

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, December 14, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Lee Beaumont (U) Liberty University
Nick Britton (U/R) Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Don DeBerry (U) City of Lynchburg
Mariel Fowler (UR) Bedford County
Paul Harvey (U/R) Campbell County
Kevin Jones (U/R) Federal Highway Administration
Richard Metz (U/R) Campbell County Citizen Representative

ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R) Bedford County Citizen Representative
Brian Booth (U) Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Jeremy Bryant (U/R) Amherst County
Mark Courtney (U) Lynchburg Regional Airport
Peter Huber (U) Town of Amherst
Tom Martin (U) City of Lynchburg
Richard Metz (U/R) Campbell County Citizen Representative
Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County
Gary Shanaberger (R) Town of Appomattox
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

Dylan Bishop Amherst County
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

Scott Smith called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes: October 12, 2017

Upon a motion by Lee Beaumont to approve the minutes of October 12, 2017 as presented, duly seconded by Don DeBerry, this motion was passed unanimously.

3. Department of Conservation and Recreation Floodplain Management Workshop Announcement

For information purposes, Scott Smith advised that there will be a Floodplain Management Workshop on January 18, at the Kemper Street Transfer Station.

4. After Action Report: Graves Mill Road Corridor Study Public Information Workshop #1

Scott reported that there had been a public information workshop on the Graves Mill Road Corridor Study this past Tuesday at the Lynchburg Humane Society, and turnout was good. Representatives from EPR may attend the January or February meeting to give a formal report on the workshop.

5. The What, Why, and How of the CVMPO Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) Update

Philipp Gabathuler and David Cook gave a presentation updating the TTC on TAZ (Traffic Analysis Zones). Philipp explained that the VDOT Central Office creates the TAZ file. Uses for TAZ can include developing traffic forecasts. The four-step traffic demand model is used in Virginia, and all over the country. This model is based on number of trips, where the trips go, mode of transportation used, and routes taken. Information that is updated by this MPO is: population, households, employment, and projected number of automobiles based on land use, density, and income levels, based on census data. Philipp advised that he will be sending everyone a list of all TAZs and an interactive map.

David Cook reported that they are using historical data to project out to the future, looking at what land is currently available and whether it is multi-use or single family. They are looking at 20 to 25% growth in single family homes, and 75 to 80% growth in multi-family homes over the next 30 years.

Scott explained that this TAZ update was prompted by the central office when they realized that the transportation model for this region is out of date, and needs to be up to date before starting the Long-Range Plan process in a couple of years.

6. Discussion on Adoption of Map 21 Safety Targets

Scott Smith explained that the new federal transportation bill Map 21 is requiring the states and MPOs to start tracking performance of various elements of the transportation system. This includes transit performance, highway safety, bridge condition, pavement condition, connectivity time, and in some areas (not ours) air quality. Transit performance measures have already been adopted by the transit agencies.

Scott suggested that it may be time, as an MPO, to do highway safety programming or public programming and information campaigns. He explained that there are two basic options:

- 1) Adopt the safety targets recommended by VDOT for the whole state
- 2) Adopt our own

Most of the smaller MPOs are not adopting their own safety targets. Scott suggested, for the first round, adopting the state's safety targets. He will ask for an official recommendation next month, and endorsement by the MPO, to adopt the VDOT targets for this MPO region.

7. Matters from the Committee

Nick Britton shared that the I-81 bus service between Blacksburg and Washington D.C. began operation on December 1. Stops are made in Blacksburg, Lexington, Staunton, Harrisonburg, Front Royal, Dulles, Arlington and Union Station., and so far has exceeded rider expectations.

Scott Smith announced that Shannon Valentine has been appointed to be the new Secretary of Transportation.

8. Adjournment - Next meeting: January 11, 2018

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.