

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

Region 2000 Local Government Council Office

Large Conference Room

828 Main Street, 12th Floor

Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

Thursday, November 8, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**.....Paul Harvey, *Chair*
2. **Approval of Minutes: October 11, 2018**
(See Attachment 1)
3. **Update on Old Courthouse Road Project**
(Appomattox).....Johnnie Roark, *County of Appomattox*
4. **VDOT Updates on SmartScale Round 3 (and moving forward), LRTAG Meeting, VDOT SYIP Meeting, CVLRP & Model Update)**.....
Rick Youngblood/David Cook, VDOT
5. **Matters from the Committee**.....All
6. **Adjournment** - Next meeting: **December 13, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.**

General Information

- Transportation Technical Committee Statement of Purpose (*See Attachment G1*)

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

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

DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT

Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Dylan Bishop (for Jeremy Bryant) (U/R)..... Amherst County
Daniel Sonenklar (for Nick Britton) (U/R) Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Todd Carroll (U)..... Liberty University
Don DeBerry (U)..... City of Lynchburg
Mariel Fowler (U/R) Bedford County
Kevin Jones (U/R)..... Federal Highway Administration
Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County

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
Paul Harvey (U/R)..... Campbell County
Tom Martin (U) City of Lynchburg
Richard Metz (U/R)..... Campbell County Citizen Representative
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
J. P. Morris VDOT Bedford Residency
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 the July 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Rick Youngblood and seconded by Don DeBerry the minutes of July 12, 2018 were unanimously approved.

3. Recommendation of HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) Applications to VDOT

The City of Lynchburg is submitting six highway safety improvement projects to VDOT and has requested that the TTC make a recommendation to the MPO that they adopt a Resolution endorsing these project applications.

The TTC agreed by consensus to recommend the Resolution to the MPO.

4. Update on Traffic Improvements to US 29 SB Expressway Ramp at Wards Road

Don DeBerry, of the City of Lynchburg, reported that improvements have been made to the southbound ramp off the Expressway onto Wards Road. He explained that the city has an adaptive signal system that begins at the intersection of Wards Road and the mall, and extends all the way into the county, eleven systems down to English Tavern Road. Seven signals are in the city, and four signals belong to VDOT. They are all on the same adaptive signal system. Because of significant back-up onto the Expressway from traffic going into Liberty University through the tunnel, this summer they changed the timing of the signal system to control this. This has resulted in a crash reduction of 25%.

5. Update on SmartScale Scoring Process

Rick Youngblood reported that from this district 30 applications were submitted to SmartScale, with 29 Access Management being the largest, and 221 Split Pairs another large project. They are not yet at the scoring level, but finalizing the validation. There are no projects in this district that are on the hit list.

Rick advised that they will keep everybody updated and hopefully in the next week or two the final list will come out.

6. Presentation and Discussion on Recommended Improvements and Funding Mechanisms in the I-81 Corridor Study (and how they relate to the Lynchburg area)

Scott Smith reported that the General Assembly charged the Commonwealth Transportation Board with coming up with a plan for fixing I-81. They have made their second round of presentations throughout the 81 Corridor and will be doing a third round soon. Scott explained that the importance of I-81 to our area is due to the high usage of freight and other purposes.

Some of the issues Scott highlighted:

- Over half of the delays on 81 are caused by crashes.
- Along with infrastructure, the CTB is also looking at operations. Some of these are safety service patrols, having detour routes in place, and improving the parallel facilities.

The total estimate for doing all of the recommended improvements comes up to about 3 billion dollars. The estimate for the Salem District comes up to 1.6 to 2.1 billion dollars. This is for just the rail freight.

The General Assembly has instructed the CTB to look at revenue options, but stressed that these options could not include tolls for commuters. Scott explained that the areas having the most improvements are paying for them from ways other than SmartScale. If a funding stream can be dedicated to I-81 it would take demand off of Smart Scale for the VDOT districts in the Corridor and that money could be redirected into other projects that would be beneficial. Revenue options being considered are tolls for heavy commercial vehicles or a regional motor fuels tax. These regional taxes would only impact the PDCs in the Shenandoah, New River Valley, and southwest Virginia. However, Rick Youngblood did add that this concept has originated in this area for discussion to pay for our own transportation issues.

7. Matters from the Committee

Don DeBerry reported on the 221 meeting held on October 2. He stated that it was well attended with about 105 people. Scott added that there is no funding to build the 221-501 improvements.

Philipp Gabathuler reported on the Bedford Walkability and Pedestrian meeting. He advised that they had 40-50 people in attendance and received a lot of citizen input.

Dylan Bishop in the last budget cycle the Amherst County Board of Supervisors allocated \$25,000 towards esthetic improvements for the 29 business beautification committee in Madison Heights.

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

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Approved September 5, 2002

The Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee (Committee) is responsible for supporting the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CVMPO) and Region 2000 Regional Commission's transportation policy decision-making efforts.

The Committee provides technical advice in coordinating the federally-mandated "3-C" or continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative, transportation planning and programming process.

The Committee's three principal work efforts are updating the long range transportation plan, updating the transportation improvement program (TIP), and developing the annual unified planning work program. The Committee, in conjunction with its rural colleagues, also develops the annual Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program Scope of Work. The Committee's intent is to review and comment on TIP projects and work program products.

The Committee acknowledges that the long range transportation plan update is the primary planning document for transportation issues in the Central Virginia region. This planning initiative drives the formulation of the transportation improvement program, as well as the annual work programs.

The Committee further realizes that the long range transportation planning process must identify regional priorities in order to fully influence project funding decisions ultimately exercised by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The Committee's intent is to recommend priorities and encourage the CVMPO to set these priorities at the regional level.

Because of its importance, the Committee is fully committed to actively being involved in the long range transportation planning process.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee will:

1. Coordinate with local planning departments to ensure an understanding of pertinent local development issues and their impact on the region;
2. Coordinate with nearby MPOs and develop an ongoing dialogue with them;
3. Strive to integrate land use and economic development, as well as transportation considerations, in its planning process;
4. Strive to be proactive as opposed to reactive in problem solving.