



## Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization (CVMPO)

October 17, 2019

### Staff Report

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2019 Meeting ([Attachment 2](#))

The minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting of the CVMPO are attached for your review and approval.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment
4. Update on Organization Name Change & Bylaws Update ([Attachment 4](#))

At its July meeting, the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization voted to adopt amended bylaws which included a name change to the Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization. This new name is intended to help the public better understand the role of the organization in the region's transportation planning process.

Our partners at VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration concur with the changes, but for the amendments to take effect, our legal counsel advised that each of the five member localities needed to adopt the attached resolution. This new, simplified resolution replaces similar documents from 1979 and 2000, and allows the policy board to better govern itself in the context of current state and federal regulations.

All member localities have scheduled the resolution for consideration in the month of October:

Town of Amherst	October 8
County of Amherst	October 1
County of Bedford	October 28
County of Campbell	October 1
City of Lynchburg	October 22

Once the last locality adopts the resolution on October 28, the amended bylaws will go into effect, and staff will begin the process of executing a revised Memorandum of Understanding between the Secretary of Transportation, Greater Lynchburg Transit Company, Central Virginia Planning District Commission, and Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization.

**Recommendation:** Participate in the discussion.

## 5. Upcoming TIP Amendment: 221/501 Split Pairs Project

On September 24, staff received a request from VDOT to amend the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP) to add UPC 113116 (221/501 Split Pairs Project), which has been funded through Smart Scale. TIP amendments must be advertised with a 30-day public comment period prior to approval, so formal action is not on today's agenda. The amendment has been advertised in the News & Advance and the public comment period is active. The Policy Board will be asked to approve this amendment at the January 16, 2020 meeting.

**Recommendation:** Participate in the discussion.

## 6. Setting Goals and Performance Measures for Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan

**Background:** EPR is currently under contract to conduct CVMPO's five-year update of its LRTP, which will include elements of the Rural Long Range Plan (RLRP) and Lynchburg Connectivity Study. The process includes four milestones, each associated with completion of a planning phase. The State of the System Report (Chapter 3 of the Plan) marked the end of the first milestone. The current phase (Task 3 in the scope of work) will be completed at the end of Calendar Year 2019, once the CVMPO Policy Board officially approves the 2045 Goals and Performance Measures. Following that approval, phase three will begin and the goals and measures will be used to evaluate projects for the Long Range Plan's Constrained List of Projects, called the Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP).



Since the 2040 LRTP update, there have been several changes to requirements, funding processes and guidelines for MPO planning. On the Federal side, recent transportation laws, such as the FAST Act changed how states and MPOs are required to evaluate projects and set targets. There are two additional Federal Planning Factors, which MPOs shall address in their LRTPs. The Federal Code also requires that states and MPOs set Transportation Targets, which CVMPO adopted in the fall of 2018. During the 2040 LRTP update, the State's new funding process was referred to as HB2 (for House Bill 2) – that funding process is now called Smart Scale. In 2015, the HB2 (Smart Scale) scoring factors were being defined while the CVMPO 2040 update was occurring. Throughout the update process, the scoring factor development was being monitored while the LRTP prioritization tool, also using scoring factors, was being developed. Since then, the State processed three rounds of the program and MPOs have become more fluent with project selection and funding applications.

**Issues:** With changes to codes, processes and targets, the MPO will need to re-evaluate its 2040 goals and performance measures. EPR conducted an analysis of this 2040 framework and identified opportunities for improvements, based on changes at the Federal and State levels, mentioned above. This analysis included a charted matrix that compares the 2040 Vision Themes and goals with the Federal Factors and the 2040 performance measures with Smart Scale scoring methods.

**Goals:** In staff’s review of the 2040 goals, there is still consistency with the Federal and State guidance documents. In its review, the TTC may determine areas for improvement. Regardless of any updates, the Committee should provide guidance on how to prioritize these goals, to help determine how performance measures should be weighted in the project evaluation process. In the review of LRTP goals, the Committee should attempt to fulfill the following objectives:

- Reflect local and regional needs and priorities,
- Reflect Federal planning factors and goals, to be consistent with enabling codes,
- Position the Central Virginia region for successful funding of transportation projects.

**Performance Measures:** While the 2040 goals appear to remain relevant and consistent with requirements and guidelines, there are opportunities to update the MPO’s performance measures. These measures are critical to the process, as they will form the scoring methodology for ranking and selecting projects for the CLRP. An effective scoring process will help determine a prioritized project listing that not only meets local needs but is also more likely to receive funding.

Staff developed a matrix to compare MPO and Smart Scale scoring methods. In the following table, CVMPO’s performance measures are on the left side, referred to as Transportation Elements in the 2040 Plan, organized by goal and vision theme. At the bottom, the table lists the State’s funding criteria for any capacity building projects, which would likely be the most common funding avenue for LRTP projects. Consistency between 2040 and Smart Scale performance measures is indicated with an “x.”

Vision Theme	Goal	Transportation Element	Matrix																
Mobility and accessibility	Make it Flow	Congestion																	
		Traffic Volume	x																
	Freight Volume										x								
	Make it Accessible	Alternative Transportation Facilities					x												
Safety	Make it Safe	Traffic Accidents																	
		Safety Features																	
Economy	Promote Vitality	Economic Development Plans									x								
	Make it Efficient	Regional Commuter Travel											x						
		Surrounding Employment Density																	
Community and Nature	Sustain Quality	Social and Environmental Resources															x		
		Corridor Beautification																	
		Right of Way Sufficiency																	
Operational Efficiency	Make it Function	Road Functional Classification																	
	Coordinate Investments	Plan Coordination																x	
	Balance Priorities	Distribution of Benefits																	
		Measure Name	Person Throughput	Person Hours of Delay	Access to Jobs	Access to Jobs (disadvantaged Persons)	Access to Multimodal Choices	EPDO of Fatal & Injury Crashes	EPDO Rate of Fatal & Injury Crashes	Project Support Economic Development	Intermodal Access and Efficiency	Travel Time Reliability	Air Quality and Effects	Natural and Cultural Impacts	Transportation-Efficient Land Use	Increase Efficient Land Use			
		Factor Areas	Congestion Mitigation		Accessibility			Safety		Economic Development			Environmental Quality						

At the October 17th Policy Board Meeting, EPR will present these and other findings to help identify or reaffirm 2045 Goals and Performance Measures. With transportation targets already adopted, these will serve as a reference that will help guide the discussion. As this is the first of two meetings on this topic, the Policy Board is not expected to take any formal actions.

**Recommendation:** Participate in the discussion.

**7. Matters from the Members**

**8. Adjournment**

**9. Informational Items**

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

January 16, 2020

April 16, 2020

July 16, 2020

August 20, 2020

**Route 460/29 Arterial Management Plan - Campbell County Public Meeting**

- 10/29/19, 4:00-6:00 p.m., VDOT Ramey Memorial Auditorium, 4303 Campbell Ave., Lynchburg VA 24501

**VDOT FALL MEETINGS**

- **Salem District-** 10/30/19, 4:00 p.m., Holiday Inn Valley View, 3315 Ordway Drive, Roanoke, VA 24017
- **Lynchburg District-** 11/4/19, 4:00 p.m., Ramey Memorial Auditorium, 4303 Campbell Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501

**Route 460/29 Arterial Management Plan Campbell County Public Information Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 29, 2019 4-6 p.m.**  
 VDOT Ramey Memorial Auditorium  
 4303 Campbell Ave., Lynchburg VA 24501

**Come see** preliminary information for VDOT's Route 460/29 Arterial Management Plan in Campbell County. The purpose of the plan is to identify strategies to preserve capacity, enhance safety and support future growth in the corridor.

The meeting will be held in an "open house" format and VDOT representatives will be present to answer questions. No formal presentation will be given.

**Give your written or oral comments** at the meeting or submit them **by November 8, 2019** to Rick Youngblood, Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4219 Campbell Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24501. You may also email your comments to Rick.Youngblood@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "Route 460/29 Public Comments" in the subject line.

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