

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

Region 2000 Local Government Council Office

Large Conference Room

828 Main Street, 12th Floor

Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

Thursday, October 12, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**.....Paul Harvey, *Chair*
2. **Approval of Minutes: September 21, 2017**
(See Attachment 1)
3. **Recommendation of Transportation Alternatives Project Applications**..... Scott Smith & Philipp Gabathuler, *CVMPO*
4. **Continued Discussion on Upcoming Adoption of MAP-21 Safety Performance Measures**..... Scott Smith, *CVMPO*
5. **Presentation on the Role of TTCs and MPOs in Virginia**..... Scott Smith, *CVMPO*
6. **Matters from the Committee**.....All
7. **Adjournment** - Next meeting: **November 9, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.**

General Information

- Transportation Technical Committee Statement of Purpose (See Attachment G1)
- **Local Government Council Fall Dinner** (Thursday, October 19, 6:00 p.m. at Holiday Inn Select) will feature Cathy McGhee of the Virginia Transportation Research Council. She will be speaking about their work to prepare for connected and automated vehicles. Contact Matt Perkins at mperkins@region2000.org to sign up.

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, September 21, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT

Lee Beaumont (U) Liberty University
Brian Booth (U) Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Don DeBerry City of Lynchburg
Mariel Fowler (UR) Bedford County
Paul Harvey (U/R) Campbell County
Tom Martin (U) City of Lynchburg
Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County
Russell Thurston (R) Town of Brookneal
Rick Youngblood (U/R) VDOT – Lynchburg District

ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R) Bedford County Citizen Representative
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
Kevin Jones (U/R) Federal Highway Administration
Richard Metz (U/R) Campbell County Citizen Representative
Bart Warner (R) Town of Bedford
Dan Witt (R) Town of Altavista

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
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: August 10, 2017

Upon a motion by Rick Youngblood to approve the minutes of August 10, 2017 as presented, duly seconded by Don DeBerry, this motion was passed unanimously.

3. Discussion on Safety Performance Measures required by FHWA

Scott Smith explained that the question had been asked as to what we are doing to measure whether all of the projects work or do not work to reduce congestion or improve safety. Scott explained that the federal government is preparing the MPOs to start measuring the performance of all of the projects and programs. This includes crash rates, congestion, and other factors. He added that he and Philipp have been going to training this year to prepare for this.

The MPOs are being given two choices:

- 1) Using the metrics and guidelines measures that the state comes up with
- 2) Come up with our own

At this point, Scott recommends following the state's measures, at least for the first go-round.

Philipp Gabathuler added that both the RLRP and LRP have transportation improvement projects ranked and prioritized according to performance measures and technical attributes already.

Rick Youngblood explained that using the state's metrics gives us a baseline to work with.

Scott advised that three purposes will be served:

- 1) Satisfies federal requirements
- 2) Performance measures will help CEDS measure transportation improvement.
- 3) When localities ask whether transportation improvements have helped, there will be a tracking measure available as a group package.

The MPO has to make a determination and adopt the plan by the end of January.

4. Discussion on SmartScale Projects to be submitted in 2018

Rick Youngblood advised that SmartScale is now on a two-year cycle.

He also stated that everyone should have gotten the Google Map link that David Cook put together. The premise behind this is to be able to look at safety issues specifically in more rural areas, see the Rural Long-Range Transportation Projects, and be able to build a case from a justification standpoint. At present there are about 44 projects for SmartScale. These include resubmissions that did not get funded last year and also new projects. The application process opens up about March 1 for Notice of Intent. In order to make an application to SmartScale, a Notice of Intent must be done.

5. Discussion on Proposed Changes to TTC Membership

Scott explained that he had been trying to figure out how to make the TTC and MPO function smoother and be more effective. One of the issues with the TTC is that there are a lot of members, but seldom enough for a quorum. He stated that he felt that we should either come into compliance with the by-laws or change them. The current MPO bylaws were written in 1979. Scott presented a list of voting members by locality to the committee and asked for their input. The suggestion was made to take the citizens representatives off of the TTC and put them on a citizens committee, along with LRTAG members. Another suggestion was to take the Lynchburg Regional Airport and FHWA as voting members. The possibility of one representative from the

City of Lynchburg was suggested. The necessity of having the towns as voting members was also discussed.

The questions of what the purpose and mission of the TTC was also raised. Scott advised that at the November TTC meeting he plans on presenting an introduction or re-introduction into what the TTC and MPO do, and what the legally-required role is.

6. Matters from the Committee

Brian Booth reported that GLTC has kicked off the update of their Transportation Development Plan. The purpose is to outline goals and objectives, financial needs, and capital needs over the next six to ten years. The process started in August and they have been looking at policies and preparing a survey to be launched publicly. They are also providing contact information for regional stakeholders to the consultants.

Rick Youngblood announced that October 4 is the date for the fall transportation meeting at the Holiday Inn Select downtown.

7. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Next meeting: October 12, 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.