

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

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

MINUTES

PRESENT

Lee Beaumont (U) Liberty University
Brian Booth (U) Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
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
Russell Thurston (R) Town of Brookneal

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
Tom Martin (U) City of Lynchburg
Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County
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
Anne Nygaard 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: September 21, 2017

Upon a motion by Richard Metz to approve the minutes of August 10, 2017 as presented, duly seconded by Russell Thurston, this motion was passed unanimously.

3. Recommendation of Transportation Alternatives Project Applications

Scott Smith reported that two localities within the MPO are submitting Transportation Alternatives Projects in this round:

- Amherst County is requesting additional money to expand the River Edge Trail, to ultimately connect it to the James River Heritage Trail (Blackwater Creek Trail). They are looking for additional engineering money to plan for the extension.
- The City of Lynchburg is putting in two applications for TAP funding:
 - 1) Requesting money to extend the Blackwater Creek Bikeway from its current terminus which is at the Greek Orthodox Church on Langhorne Road to extend it across the railroad bridge over to Linkhorne Elementary and Middle School.
 - 2) They are asking for money to design and acquire the right of way for the Atlanta Ave. pedestrian trail.

The Transportation Alternatives Program requires that the MPO endorse the projects, so the TTC is asked to recommend the MPO Policy Board adopt the resolutions.

The motion was made by Russell Thurston, and seconded by Richard Metz, to recommend the MPO Policy Board adopt the resolutions. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Continued Discussion on Upcoming Adoption of MAP-21 Safety Performance Measures

This item has been moved to the November agenda.

5. Lynchburg HSIP Funding Requests

The City of Lynchburg has asked the MPO to provide a Resolution of Support for applications for four projects for HSIP funding:

- 1) Adaptive signal work along Graves Mill Road
- 2) Roundabout at Nationwide Drive and Graves Mill Road
- 3) Pedestrian improvements on Old Forest Road
- 4) Pedestrian improvements on Kemper Street

The motion was made by Russell Thurston, and seconded by Richard Metz, to recommend that the MPO endorse these projects. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Presentation on the Role of TTCs and MPOs in Virginia

Scott Smith gave a brief overview on what the MPO is, and what it does. He explained that the MPO is supposed to be the local voice for federally funded transportation projects. The federal government decided that an urbanized area of 50,000 or more would be covered by an MPO. MPOs all around the country are federally mandated, comprised of representatives from local government and transportation agencies with authority and responsibility in urbanized areas.

There are four main things that an MPO does:

- 1) Set the place for transportation decision making and discussion to occur
- 2) Look at possible solutions to different problems in the region
- 3) Develop and maintain the Long-Range Transportation Plan
- 4) Maintain and develop the Transportation Improvement Program

MPO funding comes from:

- 1) Federal Highway Administration
- 2) Federal Transit Administration
- 3) Region 2000 Local Government Council
- 4) State Partners

Our MPO is made up of:

- One elected official from each locality: Amherst Town, Amherst County, Campbell County, City of Lynchburg, and Bedford County
- Chief Administrative Officer from each locality: County Administrator, Town Manager, or City Manager
- A representative of the Virginia Secretary of Transportation
- A representative from the transit agency (GLTC)
- A representative from Liberty University

7. Matters from the Committee

Brian Booth gave an update on the GLTC development plan. He advised that last week the consultants kicked off the survey data collection on stakeholder outreach. They have already met with Liberty University. There is an online survey, and a paper version is also available at the public library and their transfer station. The survey will remain open through October.

8. Adjournment - Next meeting: November 9, 2017¹

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

¹ The November 9, 2017 TTC meeting was cancelled on 10/31/2017.