

Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization
Region 2000 Local Government Council
Large Conference Room
May 21, 2009
5:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to Order.....John Sharp, Chairman
2. Approval of the April 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes.....John Sharp, Chairman
3. Public Hearing: Amendment to the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2009-2012 (CVTIP FY2009-2012).....Bob White, Staff
4. Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the CVTIP FY2009-2012
.....Bob White, Staff
5. Consideration of an Appointment to the Region 2000 Greenways Alliance
.....Bob White, Staff
6. Matters from the Members.....All
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City of Lynchburg Information Technology Center
3550 Young Place, Lynchburg, VA
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MEMBERS PRESENT

Rob Cary.....VDOT Lynchburg District
Joan Foster.....Lynchburg City
Eddie Gunter, Jr.....Campbell County
Jack Hobbs.....Amherst Town
David Laurrell.....Campbell County
Kim Payne.....Lynchburg City
John Sharp.....Bedford County
Harold Swisher.....Amherst Town
Rodney Taylor.....Amherst County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kathleen Guzi.....Bedford County
William Mays.....Amherst County

OTHERS PRESENT

Marjorie Gilley.....Local Government Council
Bob White.....Local Government Council
Gary Christie.....Local Government Council
Jeff Kessler.....VDOT
Robert Guercia.....VDOT

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chairman John Sharp welcomed all present and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the January 15, 2009 Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Eddie Gunter, seconded by Kim Payne the minutes of the January 15, 2009 meeting were approved by those present.

3. Consideration and Approval of the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization Unified Planning Work Program Fiscal Year 2010

Bob White briefly explained the UPWP activities for the coming fiscal year.

Projects of note in the UPWP include continuing assistance to the City of Lynchburg with its master transportation planning activities, updating the CVMPO's Long Range Transportation Plan, and reviewing the CVMPO's public participation plan. Funding levels for this year's UPWP have seen a reduction from last year of approximately \$30,000.

The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) has reviewed and recommends the UPWP to be adopted. Two resolutions are needed for approval of this document: one resolution is for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); the second resolution is for the Virginia Department of Rail and Transportation (DRPT) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Mr. White recommended that the CVMPO approve the resolutions adopting the UPWP for the fiscal year 2010.

Upon a motion by Rodney Taylor, seconded by Mayor Joan Foster the continuing assistance to the City of Lynchburg with its master transportation planning activities was approved as presented.

Upon a motion by Kim Payne, seconded by Jack Hobbs the resolution for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the resolution is for the Virginia Department of Rail and Transportation (DRPT) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) were approved as presented.

Mr. White advised the group that he found out minutes before the meeting that an additional \$25,000 would be available. Bob will work with the Transportation Technical Committee in the development of a program.

4. Consideration of the Arc of Central Virginia's Funding Request for Inclusion in the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program

Bob White asked the CVMP to approve a resolution from the ARC of Central Virginia requesting funding to purchase two lift top vans at a total cost of \$72,000. He stated that the federal grant is for eighty percent of the total cost with the agency responsible for the twenty percent balance.

Upon a motion by David Laurell, seconded by Jack Hobbs the resolution approving the Arc of Central Virginia's funding request for inclusion in the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program was approved as presented.

5. Consideration of the Central Virginia Area Agency on Aging's Funding Request for Inclusion in the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program.

Bob White asked the CVMP to approve a resolution from the Central Virginia Area on Aging (CVAAA) for capital assistance from the Commonwealth of Virginia through the FTA Section 5310 program to purchase transportation equipment to purchase two handicapped accessible mini-vans. The total cost is approximately \$68,000. The federal grant is for eighty percent of the total cost with the agency responsible for the twenty percent balance.

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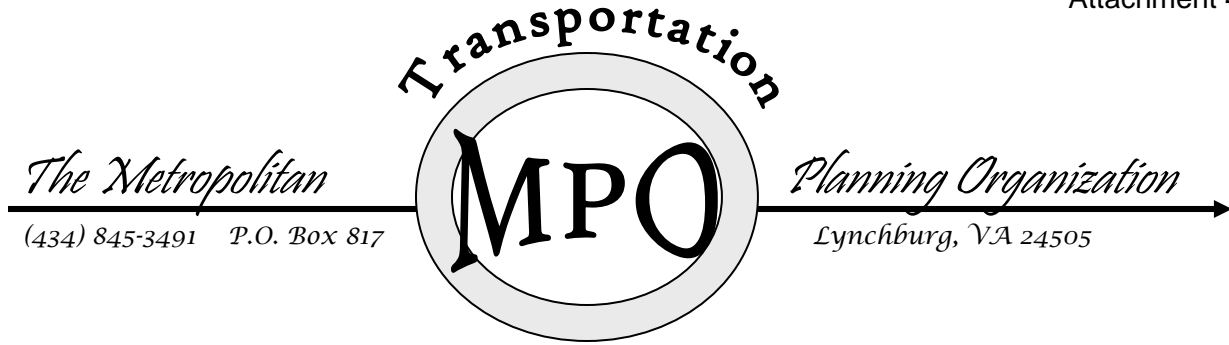
Grouping Changes

GROUPING		Construction: Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement/Reconstruction				
ROUTE/STREET					TOTAL COST	\$34,071,508**
						\$27,504,508***
	FUND SOURCE	MATCH	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12
PE	ARRA*	\$0	\$656,700**	\$0	\$0	\$0
	BR	\$206,230	\$0	\$0	\$824,920	\$0
	EB	\$3,720	\$0	\$0	\$14,880	\$0
	STP AC CONVERSION	\$22,980	\$0	\$0	\$91,920	\$0
PE TOTAL		\$232,930	\$656,700**	\$0	\$931,720	\$0
RW	BR AC CONVERSION	\$18,450	\$73,800	\$0	\$0	\$0
	STP	\$29,076	\$0	\$116,302	\$0	\$0
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RW TOTAL		\$84,046	\$94,514	\$241,666	\$0	\$0
CN	ARRA*	\$0	\$5,910,300**	\$0	\$0	\$0
	BR	\$36,475	\$145,901	\$0	\$0	\$0
	EB	\$21,428	\$85,710	\$0	\$0	\$0
	MG/EB AC CONVERSION	\$51,737	\$0	\$64,322	\$63,071	\$79,554
	STP AC CONVERSION	\$359,584	\$0	\$385,712	\$521,181	\$531,444
CN TOTAL		\$469,224	\$6,141,911** \$231,611***	\$450,034	\$584,252	\$610,998
CN AC		\$0	\$1,220,197	\$0	\$0	\$0
MPO Note		* the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 **Proposed amounts ***Current amounts in the CVTIP 2009-2012				

Addition to Appendix A

Construction : Bridge Rehabilitation / Replacement / Reconstruction

System	UPC	Jurisdiction / Name / Description	Street (Route)	Estimate
	92766	Statewide ARRA Lynchburg District Design Build Culvert Rehabilitation Various Locations		\$6,567,000
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		Amherst River Road Tributary, James River MPO Note: Project funding falls under UPC 92766	River Road	\$200,000
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RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO AMEND THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEARS 2009 - 2012

WHEREAS, the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization (CVMPO) adopted the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2009-2012 (CVTIP FY2009-2012) on June 12, 2008: and

WHEREAS, inclusion of transportation projects in the CVTIP FY2009-2012 is a condition of federal participation in the funding of that project; and

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WHEREAS, public input has been sought in amending the CVTIP FY2009-2012 in accordance with applicable federal regulations;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CVMPO does s hereby amend the CVTIP FY2009-2012 to include the addition of \$6,567,000 from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Construction: Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement/Reconstruction grouping table (including funding to support a culvert rehabilitation within Amherst County-UPC 92766), as presented.

Upon motion by Member _____ duly seconded by Member _____, adopted this ____ day of _____ 2009, with ____ of the ____ members of the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization in attendance.

ATTESTED BY:

CERTIFIED BY:

Gary F. Christie, Secretary
Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning
Organization

John Sharp, Chairman
Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning
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Members: Amherst, Bedford, and Campbell Counties, the Cities of Bedford and Lynchburg, the Towns of Appomattox, Amherst, Brookneal, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company, and the Lynchburg Regional Airport



May 4, 2009

Pierce R. Homer, Secretary of Transportation
Secretary of Transportation
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, VA 24218

Dear Secretary Homer,

The Lynchburg Regional Chamber of Commerce joins with the Central Virginia MPO in encouraging your support in improving the safety and access management of a 1.5 mile unrestricted section of US460 and US29 in Lynchburg. We believe that the use of \$11.3 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds is vital to making significant progress toward improving safety and efficiency in the corridor.

Since the completion of the Amherst Bypass and the overlay of US29 traffic on this section of 460, traffic accidents have significantly increased, including one fatality. It's a corridor of state and regional interest because of its high use by local commuters, visitors, and freight haulers. The use of ARRA funds designated for small to medium size MPOs can be put to use quickly to relieve this safety and congestion problem area. The jobs created by this project would be an important asset to our region's economy.

Our governmental and business leaders agree that this project is an essential and appropriate use of stimulus funds. We encourage your favorable consideration to include this request among the projects funded by ARRA funding for small to medium size MPOs.

Sincerely,

Rex Hammond, CCE
President and CEO
Lynchburg Regional Chamber of Commerce

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David S. Ekern, VDOT Transportation Commissioner
Ken White, Member of the Commonwealth Transportation Board
Gary Christie, Region 2000 Local Government Council
Beth Elliott, Legislative Director for Congressman Thomas Perriello





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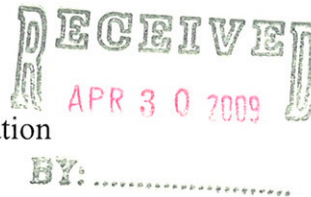
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Pierce R. Homer
Secretary of Transportation

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April 27, 2009

Mr. Gary F. Christie, Secretary
Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization
828 Main Street, 12th Floor
Lynchburg, Virginia 24504



Dear Mr. Christie:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the \$90 million allocated for transportation improvements in small and medium sized Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the Commonwealth.

I see that the MPO has reiterated its support for improvements to the Route 460 and 29 corridor.

VDOT prepared several scenarios for the development of this project and presented them to the public. All of these scenarios were aimed at addressing access management and safety in this corridor at various cost thresholds. VDOT has selected a preferred approach that would make significant progress towards addressing the needs in this corridor at a much more reasonable cost of \$11.3 million when compared to the \$50 million needed to develop a limited access corridor. This plan, while not implemented as a limited access corridor, would make significant progress toward improving safety and efficiency in the corridor.

While this project may not meet all of the criteria and priorities for Recovery Act funding I thank you and your MPO colleagues for your work on transportation for the citizens in the Lynchburg region. You can rest assured we are all focused on the same goal of bringing this project to fruition as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pierce R. Homer".

Pierce R. Homer

PRH:es

Copy: The Honorable Robert Goodlatte
Mr. Ken White
Mr. David S. Ekern