



# APPENDIX D

## Mindmixer Lessons Learned

# APPENDIX #\_\_ - COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

## MINDMIXER

### Total Traffic

Open from April, 2014 to June, 2015

2,205 unique visitors

6,172 page views

69 total participants

368 total interactions

### Demographics

67% Male, 33% Female

Average Age: 46



# Participants

## TOTAL

69

Participants

## GENDER



67%

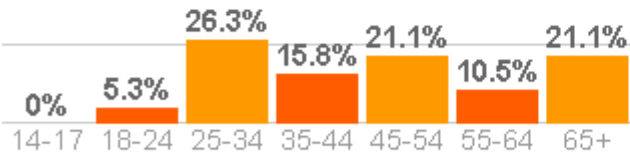
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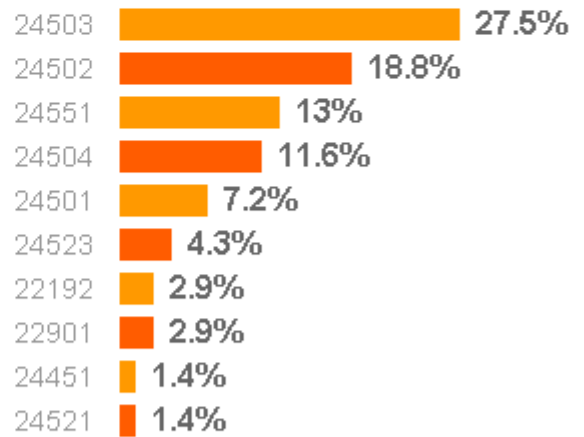
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Female

## AGE



## POSTAL CODE



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Demographic information may not be provided on 100% of participants.

# Engagement

DETAILS

ACTIVITY

**47**  
Closed Topics

**368**  
Interactions

**18**  
Comments

**5**  
Shares

## POLLS

*How would you prioritize transportation improvements? Pick your top two choices.*

Improve/expand sidewalks - 11

Improve traffic signal timing - 11

Expand bike lanes - 10

Add passenger rail service - 8

Improve and add more trails - 7

Better bus service - 6

Expand use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) - 5

Build/widen more roads - 4

**Total - 62**

Comments:

Yes, the "info" on the ITS website is gobbledygook! What the heck does this mean?: "The focus of the program is substantially on vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure connectivity through the application of advanced wireless technologies to enable transformative changes in the surface transportation system." I have a BBA from the College of W&M and I do not have any idea what this BS means. Please write in terms and sentences that the average person ( of which I am one) will understand!

*Will you be attending one of the community meetings this month for the Central Virginia Long Range Transportation Plan?*

Yes - 5

Maybe - 2

No - 1

**Total - 8**

Comments:

*A fifth community meeting is scheduled for October 15 in Bedford County. Are you planning to attend?*

No - 3  
Maybe - 3  
Yes - 2  
**Total - 8**

Comments:

*Which factor do you think is most important in selecting transportation projects meant to promote economic vitality?*

Impact on Economic Development: The project has been recommended by state or regional economic development plans - 7

Commuter Use: The project improves the performance one of the four major commuter corridors that have been identified in the r - 4

Surrounding Employment Density: The project improves the performance of a roadway in an area with a high density of employment - 3

**Total - 14**

Comments:

*To improve the regional economy, our transportation system must focus on... (Pick your top 3)*

Use multimodal systems (including transit and walking and bicycling improvements) to make the region appealing to young work - 7

Improve railway passenger service to other regions - 6

Ensure easy public transit access to worksites for employees - 5

Expand airport service - 4

Ensure travel-time reliability for successful goods and freight movement - 3

Ensure travel-time reliability for employee work commutes - 2

Improve major limited access roadways that provide access to other regions - 2

Ensure easy road access to worksites for employees - 0

Improve freight rail service to other regions - 0

**Total - 29**

Comments:

*What are the most important priorities for sidewalk improvements? (Pick 2)*

Connecting existing sidewalks - 10

Improving access to schools & libraries - 4

Residential neighborhoods - 3

Improving access to recreational activities - 2

Downtowns & business districts - 1

Improving access to medical services - 1

**Total - 21**

Comments:

*What would make you more likely to ride a bike instead of driving to work or other activities? (Pick 3)*

Separated bike lanes - 9

More careful drivers - 8

Safe bike storage - 6

A flatter or shorter route - 4

Non-transportation issues (e.g. weather) - 2

Friends to ride with - 1  
Other (please detail by commenting) - 0

**Total - 30**

Comments:

*Which transit improvements are most important to you? (Pick 3)*

More bus routes - 6  
Public transit to the airport - 6  
Better regional rail connections - 5  
Improved stations or stops - 4  
More frequent busses - 3  
Demand/response transit for rural areas - 3  
Express lanes for buses - 0  
Other? (Please detail in the comments section) - 0

**Total - 27**

Comments:

*How long is your commute to work?*

10 to 14 minutes - 2  
15 to 19 minutes - 1  
20 to 24 minutes - 1  
30 to 34 minutes - 1  
35 to 44 minutes - 1  
I work from home - 1  
I don't work - 1  
Less than 10 minutes - 0  
25 to 29 minutes - 0  
45 to 59 minutes - 0  
60 or more minutes - 0

**Total - 8**

Comments:

*Which of these road improvements are the most important to you?*

Create complete streets (bicycle/pedestrian/bus/auto modes included) - 6  
Eliminate traffic bottlenecks and decrease congestion - 3  
Repair and maintain our roadways - 0  
Provide better through access to areas outside our Region - 0  
Provide better local access inside our Region - 0  
Use traffic calming to slow speeds and to make roads safer - 0

**Total - 9**

Comments:

*How would you rate transportation in our community as it relates to senior passengers and drivers? (Pick one).*

Fair - 3  
Satisfactory - 1  
Excellent - 1  
Poor - 0

Good - 0

**Total - 5**

Comments:

*What are the key priorities in improving transportation for seniors in our Region?*

Improved and more connected sidewalks - 1

Other? (Please expand in the comments section) - 1

Providing demand/response transit in rural areas - 0

Audible crosswalks at major intersections - 0

More ramp access to sidewalks and crosswalks for the disabled - 0

Better signage and wayfinding - 0

More local bus service in urban areas - 0

**Total - 2**

Comments:

All of the above!

*Do you feel our community's road network provides adequate access for first responders in emergencies?*

*(Select one)*

Yes - 2

No - 1

I'm not sure - 1

**Total - 4**

Comments:

Some areas, yes. Some areas, no. It would really help if we had a hospital that was located on the opposite side of town from Langhorne Rd.

*Will you be attending the next public meeting?*

No - 3

Yes - 2

Maybe - 1

**Total - 6**

Comments:

*What are your top 3 reasons for living in Central Virginia? Please select up to three of the options, or enter your own.*

Affordability - 10

Family and friends - 10

Natural beauty - 9

Outdoor activities - 8

Atmosphere and character - 7

Safe and friendly - 7

Climate - 6

Downtown or main street - 5

Jobs and opportunities - 3

Faith community - 0

**Total - 65**

Comments:

The economic vitality of Lynchburg combined with the natural beauty, climate, outstanding medical facilities, family and friends make it a wonderful place to live

*How do you most often travel for work, errands, or other reasons? Select one choice from the list below.*

Car - 16

Walk - 1

Bike - 1

Bus - 0

**Total - 18**

Comments:

would walk more but walkability (specifically sidewalks) are not ideal for strollers especially in the downtown areas.

*Which of the current transportation plan goals do you feel are the most important? Select the top 3.*

Make it efficient - 13

Make it safe - 12

Make it flow - 9

Make it function - 7

Promote vitality - 7

Sustain Quality - 5

Make it Accessible - 4

Coordinate Investments - 4

Expand Resources - 1

Balance Priorities - 0

**Total - 62**

Comments:

*In you had your choice, which ways would you like to travel in the future? Select more than one if desired.*

Walk - 11

Bike - 10

Car - 8

Bus - 6

**Total - 35**

Comments:

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

### Improving the Economy with Transportation

#### *Upgrading LYH*

Details: Upgrade LYH Airport. The exposure Lynchburg is getting deems for it to be updated inside. There are like 2 vending machines in there. There needs to be A bookstore, one food place, and better advertisements. Utilize this as welcome center instead of small default airport from the Sims. Its all about presentation to tourist.

Stars: 5

Comments:

#### *Sister Cities*



Details: Lynchburg could benefit from the Sister Cities program that it is a part of. There should be a push to maybe have a small plaza giving information on the two sister cities of Rueil-Malmaison, France and Glauchau, Germany. This would add a bit of culture to the city that it lacks currently. A lot of the citizens don't even know that we have a Sister City program and it could act as an educational tool as well. My reasoning for this is the city is always looking for a theme but forgets to add this in the equation. Again, build for the tourist and  
Stars: 5

*To link rail, air and public transportation.*

Details: Lynchburg has the potential to link its present transportation modes into a unified centralized system. Lynchburg is not only central to Virginia but it is halfway to the most southern state and the most northern state. Within Lynchburg itself, there is potential to use an intra and inter city rail line that will benefit MSA towns. This will cut down on inner city arterial traffic and inter city traffic in the future if we start now.

Stars : 3

Comments:

*Signage on 29 N*

Details: There should definitely be road signs to LEAD people into the city. There aren't any signs that lead people to points of interest. 29 and 460 is very rural and when out of owners come they're going to associate Lynchburg with another country backwoods town. For God sakes there's not even a sign to get to Lynchburg Expway from 29 and there isn't a sign for Visitors Tourist Info. You've got travelers coming in and you want to grab their attention on their 15 minute journey thru it. There are plenty of points of interest in Lynchburg and no signage. People don't even know there is a childrens museum downtown. MAKE people come into city and not drive thru

Stars: 3

Comments:

*Make it Flow*

Details: Use more roundabouts and variations of larger intersection circles like in Europe. They are cheaper to maintain and improve flow

Stars 3:

Comments:

*Making sure that all transportation is accessibility*

Details: Need to make sure there a accessibility for the disabled. That each mode of transpotation provides each didabled person an accessible seat or that some thing is available

Stars: 0

Comments:

*Many companies come to areas with a good quality of life.*

Details: Recreational opportunities and trails add to property values and quality of life. We should continue to develop more trails and bikes lanes.

Stars: 0

Comments:

*Better way to get around*

Details: I would like to see a loop around the city to make it easier to get around. Also, a straighter shot to other larger cities like Roanoke. Maybe even a toll road with a higher speed limit. The toll road could pay for itself and would give people an easier commute.

Stars: 0

Comments:

### *Lynchburg Expressway*

Details: We need a real hardcore lobbying effort of fed money to improve the LBX. The outdated 1950s entrance and exit ramps MUST be improved. Over the years there have been countless accidents on there due to sharp curves and no acceleration lanes.

Another issue with the Expressway is I have found it very lazy on the part of DOT and regional leaders that when road signs have been knocked down by accidents are NEVER put back up. Believe it or not road signs help. Accidents do also occur from confused drivers. Although Lynchburg doesn't have an interstate our highways can at least look like a good efficient roadways. Its all about presentation to tourist!"

Stars: 0

Comments:

### *A New Mall*

Details: River Ridge Mall is/was a great mall (sq.footage wise) but the developing company CBL Properties does not want to completely overhaul, remodel, and/or bring in better tenants. I find it rather odd that a city with this population and majority are younger having bleek shopping options. What happened to the initial plan of having a "Short Pump" style mall being built at 29/460 Interchange? I know the economy tanked but that was a great project that never came to fruition. The surrounding localities would benefit greatly with a solid push to developers for a new shopping mall. The demographic of people here now are from much bigger metro areas with more options. While Lynchburg won't be on that scale level like bigger cities, it can still have OPTIONS for its regional consumers.

Stars: 0

Comments:

### *No more traffic circles in Lynchburg, bad idea & dangerous.*

Details: Cities the size of Lynchburg should plan like a large city, not a rural town where traffic circles may work due to low traffic volume.

Stars: 0

Comments:

## **Transportation Concerns**

### *Richmond Highway 460*

Details: The East side of Lynchburg needs to have a service road to places along 460E. 460E needs to be an expressway type of highway close access to streets. its too dangerous

Stars: 3

Comments:

### *Midtown Lynchburg Transportation Hub*

Details: Lynchburg has just recently opened its new transportation center at Kemper Street. It is a very very much needed facility for GLTC and community BUT there are some short comings from it.

1.) The City of Lynchburg DOES NOT embrace aesthetics well at all. The transportation center is very mediocre. I could have designed the facility from drawing it. It has nothing to offer to draw people to it. No artwork or really illustration/history of city.

2. Lynchburg Area Leaders strive to have Lynchburg as a transportation hub for Central Virginia. That is great BUT basic services aren't in place nor is a plan for it (MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES). This facility is serving as a transportation facility for GLTC but is selling itself short. There is NO cabstand there for people to catch rides to other parts of city or the airport. You have to call, that sucks.

I'm not trying to be negative but Lynchburg (and the area) have historically built with a limited future forecast."

Stars: 3

Comments:

#### *Charlottesville and Wards Road and 29 South*

Details: Now that the Charlottesville by-pass is dead we need to make travel in Lynchburg area more appealing. We need to finish the by-pass by extending the 29 by-pass onto 501 and then on to Yellow Branch. This will ease congestion on Wards Road, 29 South and Rustburg congestion. It could be built in two phases first to 501 and then to Yellow Branch.

Stars: 2

Comments:

#### *Chandlers Mtn Rd Interchange*

"Details: <http://lynchburghistory.com/details.php?gid=207&pid=7694>

This has been a terrible interchange for decades now and it needs to change as well as adding signs to the Expressway that have been knocked down due to accidents"

Stars: 0

Comments:

#### *No more traffic circles*

Details: Traffic circles are possibly useful in low traffic, rural areas. They are not often used in high traffic areas. They are at times confusing and often dangerous (i.e. Washington, DC; Annapolis, MD).

Stars: 0

Comments:

#### *Highway 81*

Details: Hwy 81 is a death trap. I do everything I can to not use it due to the high level of truck traffic and lack of law enforcement.

Stars: 0

Comments:

#### *Interstate 81 has too much traffic for safety*

Details: a faster, safer north-south major route would be a real boon.

Stars: 0

Comments:

## **Transportation Investments for Tomorrow**

### *Bike paths/trails and walways*

Details: As our labor force continues to be more white collar than blue collar, they will need more access to safe / fun exercise.

Stars: 5

Comments:

Take note from Richmond. The James River Trail System inRVA offers amenities that Lynchburg doesn't. Our trail system is great but could def. use some upgrades. The Percival's Island Trail is really basic. The whole island could use more recreation/picnic areas, boat landings, scenic overlooks, lighting and restroom facility. Right now Percivals Island is just a strip of paved trail with very wooded areas around and not much if you want to venture off. I love the trail system. Lets utilize it better and make it more efficient.

#### *Designated bike and pedestrian lanes and trails*

Details: I often see people bicycling, running or walking on the roadway in areas with high auto and truck traffic. This mix is dangerous although each has rights to public use space. I would like to see more designated bike and pedestrian lanes or even separate (from the roadway) lanes. A prime example is the Route 221 corridor from Lynchburg College in Lynchburg to the Perrowville Road intersection in Forest (Bedford County). Many people that live and work in this area would like to bike or walk or run along that route but there is no room for them with the traffic and the closeness of the curbing or the edge of the pavement and other non useable surface. Thus the cyclists have to mix with the hiway traffic and the pedestrians are left to struggle through weeds, jump curbs and gaurdrails, tresspass on private property, and dodge traffic. A separate lane would prevent this dangerous mix, and enhance the quality of life for everyone.

Stars: 0

Comments

### **Transportation Needs**

#### *Improving our existing systems to me more efficient and safe*

Details: I don't like the idea of building more roads. I like the idea of making our existing roads more efficient and safe.

Stars: 6

Comments:

#### *Enhance non-vehicular traffic capabilities*

Details: With our beautiful mountains, natural parks and historical cities, central Virginia must improve our non-vehicular access to take advantage of our attributes. Fture DOT codes and specifications should require bike paths and sidewalks during development of new or modification of existing roads.

Stars: 6

Comments:

#### *The speed limits on the various roads need to be consistent.*

Details: Going up 460 W from LYH to Salem, the speed limit changes from 55 to 60 about 3 times. That is ridiculous

Stars: 3

Comments:

#### *Interstate Highway*

Details: Lynchburg will stagnate without interstate highway

Stars: 3

Comments:

### *Rt. 29 bypass around Charlottesville*

Details: duh!

Stars: 0

Comments:

### *Public Transportation*

Details: In the Bedford area there are no public transportation options.

Stars: 0

Comments:

the sad thing is theres a Greater Lynchburg transit company and it barely goes outside city limits. the need is great for public transportation from county into city but the localities don't want to pay for it

### **Improving Commerce**

*Hope the movement of goods will use our rail system.*

Details: Hope Interstate Highways will stay clear of Lynchburg by using our rail system in the movement of goods and freight to and from our area. The use of rail systems for travel will also help to keep our traffic at a safe and manageable level.

Stars: 3

Comments:

*Give priority to rail transportation of goods and freight.*

Details: We need to be moving away from the use of fossil fuels. One way to do this is to use transportation methods that are more fuel efficient. Rail transport of freight is much more fuel efficient that transportation by truck. We need to give greater support to rail transportation of goods.

Stars: 3

Comments:

### *Completing of the US 29 Bypass around Charlottesville*

Details: The state needs to allocate funding to re-study the project, fund an alternative route and ensure that this national highway project is completed despite the set backs and current route of the by-pass being halted. This project significantly impacts the movement of goods and freight and will also address safety, congestion and economic vitality for the state.

Stars: 0

Comments:

### **Attracting a Workforce**

*Additional air service & Amtrak and getting US 29 Bypass*

Details: Simply marketing what we have better and helping change the perception that you can really get anywhere from LYH through Charlotte.

Also, I think when the new afternoon Amtrak service starts that will help.

We as a region need to continue to fight for a long term US 29 Bypass solution around Charlottesville.”

Stars: 6

Comments:

I remember maybe 3 years ago when LYH advertised kinda like a regular airport does. They had billboards for LYH to Vegas with the \$ amount and to Denver with \$ amount and so on. The public was very receptive b/c

LYH always mentions fly to CLT and go anywhere but a lot of airports do that. They need to present the illusion of going across the country from LYH.

### *Coordinate different modes of transportation*

Details: In many cities in Europe, it is easy to get around without a car because air, rail, bus, and bicycle modes of transportation are well connected and coordinated. We need to have better coordination of these modes of transportation to reduce dependence on car travel. Also provide better connectivity by public transit between residential areas and employment.

Stars: 3

Comments:

1. Lynchburg wont get this until it stops its citizens from being a slave to Wards Rd and develop areas for convenience and not having to drive across the city for basic items.
2. I whole-heartedly agree! Unfortunately, grocery store companies seem to only want to build mega-stores rather than smaller footprint stores within walking distance of neighborhoods. The former Food Lion on Bedford Avenue is an example of a smaller footprint store that was abandoned. We need to have more walkable neighborhoods with pedestrian access to basic services!
3. I would say we need to make walking easier and more purposeful for economic, environmental, social, and health reasons, and the way to do it would be to focus on creating real neighborhoods with sidewalks/walking paths that go to places where people want to go on a frequent basis: grocery stores, coffeeshouses, drug stores, etc.

### *Development in Lynchburg Area*

Details: The younger future workforce that is here/coming wants options. The areas around Lynchburg are backwards in thinking a little. When any type of development is mentioned the country people thing Northern VA development. Ex. Harmony project in Bedford. A development to help revenue and homes for people. Uproar about more people. Another example is Madison Heights. Why is this place not developed yet? Its a gas/truck station town. No Target and really nothing worthwhile out there besides the quiet Walmart to avoid college students. Mad. Hghts has no Applebees or really any default restaurants. The motels are terrible and it doesn't foster growth. The transplants around here mostly are from bigger metro areas with OPTIONS and don't have to drive far. The leaders around here need to do a better job of bringing OPTIONS here for a growing population and convincing citizens that smart growth is not massive development but retaining itself for future.

Stars: 0

Comments:

### *LYH Expressway*

Details: Improve the expressway from Madison Heights to Lakeside Drive and help foster development on areas that are not developed. Lakeside Drive and Lynchburg residents are still ANXIOUSLY waiting on Lakeside Centre development or one that is same or BETTER!

Stars: 0

Comments:

### **Attracting Visitors**

#### *Air service, promotion of Amtrak, Biking options*

Details: We continue to hear people tell us they fly in from somewhere else because the options are less at LYH. We have great Amtrak rates, promote this through our tourism avenues (magazines, travel writers, etc.) and continue to improve biking and pedestrian paths so people can bike and walk once here.

Stars 9:

Comments:

#### *Us29/US 460 Junction*

Details: The 29/460 Junction could be better improved with signage. 29 South states you can go to Danville but passers by don't know you can go to Greensboro. Although the signs are designated as towns around the area a bigger city could be used as a way to tell businesses that are in NC or Richmond that, Hey we have offices in Greensboro, I didn't know that Lynchburg was that close.

ex. US 29 North-Amherst/Charlottesville/WASHINGTON DC

US 29 South-Danville/GREENSBORO

US 501 South-South Boston/Roxboro, NC or DURHAM

US 460 East-Appomattox/RICHMOND.

Its about showing that although Lynchburg might not have an interstate, it is well connected to major cities.”

Stars: 0

Comments:

### **Serving Local Businesses**

#### *Wards Rd*

Details: Lynchburg City, Region 2000, Tom Martin and LU need to create a comprehensive plan of Wards Rd. It is the main street of Lynchburg and its a cluster f\*\*k of non efficiency.

Stars: 0

Comments:

### **Air Service**

#### *Incentivize other airlines to operate out of LYH*

Details: how about a little competition here? US Air/American might not treat LYH fliers like step-children if they knew they weren't the only game in town.

Stars: 3

Comments:

#### *Regional airport in Bedford*

Details: I know it's too late now but a central airport to serve both Lynchburg and Roanoke could have provided a large enough population base to offer more flights and airlines.

Stars: 3

Comments:

1. This def could work though. Look at TriCities Airport in TN. Small municipalities got together and look what happened. <http://www.triflight.com/about-tri/history/>

2. That would be excellent Laurel. I have said that for years. Having a “small international airport” would be good. the areas that could house it are very very rural, which is good. The only thing that would not make it work is driving 30+ minutes to Bedford County from either city.

#### *More Choices*

Details: Currently need to drive to ROA because Delta has better connections from ATL than USAir from CLT, hopefully that will change after the merger with AA.

Stars: 0

Comments:

*Offer incentives to existing carrier for added service*

Details: Rather than spend time and money trying to attract a new carrier, the Airport Commission should work with US Air/ American Airlines to add flights to their Northeast hub. Offer the newly merged airline the same incentives that were set aside for a new carrier, with the stipulation that fares would closely match Roanoke & Charlottesville fares. For years the Lynchburg Airport thrived with one carrier who provided adequate capacity.

Stars: 0

Comments:

*Air service:*

Details: Take notes from Charlottesville Airport management over years. Smaller city, has United, American, US Airways, and Delta. How have they been able to have those carriers for so long being smaller than Lynchburg and RIC Airport is an hour away?

Stars: 0

Comments:

*Bring more carriers (airlines) into local airports*

Details: Increase variety to provide more competitive airfares and more travel options.

Stars: 0

Comments:

## **Pedestrian Improvements**

*Sidewalks!*

Details: Connecting the gaps, giving maintenance so they are “usable”, (sweeping, plowing, etc)

Stars: 0

Comments:

*Sidewalk upgrades*

Details: extend sidewalks to end of streets. lots of sidewalks just end out of nowhere. This problem leads people to be put in danger and possibly get hit. (ie FLorida Ave). Someone in Lynchburg has almost hit someone on this street. Another example is Lakeside Drive and Old Forest Rd (2 lane part).

Stars: 0

Comments:

*Improving Bike Infrastructure*

Details: Besides lanes in towns, connecting the LYH trails to main roads, (Kemper St. the best example) because right now they can be used for fitness or touring but not for commuting.

Stars: 0

Comments:

*More bike lanes (particularly separated ones).*

Details: Make biking safer by increasing the number of marked bike lanes and adding separated lanes so cyclists do not feel like they have to cheat death each time they decide to use their bike to actually go somewhere.

Stars: 0

Comments:



## **Trail Improvements**

### *Connect Blackwater Creek Bikeway to Peakview Park*

Details: Use the CSO project footprint when possible

Stars: 3

Comments:

### *Connect trails to main roads*

Details: That way they can be used for commuting also, instead of just exercising.

Stars: 0

Comments:

### *Call Boxes*

Details: A few more call boxes need to be added. Safety first

Stars: 0

Comments:

### *More Historical signboards on trail*

Details: Signs displaying when trail was started and history of how the route was before trail

Stars: 0

Comments:

### *Extend Blackwater Trail with more spurs to go more places*

Details: Expand the trail beyond simply recreation and fitness to make it usable as a commuter way to allow people to use it to actually get places (work, school, etc.). This could be done by attaching to other disused railway segments, connecting with Peaks View park and/or adding dedicated bike lanes to connect trail segments.

Stars: 0

Comments:

## **Transit Improvements**

### *Limited-stop higher-speed rail route to/from DC*

Details: an additional rail route that makes limited stops, specifically:

\* Lynchburg

\* Charlottesville

\* Central Station in DC

This will cause more high-income jobs and high-income workers to move into the area, which would make financing all the other public transportation desires possible.”

Stars: 0

Comments:

### *Make more GLTC Routes*

Details: The bigger picture is having citizens in area with transportation into Lynchburg or places around. As mobile as the world is there are plenty of people that don't have the means to get to work. A cousin of mine works at Social Services with employment services and as lame as that sounds of an excuse, its a reality.

Stars: 0

Comments:

## **Big Change to Transit**

*Express bus service to and from airport to Kemper*

Details: Provision of an express bus service from the Lynchburg Regional Airport to Kemper station and/or downtown Lynchburg. This would help a lot for people trying to connect with Amtrak or visit downtown. It would also provide an alternative to taking a taxi (which I have witnessed quite a bit flying in and out of Lynchburg and done myself) or having to leave a car in the airport parking lot.

Stars: 2

Comments:

## **Areas to Avoid**

*Much of Lynchburg due to badly-timed traffic lights*

Details: The timing of most of Lynchburg's traffic lights seem geared towards the goal of impeding traffic (thus wasting gas burned by stopped vehicles) instead of properly managing traffic flow based on popular driving patterns. As a result, I find it easier to hop onto 460 or 29 and drive around the periphery of Lynchburg. While this means more miles driven, I've found I arrive at my destination at the same time I would otherwise and usually in a better mood.

Stars: 3

Comments:

*Wards Road and Old Forest Road in Lynchburg*

Details: DETAILS I tend to avoid the roads if I can because they are too congested (especially Wards Rd.)

Stars: 3

Comments:

*221 from Lynchburg to Forest and Wards Road*

Details: DETAILS During commute times (mornings from around 7-8:50 a.m. and from 4:45-6 p.m., 221 is really congested. Also the main expressway on ramps from 4:45-6 p.m. are also congested. Wards Road is particularly congested during holiday times and when LU starts and ends each year. Not sure what can be done to fix that road but it needs some work.

Stars: 0

Comments:

*Wards Road at all costs year round! 29 Bus in Mad. Heights.*

Details: Wards Road at all costs year round! 29 BUS in Madison Heights, and the obvious one: Charlottesville on the way to DC.

Stars: 0

Comments:

*Wards Ferry Road*

Details: Use to be a way to avoid upper Wards Road but, heavy traffic at Timberlake/Wards Ferry Road and heavy use of road make this an uncomfortable road to navigate anymore.

Stars: 0

Comments:

## **Lack of Parking**

*Older areas of Lynchburg (downtown and rivermont)*

Details: This is predictable, really. In the newer, commerce-oriented areas, parking is usually not a problem. In the more historical-oriented areas (mostly because of the time in which it was built up), parking is sparse or only available street-side. While downtown has several parking garages, too few of these appear to be available for public use. (perhaps this is only an advertising problem?)

Stars: 2

Comments:

### **Bike and Ped Safety**

*Sharrows, sidewalks, speeding cars*

Details: Better than bike lanes: no illegal parking problem, with the budget cuts localities don't sweep lanes and become dangerous, (broken glass, sand, etc) in winter plows pile snow to the side making them unusable, which leads to drivers yelling why we do not use them.

Over my years commuting to work, (AMH to LYH) on 60 W and 29 BUS one thing became clear: drivers HATE to lower their speed to pass safely a slow moving vehicle in front of them, in rte 60 (a two lane road) cars invade the opposite lane even with no visibility to pass me so they don't have to go below the 60 mph speed they are traveling at. Pay attention in Wards Rd and see how many drivers go at the posted speed limit, (35 MPH) for that road, while the northbound side has no sidewalk."

Stars: 0

Comments:

*Add more bike lanes and ticket people who park in the bike lane*

Details: There are only bike lanes up near Rivermont and a few near Kemper St. Many more should be added. Upgrading bike routes would help to relieve traffic congestion throughout Lynchburg. Also, you need to enforce cars that park in the bike lanes by giving them tickets. Having a bike lane means nothing if there are cars parked in them that force you back out into the street at inopportune times, which will get people killed. Lynchburg is a great size and has potential for an excellent biking commuter population! Thanks!

Stars: 0

Comments:

### **Evaluation Method**

*The weighting system appears balanced and well-conceived*

Details: If this approach was used to determine the top 11 priorities, then I think you will have picked the correct priorities.

Stars: 0

Comments:

### **Big Ideas for Transportation in Central Virginia**

*Start with sidewalks and move up*

Details: Focus on repairing and expanding sidewalks from the center outward to the county edges and get counties on board to do the same. Far too many sidewalks are in need of repair and simply end at critical spots leaving pedestrians and those using mobile wheelchairs or other no option but to step into traffic to access their destination. In addition while bike lanes are needed for this area the implementation has left more questions than solutions. They begin and end in completely random spots for short spans and do nothing to address the need. Bus transportation also is lacking especially for my clients and should be re-examined with support from government to create incentives and accessible stops and better times so people can get to and from work and shopping.

Stars: 6

Comments:

*Investments that encourage public transportation*

Details: Encourage public transportation use by increasing pedestrian-friendly infrastructure (sidewalks and bikeways) and provide incentives for leaving the car at home or on the “edges” of congested areas; provide public parking garages/lots downtown and at the GLTC Transfer Station and implement a free circulator downtown and to the Transfer Station. Allow some free parking at the Transfer Station for bus riders to encourage park-ride to outskirts of Region 2000. Provide convenient opportunities for users of AMTRAK to connect to GLTC busses.

Encourage Smart Growth development that brings the front of commercial buildings to the sidewalk and hide parking behind buildings. Allow mixed use zoning that encourages housing over retail to encourage more dense development. Allow higher density bonuses for creation of adjacent green-space development as well as small commercial centers within a residential development. Encourage high density Transit Oriented Development around transportation center”

Stars: 5

Comments:

*Sidewalks, Greenways, and Bike paths*

Details: I don't see many neighborhoods with sidewalks and mine doesn't have any. I live near Timberlake and while I love to go for walks it's too dangerous for me to walk to the store. I would also like to see more downtown parks, bike paths, and greenways.

Stars: 5

Comments:

*Build more sidewalks and bike lanes.*

Details: More information

Stars: 4

Comments:

1. We really need bike lanes on the parkway. It's really unsafe for both motorists and cyclists right now.
2. Specifically make sure sidewalks are ADA approved and usable. Rivermont bridge is a prime example of an unacceptable ADA sidewalk (wheel chairs cannot get on or off the sidewalk so they use the road instead).

*Rail*

Details: Your rail lines now can handle one that can link the airport to the LU to other part of town and on to finally to the amtrak station. Multi beneficial act. With a few minor changes you can get it done. The question is ridership and ROI.

Stars: 3

Comments:

*Megabus*

Details: The Lynchburg Region could definitely benefit from a Megabus/Park and Ride. Christiansburg has one randomly but Lynchburg is bigger so it needs one more. Lynchburg/Region 2000 needs to continue you to lobby to sustain itself so that other localities get Lynchburg dollars bc of nonexistent facilities. Make the citizens stay local.

Stars: 3

Comments:

### *Make Wards Road 3 Lanes each way*

Details: Wards Road is the most ill-planned commercial street in VA. Wards has been traffic choked since before the LU boom in the 2000s. Why is there any type of greenery in the middle medians. It needs to be 3 lanes each way with concrete dividers and specific places to make a U-Turn. The lights aren't synced as well. Its like the vision for the city and region is to wait until things have been bad for years to make infrastructure changes. Does the city really think the population is gunna stay the same for 10-25 years. FORECAST for future. You leaders pay all these consulting firm fees of \$50,000+ to tell you things the citizens have been saying for years and that you probably already know yourselves. Build the infrastructure as if 10,000 more people will be migrating to the city in the next 2 years. Lobby for federal money to update the infrastructure.

Stars: 3

Comments:

### *More pedestrian-friendly, biking neighborhoods*

Details: I like the new bike lanes recently designated on Rivermont and Fort avenues. We need more designated bike lanes and sidewalks, particularly in residential neighborhoods.

Stars: 2

Comments:

### *Expansion of Public Transportation Services*

Details: It is imperative that the Central Virginia region strongly consider extending the public transportation system into the Bedford and Campbell County areas. By doing so, it will reduce the pull on the City's resources, specifically affecting in a positive manner, the City's housing shortage. Furthermore, more bike lanes and walking trails would be helpful for those individuals that bike or walk. The aspects of livable communities are beneficial to everyone. The expansion of the train service would be another potential alternate to automobiles.

Stars: 0

Comments:

### *Bike share program*

Author: Ruth S

Details: Utilized in other cities. One way bike usage.

Stars: 0

Comments:

### *Big improvements needed at Greenview/Leesville intersection*

Details: If each direction at the intersection had a right turn lane, this would greatly improve the entire intersection. This could be done by adding a lane or by simply making each current right lane a 'right turn only' lane...or a combination of those, based on what can be done with the land available.

Also, actual bike/pedestrian lanes throughout Lynchburg would help cut down on traffic congested areas. Begin in those areas most congested, not just in the areas where it would be 'easy' to add such lanes."

Stars: 0

Comments:

### *Improve route 29 and 221 traffic*

Details: Develop a complete route 29 bypass to ease traffic between airport and River Ridge Mall. Develop a plan to ease traffic on 221 between 501 and Perrowville Road"

Stars: 0

Comments:

*interstate highway*

Details: Lynchburg will stagnate without interstate highway

Stars: 0

Comments:

### **Vision Statement Review**

*Stop BUILDING Wards Road, build other areas*

Details: Wards Road infrastructure sucks PERIOD. The economic leaders need to bring Wards Road development throughout the city. I say that for the #1 Reason the citizens feel, which is Nobody enjoys going to Wards Rd. The development of all the businesses on Wards makes us a slave to Wards Road. That has created this huge cluster F\*\*\* we see on a daily with the LU students, and citizens.

Stars: 3

Comments:

*Keep going in this direction.*

Details: I might add something that says "job opportunities abound for people of all ages and abilities."

Stars: 0

Comments:

*Great vision but let me add to it.*

Details: People will have a strong community when they identify with that community-when you think of Lynchburg- what do you say? Whatever that is, one should capitalize on it. People are the seller for Lynchburg. I have yet to meet someone not so nice in the area.

-Business will thrive if you do the following-special zoning, Continuing with tax incentives and building tradition.

-Keep incorporating natural beauty as you are but that river (the James) has to be more effectively used. You still cannot access it or at least a good view from the Downtown area at ground level.

-Transportation linkage is the key."

Stars: 0

Comments:

1. I remember the discoverLynchburg campaign it was great. They even had a tractor trailer that stated, "Lynchburg the Sports Capital of Virginia". Now I see the current tourism ads are terrible. There needs to be vivid portrayal of Lynchburg instead of boringness. I say that because the way Lynchburg is portrayed in tourism ads is trails and mountains. That's all hallmark cards and smiley faces but NEWSFLASH you can go hike trails and see mountains ALL over Virginia and that's all you have to give to bring people here. Its EMBARRISING. Portray the beautiful neighborhoods and manufacturing industry. Stop portraying Lynchburg as an outdoor/mountain town when there isn't even a Gander Mtn or Bass Pro Shops here. Lynchburg has too much beauty to just subject it to a picture of the mountains and a woman smiling on a bike trail.

"2. Lynchburg NEEDS to figure out what their identity is. If its going to be history like they vehemently stress, then it needs to History with FLARE. Seriously you can have history and aesthetics too. Take for instance Richmond. History everywhere and emphasized to reach all demographics. The buildings that are historical are just kept (dilapidated) because they're built in the 1800s. Lynchburg Leaders need to step up the vision for downtown. Look at Rocketts Landing. Why is it taking so long for the building with the mills beside the Craddock so long to be developed? If downtown Lynchburg was envisioned the way Richmond has it setup it

would be booming. The James can be utilized exponentially for recreation like Richmond does from the ground. I do applaud what has been done because 5-6 years ago, it was a ghost town.

We as a community need true progressive forecasting for Lynchburg. The colleges/universities are bringing the people (from bigger metro areas) here but what do they have to look forward to besides a city who has no vision for future and doesn't want to compete with other cities. Bring in corporate money to help but not overgrow. Increase the quality of living here. I mean look at Charlottesville! Although 29 sucks in Cville, The development and vision for Cville/Albemarle County is like a Northern VA without the NoVa traffic."

*Adding a train stop in Lynchburg*

Details: I like the idea of adding a train stop in Lynchburg and a rail ride from here to DC.

Stars: 0

Comments: