

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

Region 2000 Local Government Council Office

Large Conference Room

828 Main Street, 12th Floor

Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

Thursday, September 21, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**.....Paul Harvey, *Chair*
2. **Approval of Minutes: August 10, 2017**
(See Attachment 1)
3. **Discussion on Safety Performance Measures required by FHWA**..... Philipp Gabathuler & Scott Smith, *CVMPO*
4. **Discussion on SmartScale Projects to be Submitted in 2018**..... Rick Youngblood, *VDOT Lynchburg District*
5. **Discussion on Proposed Changes to TTC Membership**..... Scott Smith, *CVMPO*
6. **Matters from the Committee**.....All
7. **Adjournment** - Next meeting: **October 12, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.**

General Information

- Transportation Technical Committee Statement of Purpose (*See Attachment G1*)

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

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

DRAFT 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.

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.