

September 19, 2024 Meeting

Staff Report

1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

If needed, concurrence of Electronic Meeting Policy

2. Proposed FY2024-2027 CVTIP Amendment (Public Hearing) *(Attachments 2a and 2b)*

Item A. Public Hearing on proposed FY24-27 CVTIP Amendment (Attachment 2a)

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit (VDRPT), on behalf of Luther Family Services of Virginia (dba encircle), proposes the following CVTIP amendment for the addition of FTA5310 funding to provide for two 9-passenger vans for paratransit services for residents from group homes and day support programs in the Bedford and Lynchburg areas.

	Previous Funding	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Total FY 2024-2027	
STIP ID:	LFS0001	Title: FTA5310 Expansion Vehicle (2)			Recipient: Lutheran Family Services of Virginia		
FTA 5310			167,000			FTA 5310	167,000
State						State	
Local			41,750			Local	41,750
Year Total:			208,751			Total Funds:	208,751
Description:	Purchase two (2) accessible vans to support paratransit services for residents from group home and day support programs in the Bedford and Lynchburg areas. Add new project and \$208,751 funding for FY25 (FTA5310 \$167,000.80, Local match \$41,750.20)						

Action: Call for Public Hearing to receive public comment.

Item B. Consideration for the CVTPO Resolution Amending the FY24-27 CVTIP

The proposed amendments were available for public comment, August 16 to September 16, 2024. No comments, as of September 13, 2024, were received. The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) recommended approval at their September 12, 2024 meeting. A Resolution is provided as *Attachment 4b*.

Recommendation: Staff recommends CVTIP FY2024-2027 Amendment Resolution adoption.

3. Approval of Minutes: July 18, 2024 *(Attachment 3)*

July 18, 2024 CVTPO meeting minutes provided for review and approval consideration.

Recommendation: Approval of Minutes.

4. FY2025 Urban Work Program Update *(all items informational)*

a. Route 221 Corridor Study *(Attachment 4a)*

The first Public Meeting was held Thursday, September 12th at the Forest Middle School, 100 Ashwood Drive, Forest from 5 to 7 PM. During the meeting EPR, PC, the project consultant provided a detailed display of corridor data and took community input. The project overview and corridor current conditions and accident data is provided as Attachment 4a. Additional project data information, as presented at the September 12th Public Meeting, is as available on the CVTPO website at:

https://www.cvtpo.org/images/Transportation-Studies-CVMPO/Maps-Safety_and_Volume_Data.pdf

The 221 Corridor Plan Survey launched September 12th and is open through Friday, October 4th. Please use the link below or go to www.cvtpo.org to participate in the 8-minute, survey that includes 10 simple questions, an interactive map to actively pinpoint and comment on areas of concern, and, finally, 7 optional participant demographic questions.

Access the Route 221 Corridor Study Survey Here: [221 Corridor Plan Survey](#)

b. Lynchburg City Multimodal Plan

Consultant Timmons Group facilitated the project Kickoff Meeting July 25, 2024. The project has a diverse stakeholder group, including Centra, Lynchburg City Schools, GLTC, Central Virginia Alliance for Community Living (CVACL), Lynchburg Center for Independent Living (LACIL), United Way, and multiple Lynchburg City Departments. Compiling existing plans and data, development of the Project Management Plan, and outreach strategy are the current activities. The next project meeting is September 26th, where the Steering Committee will finalize the outreach campaign (including website, marketing, survey, etc.).

c. U.S. DOT Thriving Communities Program – 12 Street Focus Area

The CVPDC received a USDOT Thriving Communities grant, in partnership with Lynchburg City and GLTC, to advance a 12th Street Corridor and Transit-Oriented Development Plan. The Thriving Communities program is a 3-year Technical Assistance grant program. Consultants from: abt Global, Nelson/Nygaard and EPR, along with staff support from Transportation for America, Smart Growth America, and USDOT will assist in guiding the program over the 3-year cycle. The project kickoff was held August 9th. The project team is developing the Scope of Work; with final Work Scope due to USDOT by October 3, 2024.

Three project team members, Alisha Meador, Economic Development Manager, Lynchburg City, Charlotte Lester, Neighborhood Planner, Lynchburg City, and Kelly Hitchcock will attend the Thriving Communities Program Convening, October 10-11, 2024 in Washington D.C.

5. Opportunity for Public Comment

The CVTPO meetings are open to the public. At this time any public participant is provided an opportunity to address the CVTPO. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per individual.

6. Matters from the Board and/or Staff (*all items informational*)

a. State, Federal, Local agency partner updates

A time for VDOT, DRPT, FHWA, FTA, GLTC partners to share program information.

b. 2025-2029 Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan

Ada Hunsberger, Program Manager, Central Virginia Commuter Services, will provide an overview at the 5:00 p.m. CVPDC meeting of the **2025-2029 Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan**, a document that outlines the operating services of the **Central Virginia Commuter Services** program, the regional Commuter Assistance Program (previously known as RIDE Solutions).

DRPT requires an approved 2025-2029 Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan in order to be eligible for future grant program funding. Ada has been coordinating with local and state stakeholders to develop the Draft Plan that outlines operating services and resources needed to operate the program. The Draft 2025-2029 Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan has been reviewed by the TTC, DRPT and VDOT and a 30-day public comment period will be held from October 23 to September 25, 2024. The final CAP Strategic Plan will be brought for CVPDC approval consideration at the November 21, 2024 meeting. With approval, the CVPDC will be eligible to submit a DRPT CAP application in January 2025.

The plan is available for review at: <https://www.cvcommuter.org/images/Commuter-Assistance-Program-Strategic-Plan-Draft-9-10-24.pdf>

c. CVPDC Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Initiative (Attachment 6c)

Mariel Fowler, Senior Planner, at the 5:00 PM CVPDD meeting, will provide an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure program overview. *Attachment 6d* presents an overview of the information that will be presented at the CVPDC meeting, chosen as the venue given the relevance of this subject to all PDC region localities.

d. DRPT Central Virginia Rail Economic Development Study

Emily Stock, Chief of Rail Transportation, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (VDRPT) will provide an overview of the *Central Virginia Rail Economic Development Study*, at the 5:00 pm CVPDC meeting. DRPT, in partnership with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), has led this study to evaluate rail-centric economic development opportunities in the region, including both passenger and freight rail enhancements to encourage intermodal and other non-intermodal market opportunities.

e. VDOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) and Revenue Sharing Program Cycle

The FY27-28 TA and Revenue Sharing cycles are advancing next year (pre-application opening April). There are important factors to consider in the pending and future rounds:

- TA projects capped at \$2.5M federal (\$3.125 M total project)
- Applicants can no longer re-apply for additional TA funds in future cycles
- Must have dedicated Public Hearings; not part of consent calendar
- Submitted funding projects must be in the applicant's Capital Improvement Plan

f. OIPI Growth & Accessibility Planning (GAP) Technical Assistance Program

The Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, OIPI, an agency within the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, has announced the Growth & Accessibility Planning (GAP) Technical Assistance Program. Applications are due November 1, 2024.

g. Other

Open discussion opportunity.

7. Central Virginia Safety Action Plan* (4:30 p.m.) - Mark Herman, Kimley-Horn, Presentation

The Central Virginia Safety Action Plan is being developed through the awarded USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program. EPR, PC and Kimley-Horn are the project consultants.

Mark Herman, Kimley-Horn, will provide a presentation that will present the CVPDC High Injury Network (HIN), summarize regional crash data and accident trends, and provide an overview of how the data, along with the incorporation of USDOT and VDOT's Safe System Approach will be used over the eight to ten month project planning process.

Kelly Hitchcock will also provide an overview of the Safety Action Plan project meetings, including, where requested, locality policy board presentations, the pending project website and public survey.

8. Adjourn

Informational Item

The next CVTPO meeting will be Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. This meeting will precede the 5:00 p.m. CVPDC meeting.