

# Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

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

## MINUTES

### PRESENT

Lee Beaumont (U) ..... Liberty University  
Don DeBerry (U) ..... City of Lynchburg  
Mariel Fowler (UR) ..... Bedford County  
Paul Harvey (U/R) ..... Campbell County  
Richard Metz (U/R) ..... Campbell County Citizen Representative

### ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R) ..... Bedford County Citizen Representative  
Brian Booth (U) ..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company  
Nick Britton (U/R) ..... Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation  
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  
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

Susan Cook ..... Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO  
Philipp Gabathuler ..... Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO  
Samuel Hayes ..... Moffatt & Nichol  
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: June 8, 2017**

Upon a motion by Richard Metz to approve the minutes of June 8, 2017 as presented, duly seconded by Mariel Fowler, this motion was passed unanimously.

**3. Discussion on the Proposed Changes to SMART SCALE and Project Ideas within the Region**

Philipp Gabathuler reviewed a brief history of Smart Scale Rounds 1 and 2 and stressed the importance of the economic development aspect in submitting projects to Smart Scale. He advised that Rick Youngblood wants to know which projects the localities are looking to move forward, so he can let the traffic engineers at VDOT know and they can come up with project alternatives that will provide a lower cost and increase the value, giving a higher Smart Scale score.

Philipp advised that VDOT's Smart Scale Portal has every application submitted available for viewing. Projects that were funded can be viewed to see how they scored.

Philipp handed out the Lynchburg District Smart Scale Schedule for 2017-2018.

The region has two levels in the Smart Scale application for rating, "C" being Urban and "D" being Rural.

Scott Smith explained that preliminary Smart Scale applications need to be completed from March to May of next year. If a locality does not submit an application during that window, it cannot submit an application later.

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

Scott Smith explained that this program is for non-traditional transportation, such as trails, pedestrian amenities, and bicycle accommodations.

He reported that Altavista, Brookneal, and Amherst County are putting in Transportation Alternative applications this fall.

Scott also advised that Transportation Alternatives are applied for through the Smart Scale portal, and that just like Smart Scale, the Transportation Alternatives is going to a two year cycle. They will be applied for this fall or late summer, and then alternate with Smart Scale with a two year cycle. Another change in the program is that except for land acquisition, match cannot be accrued until after the federal authorization is given. With land acquisition, you can only count the value of the land when it was given, not the current value.

**5. Matters from the Committee**

Scott thanked committee members for participating in the survey concerning how to improve attendance and participation in TTC meetings. He also stated that he would have by-laws ready for review at the September meeting, for the MPO to approve in October.

Sam Hayes, visiting at the meeting, introduced himself. He is retired from VDOT and has been working with the firm of Moffatt & Nichol.

**6. Adjournment** – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

**Next meeting: September 21, 2017.**

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_