

# Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, January 11, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

## MINUTES

### PRESENT

Lee Beaumont (U).....Liberty University  
Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company  
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  
Johnnie Roark (R) ..... Appomattox County  
Russell Thurston (R) ..... Town of Brookneal

### ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R)..... Bedford County Citizen Representative  
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  
Gary Shanaberger (R)..... Town of Appomattox  
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  
Drew Draper ..... EPR, PC  
Philipp Gabathuler..... Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO  
Kelly Hitchcock..... Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO  
Anne Nygaard..... City of Lynchburg  
Scott Smith..... Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO  
Bill Wuensch ..... EPR, PC

**1. Call to Order**

Paul Harvey called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**2. Approval of the December 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Don DeBerry to approve the minutes of December 14, 2017 as presented, and seconded by Mariel Fowler, this motion was passed unanimously.

**3. Recommendation to CVMPO Policy Board of MAP 21 Safety & Transit**

Scott Smith explained that current federal legislation for transportation governance requires all of the states and MPOs to set safety performance targets, such as pavement condition and bridge condition. The first two that the MPO is doing deal with transit and safety. Scott distributed a list of MAP 21 performance targets, and asked for a recommendation to the MPO for adoption. The targets are in two categories:

- 1) GLTC Rolling Stock
- 2) Highway Safety Improvement

The motion was made by Russell Thurston, and seconded by Don DeBerry, to recommend adoption of the MAP 21 Performance Targets by the MPO. The motion was unanimously approved.

**4. Discussion on Local Planner Input for Region 2000 LGC Strategic Plan**

Kelly Hitchcock explained that the Local Government Council has a contractual agreement with the Dept. of Housing and Community Development, which requires a Strategic Plan. She asked if it would be possible to stay after a future TTC meeting to discuss what some of the key topics or concerns are. The decision was made to meet after the next TTC meeting.

**5. Update on Changes to Route & Schedule of ‘The Hopper’ Downtown Circulator Bus**

Brian Booth explained that GLTC has been operating the downtown circulator since August. In early December, GLTC reviewed the ridership of the first three months, and found that it was not sustainable. Therefore, the hours of operation will be changed to Monday through Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The route has been slightly condensed, with Church Street eliminated from the route. Frequency has been reduced to less than 10 minutes.

**6. Presentation on Graves Mill Road Corridor Study Progress**

Bill Wuensch and Drew Draper, of EP&R, gave a presentation on progress of the Graves Mill Road Corridor Study. Mr. Wuensch advised that they have conducted the first public meeting and are now putting together staff recommendations.

**7. DRPT Van Pool Programs**

Scott Smith explained that in the present work program there is an item for continuing exploration of the possibility of a Lynchburg to Charlottesville bus connector. However, at a van pool meeting yesterday, he realized that van pool options may be a good way to ease into getting people to Charlottesville. It may be more efficient and less expensive, and a better demonstration of what the need and demand is going to be. Scott said that there was a

little over \$23,000 rolled over from last year's budget that can be used this fiscal year. He asked if the TTC would consider modifying the work program line about the Lynchburg to Charlottesville bus to make it more general, to talk also about van pool options in the region, and to modify the budget to spend the \$23,000 in this fiscal year.

The committee agreed by consensus to put the \$23,000 into this year's budget for studying the van pool options. It will be presented to the MPO for adoption.

**9. Adjournment - Next meeting: February 8, 2018**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.