

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

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

MINUTES

PRESENT

Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Nick Britton (U/R)..... Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Jeremy Bryant (U/R) Amherst County
Todd Carroll (U)..... Liberty University
Don DeBerry (U)..... City of Lynchburg
Mariel Fowler (U/R) Bedford County
Paul Harvey (U/R)..... Campbell County
Kevin Jones (U/R)..... Federal Highway Administration

ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R) Bedford County Citizen Representative
Sara Carter (U) Town of Amherst
Mark Courtney (U)..... Lynchburg Regional Airport
Tiffany Dubinsky (U/R) Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
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

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
Samuel Hayes Moffatt & Nichol
Scott Smith Region 2000 LGC/CVMPO
Daniel Sonenklar Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the June 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Don DeBerry and seconded by Mariel Fowler the minutes of June 14, 2018 were unanimously approved.

3. Recommendation to CVMPO Policy Board & Local Government Council of SmartScale Applications

Scott Smith gave out a list of SmartScale applications that are live in the system right now.

Four SmartScale projects that are within the MPO boundaries either need to be listed in the Long Range Plan or consistent with the Long Range Plan and need to be certified by the MPO with a resolution submitted stating this. For rural projects a resolution is not needed, but the Local Government Council traditionally provides a resolution to localities to support applications.

The motion was made by Don DeBerry to make a recommendation that both the MPO Policy Board and the Local Government Council adopt a resolution supporting the projects presented. Mariel Fowler seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

4. Presentation on Transit Reform

Nick Britton addressed transit funding by the state legislature. He explained that 31% of the funding will go to operating for agencies, while capital purchases receive 12.5%, with special projects such as transit demand management, experimental transit projects, operational studies, and technical assistance grants falling into this category. However expiring CPR bonds did not get addressed.

Effective July 1st funding order will be determined by a tiered approach in the following order:

- 1) state of good repair
- 2) minor enhancements
- 3) major expansion

The goal of this prioritization is to reduce backlog.

Also effective July 1st, 100% of statewide operating funds will be based on performance, with factors being the current number of passengers per hour, how many passengers per revenue mile, and net cost per passenger.

5. Matters from the Committee

- Brian Booth reported that GLTC is wrapping up the final stages of their Transit Development Plan. He should have the final plan by the end of next week. He advised that they are looking at some pretty significant route changes, and will be scheduling public meetings during the month of August.

- Nick Britton introduced Dan Sonenklar, the new planner at DRPT. He will also be the alternate for the CVMPO.
- Scott Smith reminded the committee that the on-call consultants are available for everyone one to use as long as the requirements of the funding source are met.
- A recommendation was made several months ago to the MPO Policy Board to make a change in the Work Program dealing with the Van Pool study that was proposed. Scott advised that this process is moving along. Proposals have been received and Kelly Hitchcock has been working with consultants, refining the scope of work and refining our understanding of the qualifications of the consultant. He added that the proposed fee from the top consultant is much higher than anticipated.
- Scott explained that each year the MPO tries to fund a corridor study through planning funds. Within the MPO area last year, they studied Graves Mill Road in the City of Lynchburg and partially in Bedford County. It did go before the Lynchburg City Planning Commission and they recommended that the City Council adopt it and make it part of the Comprehensive Plan. It will go before the City Council on August 14. The project for the next year will be Forest Brook Road, which is a short connector road between Lakeside and Old Forest Road. The two on-call transportation consultants, EPR and Clark Nexsen, will be asked to put in proposals.
- Scott asked everyone to be thinking of study projects either in the MPO area, or outside of the MPO area that can be done in the next fiscal year, specifically in the rural area.

6. Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

There will be no August meeting.