



May 7, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Transportation Technical Committee
 FROM: Mark McCaskill, AICP, Director of TPO Programs
 SUBJ: May 14, 2015 TTC Meeting/Agenda

The May meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office (Upstairs Conference Room), 313 Luck Avenue, SW in Roanoke, VA.

AGENDA

1. Welcome, Call to Order and Introductions *Chairman Holladay*
2. Approval of the April 9, 2015 TTC Minutes, pp. 2-4 *Chairman Holladay*
3. Draft Six-Year Improvement Program (STIP) Update *Cristina Finch (Transit)*
Bryan Hill (Highway)
4. Long-Range Transportation Plan – Candidate Project List, p. 5 *Mark McCaskill*
5. HB 2 Candidate Projects Discussion *Michael Gray*
Virginia Department of Transportation – Salem District
6. Bike Month Activities Overview *Shane Sawyer*
7. Comments by Members and/or Citizens
8. Adjournment

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MINUTES

Transportation Technical Committee Meeting April 9, 2015

The April meeting of the Transportation Technical Committee was held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office, 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA. Attendance follows:

Member

Liz Belcher
 Dan Brugh
 Jeff Busby
 Chris Chittum
 Brian Epperly
 Michael Gray
 David Holladay
 Mark Jamison
 Melinda Payne
 Cody Sexton
 Ryan Spitzer
 Ben Tripp

Representing

Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission
 Montgomery County
 Botetourt County
 City of Roanoke
 Roanoke County
 Virginia Department of Transportation – Salem District
 Roanoke County
 City of Roanoke
 City of Salem
 Botetourt County
 Town of Vinton
 City of Salem

Staff Present: Cristina Finch, Bryan Hill, Mark McCaskill, Jackie Pace, Eddie Wells

1. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Holladay called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and noted that a quorum was present.

Guests in attendance: Rebecca Asher, Michael Baker Engineers; Wayne Bowers, City of Roanoke Economic Development; Beth Doughty, Roanoke Regional Partnership; and Michael Todd, Michael Baker Engineers.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 12, 2015 TTC MINUTES

The Minutes of the March 12, 2015 Transportation Technical Committee meeting were distributed earlier.

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Transportation Technical Committee Action:

Upon motion by Mark Jamison, seconded by Cody Sexton and carried, the Minutes of the March 12, 2015 Transportation Technical Committee meeting were approved, as presented.

3. VTRANS 2040: OVERVIEW AND WORKSHOP

Michael Todd, with Michael Baker Engineers, spoke to members about creating a regional network for the Roanoke Valley and how they envision the process to unfold. All projects submitted for the HB2 process must pass an initial screening process. If a project does not meet the capacity and operation needs of VTrans 2040, it cannot move forward in the HB2 process. VTrans 2040 assesses the State's transportation needs at three scales, with each scale receiving its own set of guiding principles and approach in the plan:

1. Corridor of Statewide Significant (COSS) – inter-regional travel market (between regions);
2. Regional Networks – intra-regional travel market (within region); and
3. Urban Development Areas (UDAs) – local activity center market.

A project must state which of the three scales fit that proposed project. The Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is eligible to submit project applications for the first two project types. Cities, counties and towns can only apply for UDAs. Mr. Todd described the process to develop the second item – Regional Profile (Networks).

Mr. Todd asked for input on what would be the best way to work on the regional network definition – have the VTrans “workshops” as a part of the monthly TTC meetings with input from the entire TTC, or set up a small sub-committee of the TTC. Members felt that a small sub-committee would work best. The TTC determined that the makeup of the subcommittee would consist of one TTC member from each locality (with the exception of Bedford and Montgomery Counties since they fall into 2 different TPO areas – i.e., Region 2000 /Lynchburg and the New River Valley, respectively); Kevin Price, Valley Metro; Michael Gray, VDOT-Salem; a representative from the Roanoke Regional Partnership; Liz Belcher, Greenway Commission; and TPO staff. Mr. Todd noted that the group would meet once a month and the workshops would last approximately 2 hours. Mark McCaskill stated he would forward the names to Michael Todd once all are received from the respective localities.

4. DISCUSSION OF HOUSE BILL 2

Mike Gray reported that there has been no new information on HB2 since the earlier stakeholder meeting held in March. Discussion then focused on localities intending to pursue the establishment of an Urban Development Area (UDA), which is #3 on the list of three scales that Michael Todd spoke about previously. Chris Chittum stated that the City of Roanoke would be pursuing an UDA (would entail the entire City, with the exception of anything under conservation easements). The City of Salem reported that they also are looking into developing an UDA with the help of an OIPI grant that provides consultant services.

5. LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT IDEA GENERATION AND PRIORITY PROCESS DISCUSSION

Mark McCaskill reported that work on the update of the Constrained Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan is underway. Mark asked the TTC to begin thinking: (1) through candidate

regional projects for consideration in the LRTP (link from LRTP to trying to actually programming projects); and (2) about whether or not to use the six HB2 weighting factors in the State's suggested proportions as our own prioritization process in the LRTP. Mark noted that would make it easier to communicate LRTP constrained list projects to the HB2 programming process which will define the State's Six-Year Improvement Program. Mr. McCaskill asked the local governments to send him candidate projects and to think about the prioritization process before the May meeting.

6. REVIEW OF THE FINAL FY 2016 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Mark McCaskill reported that the final draft of the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), including project narrative descriptions and budget information, was distributed earlier. Mark stated that an additional item was included from the previous draft. That item is a technical assistance grant from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation to help with a comprehensive transit route analysis that will feed into the Regional Transit Vision Plan. It is anticipated that the grant would pay for an on-call consultant to look at all transit services in the region to see if they are meeting the needs or if something else is needed. The Roanoke Valley TPO Policy Board is expected to take action on the final FY 2016 UPWP at their April 23, 2015 meeting.

Transportation Technical Committee Action:

Upon motion by Melinda Payne, seconded by Jeff Busby and carried, it was recommended that the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program be forwarded to the Roanoke Valley TPO Policy Board for review and action at their April 23, 2015 meeting, with the understanding that staff may make any necessary minor budgetary and narrative changes prior to action by the TPO Policy Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by Jackie L. Pace
Recording Secretary

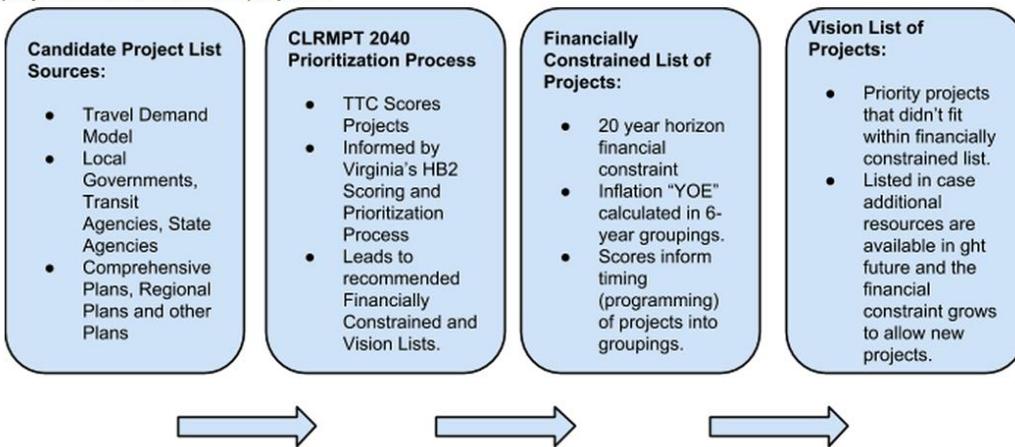
STAFF REPORT

RE: Long-Range Plan Candidate Project List

It is very important that local government, transit agency and VDOT projects are included in the Long-Range Plan’s Candidate Project List. The diagram below shows how the candidate project list, prioritization process, financially constrained and vision lists relate to each other.

7.2 Candidate Project List

The following graphic indicates how the candidate project list relates to the prioritization process, financially constrained list of projects and vision list of projects.



And here is an example table for illustration purposes:

UPC (If part of an existing project)	Project Description	Planning Level Project Cost	Project Suggested by: (Travel Demand Model, Local Government etc.)
8753	East Main Street - An existing project that needs funding to be completed.		City of Salem
	Western Virginia Intermodal Facility - Construction of a full sized intermodal facility capable of serving both the Heartland and Crescent rail corridors. AECOM study indicates that facility can be operated profitably if the fixed costs for construction can be found independent of operating revenues.	\$79,000,000	AECOM Study: "Western Virginia Intermodal Facility: Economic and Transportation Impacts Study" April 2015
80056	Interstate 73 in Roanoke County - partial preliminary engineering only.	\$42,459,000	Previous Six-Year Improvement Plans and <u>RVTPO</u> Transportation Improvement Programs