

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

Region 2000 Local Government Council Office

Large Conference Room

828 Main Street, 12th Floor

Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

Thursday, August 10, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**.....Paul Harvey, *Chair*

2. **Approval of Minutes: June 8, 2017**
(See Attachment 1)

3. **Discussion on Proposed Changes to SMART SCALE and Project Ideas within Region**.....Rick Youngblood, *VDOT Lynchburg District*

4. **Presentation on Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (Applications due November 1)**.....Scott Smith, *CVMPO*

5. **Matters from the Committee**.....All

6. **Adjournment** - Next meeting: **September 14, 2017 at 10:30 am**

General Information

- Transportation Technical Committee Statement of Purpose (*See Attachment GI*)

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

DRAFT 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: _____

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Approved September 5, 2002

The Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee (Committee) is responsible for supporting the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CVMPO) and Region 2000 Regional Commission's transportation policy decision-making efforts.

The Committee provides technical advice in coordinating the federally-mandated "3-C" or continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative, transportation planning and programming process.

The Committee's three principal work efforts are updating the long range transportation plan, updating the transportation improvement program (TIP), and developing the annual unified planning work program. The Committee, in conjunction with its rural colleagues, also develops the annual Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program Scope of Work. The Committee's intent is to review and comment on TIP projects and work program products.

The Committee acknowledges that the long range transportation plan update is the primary planning document for transportation issues in the Central Virginia region. This planning initiative drives the formulation of the transportation improvement program, as well as the annual work programs.

The Committee further realizes that the long range transportation planning process must identify regional priorities in order to fully influence project funding decisions ultimately exercised by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The Committee's intent is to recommend priorities and encourage the CVMPO to set these priorities at the regional level.

Because of its importance, the Committee is fully committed to actively being involved in the long range transportation planning process.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee will:

1. Coordinate with local planning departments to ensure an understanding of pertinent local development issues and their impact on the region;
2. Coordinate with nearby MPOs and develop an ongoing dialogue with them;
3. Strive to integrate land use and economic development, as well as transportation considerations, in its planning process;
4. Strive to be proactive as opposed to reactive in problem solving.