

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

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Thursday, August 13, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**.....Paul Harvey, *Chair*
2. **Welcome New Member:** Leslie Gamble (Amherst County Citizen Rep)
.....Paul Harvey, *Chair*
3. **Roll Call**..... Mallory Cook, *CVPDC*
4. **Approval of Minutes:** July 9, 2020 (Attachment 4)Paul Harvey, *Chair*
5. **Presentation / Discussion on Draft Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan** (Attachment 5)
.....EPR, PC Team
6. **Matters from the Committee**.....All
7. **Adjournment** - Next meeting: **September 10, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.** (location TBA)

Announcements & General Information

- **VTrans Virtual Workshops**- share the initial prioritization of the 2019 VTrans Mid-term Needs to actively collaborate with local and regional transportation partners to improve our methodology, similar to what was done during the 2019 VTrans Regional Workshops. **Tuesday, September 1st from 1:30pm-3:30pm.** For more information or to sign up, contact Katie Schwing at kathryn.schwing@oipi.virginia.gov
- **Transportation Technical Committee Statement of Purpose** (*See Attachment GI*)

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, July 9, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Electronic Meeting: GoToMeeting

MINUTES

PRESENT

Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
 Mariel Fowler (U/R)Bedford County
 Paul Harvey (U/R)..... Campbell County
 Anne Nygaard (U)City of Lynchburg
 Daniel Sonenklar (U/R)..... Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
 Rick Youngblood (U/R)..... Virginia Department of Transportation
 Mary Zirkle (R)Town of Bedford

ABSENT

Jeremy Bryant (U/R) Amherst County
 Sara Carter (U) Town of Amherst
 Todd Carroll (U).....Liberty University
 Kevin Jones (U/R).....Federal Highway Administration
 Andrew LaGala (U).....Lynchburg Regional Airport
 Johnnie Roark (R)Appomattox County
 Gary Shanaberger (R)..... Town of Appomattox
 Russell Thurston (R) Town of Brookneal
 Sharon Williams (R)..... Town of Altavista
 Mohammad Zaid (U).....City of Lynchburg

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

OTHERS PRESENT

Will Cockrell EPR
 Gary Christie CVPDC
 David Cook Virginia Department of Transportation
 Mallory Cook CVPDC
 Philipp Gabathuler CVPDC

1. Call to Order

Paul Harvey, Chair, called the meeting to order via GoToMeeting at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Mallory Cook conducted a roll call of the TTC members and other participating individuals present at the meeting.

3. Approval of the May 14, 2020 and June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mary Zirkle, seconded by Anne Nygaard, to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2020 and June 11, 2020 meeting minutes, and it was unanimously approved.

4. Recommendation to TPO Policy Board of Rural and Urban Smart Scale Projects

Philipp Gabathuler reviewed the list of projects for potential Smart Scale applications within the CVTPO boundaries.

Upon a motion made by Mariel Fowler, seconded by Mary Zirkle, a motion to approve the recommendation of the presented projects to the TPO Policy Board was unanimously approved.

5. Discussion on Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (June 30th Town Hall, Project Lists, Draft Chapters)

Will Cockrell provided an update to the June 30th Town Hall meeting, stating that there were about 15 total attendees with no public comments received.

The Lynchburg downtown “Complete Streets” project is currently showing to have all blocks/phases into one project on the current list. With the current cost of these projects at over \$57 million, it is scoring lower on the current project list. One option is to break the project up into multiple phases, the smaller projects scoring better partially due to lower individual costs.

Anne Nygaard suggested separating out the individual phases that may be completed in this time period and keep the remaining projects combined. Philipp Gabathuler suggested around three phases for this LRTP based on the next five years.

Will Cockrell also reviewed the draft of the Long Range Transportation Plan with the members of the Committee. The Committee will review the Plan at the August meeting.

6. Matters from the Committee

Rick Youngblood reminded members of the Committee that Smart Scale applications submissions have been extended until August 17, 2020. He recommended completing resolutions for applications submitted as quickly as possible, but their submission deadline has been extended to October 30, 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

The next meeting will be on August 13, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

MEMO

TO: Scott Smith, CVTPO
CVTPO Transportation Technical Committee (TCC)

FROM: Will Cockrell, EPR-PC

DATE: August 10th, 2020

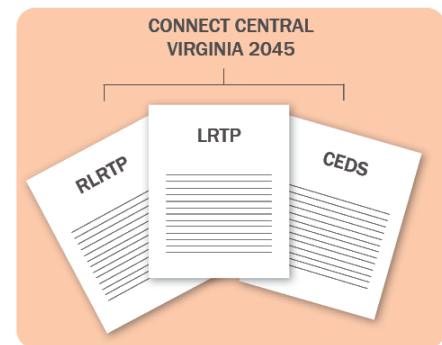
RE: Connect Central Virginia 2045, Draft Plan

PURPOSE: At their August 13th meeting, the TTC will review a draft of the Connect Central Virginia 2045 plan. ERP, P.C. will review the document with the committee and identify any additional edits in preparation for a September public hearing.

BACKGROUND: The 2045 LRTP process began in the Spring of 2019. The TPO progressed through all phases of the plan, despite challenges brought on by unforeseen events, such as the COVID Pandemic. At the July TTC meeting, VDOT concluded that the Constrained List of Projects would only consist of projects that are already funded and listed in the Six Year Improvement Program. The 2045 projects that were evaluated since January 2020 remain as a core element of the plan and are scored in this final draft. The ranking of Vision Projects includes information and next steps that are intended to transition those recommendations into state funding processes, such as SMART SCALE.

TPO staff thoroughly reviewed a draft of Connect Central Virginia that they received in mid-July. EPR addressed staff comments with corrections and revisions.

ISSUES: Connect Central Virginia is unlike any other LRTP effort. When reviewing the document, be aware that Connect Central Virginia is a combination of three documents – the TPO’s Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the PDC’s Rural Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP), and the region’s CEDS plan (specifically the Lynchburg Connectivity Study, which served as the transportation element of the CEDS). Throughout the document, references to “Connect Central Virginia 2045” apply to elements that refer to two or three of the constituent documents. At other times, the plan refers to the LRTP, RLRTP, or CEDS separately. This brings an integrated approach, so that the LRTP is interwoven with economic development and the surrounding rural transportation network.



ACTIONS NEEDED: The TPO will schedule a public hearing on Connect Central Virginia in September. For its August meeting, the TTC will be asked to review this draft and provide comments by the end of the week. EPR and TPO staff must post a draft version of the plan by August 17th for public viewing. While there can be changes to the document after August 17th, the posted version should substantively represent the document that goes to public hearing in September. The TTC will hold their last meeting on the 2045 effort on September 10th, when staff will ask for a recommendation to the Policy Board.

To view the draft plan, click [HERE](#).

While comments should be forwarded to TPO staff, other questions can be directed to Will Cockrell, at w.cockrell@epr-pc.com.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Approved September 5, 2002

The Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee (Committee) is responsible for supporting the Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization's (CVTPO) and Central Virginia Planning District Commission's transportation policy decision-making efforts.

The Committee provides technical advice in coordinating the federally-mandated "3-C" or continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative, transportation planning and programming process.

The Committee's three principal work efforts are updating the long range transportation plan, updating the transportation improvement program (TIP), and developing the annual unified planning work program. The Committee, in conjunction with its rural colleagues, also develops the annual Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program Scope of Work. The Committee's intent is to review and comment on TIP projects and work program products.

The Committee acknowledges that the long range transportation plan update is the primary planning document for transportation issues in the Central Virginia region. This planning initiative drives the formulation of the transportation improvement program, as well as the annual work programs.

The Committee further realizes that the long range transportation planning process must identify regional priorities in order to fully influence project funding decisions ultimately exercised by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The Committee's intent is to recommend priorities and encourage the CVMPO to set these priorities at the regional level.

Because of its importance, the Committee is fully committed to actively being involved in the long range transportation planning process.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee will:

1. Coordinate with local planning departments to ensure an understanding of pertinent local development issues and their impact on the region;
2. Coordinate with nearby MPOs and develop an ongoing dialogue with them;
3. Strive to integrate land use and economic development, as well as transportation considerations, in its planning process;
4. Strive to be proactive as opposed to reactive in problem solving.