

***Blacksburg/Christiansburg/Montgomery Area  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
755 Roanoke Street  
Christiansburg, VA 24073***

Minutes  
April 3, 2008

PRESENT: Richard Ballengee - Town of Christiansburg  
Rebecca Martin - Blacksburg Transit  
Doug Marrs - Montgomery County  
Kevin Byrd - NRV PDC  
Carol Edmonds - Montgomery County  
Susan Anderson - Town of Blacksburg  
Richard Caywood - VDOT (Salem)  
Michael Gray - VDOT (Salem)  
Lance Terpenney - Town of Christiansburg  
Steve Mouras - Virginia Tech  
Jennifer Hamblin - Recording Secretary  
Dan Brugh - MPO

ABSENT: Adele Schirmer - Town of Blacksburg  
Ron Rordam - Town of Blacksburg  
Michael St.Jean - VT Montgomery Regional Airport Authority  
Unwana Dabney - Federal Highway Administration  
Clay Goodman - Montgomery County  
Charles Badger - Department of Rail and Public Transportation  
Toni Cho - Federal Transit Administration

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER**

Lance Terpenney declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Susan Anderson, seconded by Richard Caywood and carried unanimously, the agenda was approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2007**

On a motion by Richard Ballengee, seconded by Susan Anderson and carried unanimously, the minutes of March 6, 2008 were approved as amended.

**PUBLIC ADDRESS SESSION**

There being no speakers, the public address session was closed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

## **Route 460 Connector Corridor Study Final Report**

The Public Hearing (public meeting # 3) was held on March 19, 2008 at the Government Center. A total of 42 people attended the meeting and 21 oral and written comments were received. Most of the comments from the residents on the west side of Route 460 were supportive of the Final Report. Comments received from the east side of Route 460 voiced concerns about elevated traffic levels on neighbor streets in the Southgate area. These concerns will need to be addressed by another study as they are outside the scope of the current study. Wording changes were made regarding the reference to area in which the connection with Route 460 will be made. Additionally, the diagram will be shaded in between the pink and blue lines in order more visually convey that any route between the two lines may be chosen.

On a motion by Carol Edmonds, seconded by Richard Ballengee and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors requested the MPO to conduct a feasibility and possible location study of a connector road between the Route 460 Bypass and Prices Fork by resolution dated February 27, 2006; and

The MPO Policy Board approved this request on April 6, 2006 and authorized Parsons Transportation to conduct the study under the direction of the TAC; and

WHEREAS, this study has been completed after three public meetings with considerable public comment; and

WHEREAS, citizen comment has been taken into consideration in the Final Report.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Blacksburg/Christiansburg/Montgomery Area MPO accepts the Final Report as amended; and

FURTHER, that the Executive Director is directed to submit the final report back to the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Draft 08-09 UPWP**

It was noted that we still have transit planning money that needs to be spent and that the Town of Blacksburg has advertised for a transit planner again. Some money has been allocated to the Long Range Plan and will be used to update the plan to year of expenditure numbers once revenue projections are released by VDoT, make amendments for the airport's Master Plan upon its completion, and what is left will be put towards the money that will be needed for updating the 2030 plan to a 2035 plan. We currently do not have the numbers for FHWA –SPR funds so we will advertise with last years numbers.

On a motion by Doug Marrs, seconded by Susan Anderson and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee has developed a draft 2008-09 UPWP; and

WHEREAS, the TAC recommends the Plan that has been developed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Blacksburg/Christiansburg/ Montgomery Area MPO approves the draft 2008-09 UPWP; and

FURTHER, that the MPO Policy Board directs the MPO Executive Director to solicit comments from the public; and

FURTHER, that the TAC will review the comments received and make a recommendation to the Policy Board.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Program Assistant**

Our current Program Assistant, Jennifer Hamblin, has taken a full time position with Montgomery County in the IMS department effect April 1, 2008, but will be on hand to help the MPO as needed until a replacement can be found.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Six Year Plan Meetings**

None of the Six Year Plan meetings will be held in our area this year. Due to the repeal of Abusive Fees and decreases in fuel sales revenue projections are down and therefore cause cuts across the board. The only system remaining largely unchanged will be the Interstate system.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting is May 1, 2008.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Lance Terpenney, Chairman