

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor
August 13, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

URBAN MEMBERS

PRESENT

Jeremy Bryant.....Amherst County
Lee Beaumont.....Liberty University
Don DeBerry.....City of Lynchburg
Michael Gray.....VDOT-Salem District
Paul Harvey.....Campbell County
Brad Robinson.....Bedford County
Rick Youngblood.....VDOT-Lynchburg District

ABSENT

Doyle Allen.....Bedford County Citizen Representative
Christopher Arabia.....Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Josh Baker.....GLTC
Mark Courtney.....Lynchburg Regional Airport
Jack HobbsTown of Amherst
Tom Martin.....City of Lynchburg
Richard Metz.....Campbell County Citizen’s Representative

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Johnnie Roark.....Appomattox County
Russell Thurston.....Town of Brookneal
Bart Warner.....Bedford City
Dan Witt.....Town of Altavista

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Casella.....VDOT
Gary Christie.....Local Government Council
David Cook.....VDOT
Vlad Gavrilovic.....Renaissance Planning
Nishant Patel.....VDOT
Matt Perkins.....Local Government Council
Matthew Rehnborg.....EPR
Bob White.....Local Government Council
Bill Wuensch.....EPR

Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the June 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Upon the motion of Rick Youngblood to approve the minutes of June 11, 2015 as presented, seconded by Brad Robinson, the meeting minutes of June 11, 2015 were approved unanimously.

3. Consideration and Recommendation of an Amendment to the Public Participation Plan for the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization

Bob White presented background information specific to the amendment, namely that one addition to the CVMPO Public Participation Plan was needed to acknowledge GLTC’s public participation process.

Upon the motion of Don DeBerry to recommend the amendment to the Public Participation Plan to the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization, seconded by Jeremy Bryant, this motion to recommend the amendment passed unanimously.

4. Continued Discussion of the Central Virginia Long Range Transportation Plan

Bob White opened for discussion matters regarding potential approaches to creating a “Constrained Plan” which is to be included in the LRTP document and required by FHWA.

White noted that it has not been possible to get an answer from the State regarding funding levels for new projects. VDOT has suggested using funding estimates from the 2035 Plan.

By consensus, the Committee agreed to move forward with the LRTP update effort following the recommendation to use the funding estimates from the 2035 Plan. Projects included will be the SYIP items and those projects from the prioritized list until the funding estimate is exhausted.

Additionally, Bill Wuensch noted that the LRTP planning effort will be closed by the end of October. Wuensch noted that the final project Public Meeting will be scheduled in mid-September once final revisions are made to the draft LRTP document and then the Plan will be presented to the MPO in October for final approval. He provided information to the Committee on the LRTP documents and where members could view them in their entirety.

Finally, the Committee discussed projects for selection and submission to HB2. Rick Youngblood offered comments regarding the priority projects from the LRTP. He believes that the three top projects are strong candidate projects based on their inclusion in other studies and their priority ranking with the City of Lynchburg, Campbell County and the MPO.

Committee members discussed candidate projects and which projects their respective localities are intending on submitting to compete for funding in the 2015/2016 HB2 cycle.

5. HB2 Update

Rick Youngblood updated the Committee on the HB2 process noting specifically the submission process. Youngblood provided further information specific to project submission and how the different submitting agents should work together in project submission to optimize projects opportunities to be funded in the 2015/16 HB2 cycle. Youngblood again stressed the importance of quality over quantity of projects noting that all the submitted number 1 projects will be reviewed first by the CTB and should funding still be available all the number 2 projects will be reviewed and so on. He noted that the reality is that all available funding may be earmarked before the number 2 projects are ever evaluated.

The Committee discussed the top three projects from the LRTP planning process and determined, in consideration that the City of Lynchburg will be submitting the “one-way pairs” project as their number 1 project, that the 221 Access Management and Intersection Improvement, the Waterlick Intersection Median and Turn Lane Improvements, and the South Amherst Highway Traffic Operations/Signal Coordination, are the projects to be recommended to the MPO for consideration for submission to the

2015/16 HB2 cycle. It is noted that the South Amherst Highway project will need to be further discussed with Amherst and may result in only the 221 and Waterlick Road projects being recommended to the MPO.

Upon a motion by Don DeBerry for formal recommendation of the 221, Waterlick Road Intersection and, with noted considerations, the S. Amherst Hwy project to the MPO for consideration and approval for submission to compete for funding in the 2015/2016 HB2 cycle, seconded by Jeremy Bryant, this motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Don DeBerry, seconded by Brad Robinson, and with no objections being heard, Chairman Harvey adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Signed: _____


Paul E. Harvey, Chair