

# Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, March 8, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

## MINUTES

### PRESENT

Lee Beaumont (U).....Liberty University  
Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company  
Sara Carter (U)..... Town of Amherst  
Mark Courtney (U).....Lynchburg Regional Airport  
Don DeBerry (U).....City of Lynchburg  
Tiffany Dubinsky (U/R)..... Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation  
Mariel Fowler (UR) .....Bedford County  
Paul Harvey (U/R)..... Campbell County  
Kevin Jones (U/R).....Federal Highway Administration  
Tom Martin (U).....City of Lynchburg  
Richard Metz (U/R)..... Campbell County Citizen Representative  
Russell Thurston (R) ..... Town of Brookneal

### ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R)..... Bedford County Citizen Representative  
Jeremy Bryant (U/R) ..... Amherst County  
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

David Cook..... VDOT – Lynchburg District  
Susan Cook.....Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO  
Philipp Gabathuler.....Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO  
Kelly Hitchcock.....Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO  
J. P. Morris ..... VDOT Bedford Residency  
Anne Nygaard.....City of Lynchburg  
Scott Smith.....Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO  
Mary Zirkle..... Town of Bedford

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of the January 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Upon a motion by Richard Metz to approve the minutes of January 11, 2018 as presented, and seconded by Don DeBerry, this motion was unanimously passed.

**3. Recommendation to Local Government Council of FY 2019 Rural Work Program**

Scott Smith explained that there are two primary work programs, dealing with three funding sources that guide the transportation related work that the TTC does. There is the Rural Work Program that is addressed in March, and the Urban Work Program that is addressed in April. There are a couple of things that he and Philipp are planning on working with this year:

- 1) Scott and Philipp are continuing to build skill level in being able to do corridor and intersection studies. As part of this process they are hoping to help Bedford County this year with a grouping of intersections in the Goode area along U.S. 460.
- 2) Under Alternative Transportation Planning Activities they will be working with the Town of Bedford to either update or create a new bicycle and pedestrian plan.

The motion was made by Lee Beaumont, and seconded by Richard Metz, to recommend adoption by the Local Government Council. The motion was carried unanimously.

**4. Updates on Graves Mill Road Corridor Study and 221/Graves Mill Road Improvement Project**

Scott reported that the second public meeting to present the recommendations for the corridor study is scheduled for Monday, March 23 at 4:30 p.m. It will again be held at the Lynchburg Humane Society.

Scott advised that the VDOT Salem District sent out a notice related to Graves Mill, dealing with the Smart Scale funded project at Graves Mill and 221 and 221 and Grist Mill. Rather than holding a public meeting they sent out information instructing questions be sent to them by March 1. Scott presented this for information only.

**5. SMART SCALE Updates**

Scott reported that some webinars and WebEx trainings have recently been held, but recordings are available. There will be a refresher in May. The Smart Scale schedule has been altered some this year. There is a pre-application which has to be put in by June 1, and the full application is due on August 1. If the pre-application is not put in, the full application cannot be put in later. Also, there is now a cap on the applications. All of our localities are in Tier 1, which has a cap of 4 applications.

There is between an estimated \$800 million and \$1 billion dollars available for this 2 year Smart Scale cycle. Money for applications awarded will be available in 2024.

**6. Discussion of MPO Policy Board’s Interest in Supporting Lynchburg Regional Airport**

Scott Smith explained that at the last MPO meeting the question was raised as to whether when looking at next year’s work program, budgeting funds and staff resources, is there anything the MPO can do to help the airport. The MPO has not done anything with air service in the past. When meeting with other MPOs in the state next week, Scott said that he would ask them if they have examples of whether they have or have not been involved.

Mark Courtney explained that the biggest challenges they face right now is that the regional airline industry continues to go through a transitional phase. He added that as of July, the airport will be all jet flights.

Scott added that there will be discussion at the April MPO meeting, and Mr. Courtney will attend the meeting. Scott explained that the airport does appear in the TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan), and funding requests for the airport would go through that.

**7. Appointment of TTC Participant on MPO Bylaw Review**

Scott reported that at the last MPO meeting two members volunteered to serve on a sub-committee to work on updating the MPO bylaws. The last bylaws revision was done in 1996. Paul Harvey volunteered to serve on the committee, along with the two volunteers from the MPO.

**8. CVMPO/LGC RFP for On-Call Consulting**

Scott Smith explained that there are several consultants available on an on-call basis to use for various projects. In the past an RFP has been issued and a few consultants are hired to keep on reserve for three years. It is time to begin this process again, but this year the language is being changed to allow the localities to also use the consultants. Another change this year will be instead of getting two traffic engineering firms, there will be at least one traffic engineer and also a general planning consultant.

**9. Matters from the Committee**

- David Cook announced that the American Planning Association is going to sponsor a symposium on April 9, at the Holiday Inn Downtown Lynchburg. The focus will be planning implementation in downtown.
- Tiffany Dubinsky introduced herself as the alternate for Nick Britton at DRPT.
- Scott Smith introduced new members Sara Carter, Amherst County Town Manager, J.P. Morris, from the Town of Bedford, and Mary Zirkle with the Town of Bedford.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The next meeting will be on April 12, 2018.