



## Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization (CVMPO)

February 21, 2018

### Staff Report

#### 1. Call to Order

#### 2. Approval of Minutes: October 19, 2017 Meeting

*(See Attachment 2)*

The minutes of the October 19, 2017 meeting of the CVMPO are attached for your review and approval.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval.

#### 3. Opportunity for Public Comment

#### 4. Adoption of MAP 21 Targets for Highway Safety & Transit Rolling Stock Condition

MAP 21 (the current federal transportation funding bill) requires states and localities to set performance targets for a number of factors, including:

- Safety
- Transit Asset Management
- Pavement condition
- Bridge condition
- System performance
- Freight movements on Interstates

The 2040 Central Virginia Long-Range Plan (CVLRP) set in motion the concept of measuring the effectiveness of transportation solutions in our region, so it will be relatively easy for the CVMPO to adjust to the new federal requirements. These performance targets will serve as a baseline that will help us determine the success of certain projects and programs.

The two measures that are currently presented for adoption are Safety and Transit Asset Management (others will follow as VDOT develops the measures).

Transit providers (like GLTC) have set their own Transit Asset Management goals. In most cases, including GLTC, the providers have adopted the statewide goals. These goals for assets (rolling stock) are:

- Articulated bus - 80% of vehicles within Useful Life Benchmark

- 40-foot bus – 80% of vehicles within Useful Life Benchmark
- 35-foot bus – 80% of vehicles within Useful Life Benchmark
- 30-foot bus – 70% of vehicles within Useful Life Benchmark
- Under 30-foot – 80% of vehicles within Useful Life Benchmark
- Vans – 50% of vehicles within Useful Life Benchmark

Most MPOs in Virginia are choosing to adopt the statewide safety measures being developed by VDOT (the only known exceptions to this are the larger MPOs in Hampton Roads, Richmond, and Northern Virginia). These annual targets are:

- 2.0% -- Fatality Reduction
- 5.0% -- Serious Injury Reduction
- 4.0% -- Bike & Pedestrian Fatal & Serious Injury Reduction
- 1.5% -- Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Increase

At its January 11, 2018 meeting, the CVMPO Transportation Technical Committee voted to recommend to the CVMPO Policy Board that it adopt the performance measures as listed above and authorize staff to notify the Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transit and Virginia Department of Transportation of the decision.

Staff will be on-hand during the meeting to provide additional detail into recent annual fatality and serious injury crash rates and quantities for the MPO area.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends adoption of the targets.

## 5. Amendment of CVMPO Title VI Plan (Attachment #5)

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects people from discrimination based on race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. The CVMPO approved a plan for its compliance with Title VI on April 18, 2013. The plan was amended on January 11, 2016.

Since that amendment, there have been changes to the staff organizational structure within the CVMPO and the Region 2000 Local Government Council. Previously, the Deputy Director of Planning and Core Services had been appointed the organizations' Title VI Coordinator.

Because that position no longer exists, it is recommended that the organizations' Transportation Planning Director be designated as the Title VI Coordinator.

The current Title VI plan may be viewed here: <http://www.localgovernmentcouncil.org/ada-title-vi-2.html>

Changes to the text reflecting the newly-designated Title VI coordinator will occur as needed throughout the document, with particular attention to pages 7 and 8.

In keeping with the format of the 2016 amendment, a resolution affirming the amendment is attached.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends adoption of the resolution.

**6. Amendment to FY 2017-18 CVMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (Attachment #6)**

The CVMPO's annual Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) serves as the organization's guiding document for transportation planning activities during the fiscal year. To save resources, the current UPWP is not attached to this packet, but may be downloaded or viewed here: [http://www.localgovernmentcouncil.org/images/17\\_04-CVMPO-FY-2018-UPWP.pdf](http://www.localgovernmentcouncil.org/images/17_04-CVMPO-FY-2018-UPWP.pdf)

In Section II (FTA, VDRPT, CVMPO-funded Activities) of the FY 2018 UPWP, under 44.22.00 (General Development and Comprehensive Planning), Task 5 authorized CVMPO staff to "work with GLTC and other stakeholders to explore the viability of intercity bus service between Lynchburg and Charlottesville and/or Lynchburg and Roanoke."

To that end, CVMPO staff have participated in meetings with stakeholders in Lynchburg, Nelson County, and Charlottesville during the past seven months. On January 10, 2018, a meeting on van pool programs was facilitated by Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit at the Region 2000 Local Government Council offices in Lynchburg. In attendance were individuals representing transit providers, MPOs, PDCs, workforce boards, and transportation demand management organizations from Lynchburg, Danville, Martinsville, Roanoke, and Blacksburg.

During this meeting, participants expressed interest in pursuing van pools throughout the area as a way of proving long-range transit primarily to commuters, but possibly also to job-seekers taking vocational training courses and individuals seeking specialized medical care. Van pools may be a way of providing more customized, cost-effective transportation between towns and cities in the greater region rather than establishing a fixed-route bus service.

Because of this opportunity, staff would like to **edit the text of Task 5** (on page 11 of the UPWP) from:

"CVMPO Staff will work with GLTC and other stakeholders to explore the viability of intercity bus service between Lynchburg and Charlottesville and/or Lynchburg and Roanoke."

to

"CVMPO staff (with consultant support, if necessary) will work with stakeholders within the region as well as neighboring regions to explore the viability of inter-community van pools or other transit options as recommended in the Transit and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategy Area of the Lynchburg Regional Connectivity Study (March 2017)."

If procuring a consultant becomes necessary, the MPO has \$23,361 available that we do not plan to use for staff hours or other purposes. This is a result of \$23,361 in carryover from FY 16-17, which is the residue of a surplus created by a staff vacancy during the first quarter of that fiscal year.

The CVMPO Transportation Technical Committee met on January 11, 2018 and recommended these amendments for approval by the MPO Policy Board.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends adoption of the resolution.

## 7. Update on the Graves Mill Corridor Study

Each year, the CVMPO funds and manages development of a study or plan that provides meaningful transportation-related benefit to one or more area localities. This year staff and consultants are conducting a study of the Graves Mill Road corridor from Gristmill Drive in Bedford County to McConville Road in the City of Lynchburg. Staff will provide a brief report of the project's progress, including the December 12, 2017 public meeting.

**Recommendation:** Participate in the discussion.

## 8. Update on Route & Schedule Changes to The Hopper (Downtown Circulator Bus)

Brian Booth of GLTC will give a brief update on upcoming changes to the route and schedule of The Hopper, Lynchburg's downtown circulator bus, which began service in July 2017. The rolling stock was funded through Round 1 of SmartScale, and the operation is being funded by a DRPT demonstration grant.

The following *News & Advance* articles provide background on the changes:

[http://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/gluc-official-lynchburg-s-free-downtown-bus-is-doomed-without/article\\_56a3845a-dac2-11e7-a680-7f2448a00529.html](http://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/gluc-official-lynchburg-s-free-downtown-bus-is-doomed-without/article_56a3845a-dac2-11e7-a680-7f2448a00529.html)

[http://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/gluc-set-to-change-hours-route-of-downtown-circulator-bus/article\\_52abb722-88c8-541e-9e6b-0496987f324b.html](http://www.newsadvance.com/news/local/gluc-set-to-change-hours-route-of-downtown-circulator-bus/article_52abb722-88c8-541e-9e6b-0496987f324b.html)

**Recommendation:** Participate in the discussion.

## 9. Matters from the Members

## 10. Adjournment

## 11. Informational Items

The CVMPO will be meeting at 4:00 p.m. on the following dates, unless otherwise noted or notified.

- April 19, 2018
- July 19, 2018 (tentative)
- October 18, 2018
- January 17, 2019