the minutes of April 13, 2017 as presented, duly seconded by Austin Mitchell, this motion was passed with Nick Britton abstaining.

3. Update on changes to the FY 18-21 TIP

Scott Smith explained that there were some last-minute changes to the FY 18-21 TIP that went before the MPO at the April meeting. These changes were mainly dollar amounts for the DRPT. This was handled by having the MPO adopt the TIP that had been advertised for 30 days, and then immediately adopting amendments to the TIP based on another 30-day comment period with no negative comments coming back. Since no public comments were received, the amendments to the TIP were confirmed.

4. Presentation on Draft Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) Update

Philipp Gabathuler gave a brief overview of the RLRTP and explained that projects for each of the localities had to be prioritized. He is asking the TTC to recommend approval of the plan by the LGC in August.

A motion was made by Austin Mitchell, and seconded by Muriel Fowler, to recommend approval by the Local Government Council. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion on TTC Attendance and Quorum Challenges

Scott Smith advised that the TTC needed to work under the assumption that the TTC operates the same as the MPO policy board operates. This would mean that substitute members are not allowed to vote. Scott emphasized that members were needed to participate, so that a quorum would be present when needed. To better facilitate this, he will send out a survey asking questions concerning the meeting day and time. If changes are needed, including members, he will try to get these approved by VDOT.

6. Matters from the Committee

Scott gave committee members copies of a presentation that he and Philipp viewed as a webinar, titled Common Sense Engineering. He explained that this presentation has information about all of the alternative intersections, such as divergent diamonds, super streets, and continuous green.

Scott asked Paul Harvey, Lee Beaumont, and Lee Newland to report on what the Campbell County Board of Supervisors voted to do about being the fiscal agent for the road work on Liberty University's campus, as Lynchburg has used all of its revenue share money and is at its cap. Lee Beaumont explained that this has been done before, and is an example of regional cooperation.

Mariel Fowler asked to follow up with the committee on assistance with studies in the Forest area, especially on 811. Scott noted that he had discussed this with Gregg Zody, and one of his ideas was to do a UDA (Urban Development Area) for 811 between Forest and New London. However, in talking with VDOT, they did not think that at this point the area is dense enough for a UDA, but he is looking for different options.

Scott also reported that when the Commonwealth Transportation Board announced the preliminary list of projects that would be funded by Smart Scale, there were four projects in this area:

- 1) Intersection of Rtes. 151 and 29
- 2) Old Courthouse Road in Appomattox
- 3) Turn lane at Waterlick and Thomas Jefferson Road
- 4) Roundabout at Patriot Place on Rt. 811

The roundabout has been pulled from the draft funding scenario. Only one of the remaining projects is in the MPO area.

7. **Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

The next meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee will be on August 10, 2017.

Signed: _____
Paul E. Harvey, Chair

Date: _____