



Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization

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Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**.....Jon Hardie, *Chair*
 2. **Approval of Minutes: July 16, 2020 (Attachment #2)**Jon Hardie, *Chair*
 3. **Welcome New Member: Kim Payne (Interim Amherst Town Manager)** Jon Hardie, *Chair*
 4. **Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP) 2018-21** Jon Hardie, *Chair*
 5. **Consideration of Resolution Amending the CVTIP 2018-21 (Attachment #5)** Scott Smith, *CVTPO*
 6. **Presentation of Draft Connect Central Virginia 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan (Attachment #6)**.....EPR, *PC*
 7. **Announcement Regarding New CVPDC/CVTPO Transportation Staff Structure**
..... Scott Smith, *CVTPO*
 8. **Matters from the Members**..... Jon Hardie, *Chair*
 9. **Adjournment**..... Jon Hardie, *Chair*
- 10. Informational Items**
- The next scheduled meeting of the CVTPO will be at **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 17, 2020**. The meeting will be conducted via the GoToMeeting platform.

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Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization (CVTPO)

August 20, 2020

Staff Report

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes: July 16, 2020 Meeting (Attachment 2)**

The minutes of the July 16, 2020 meeting of the CVTPO are attached for your review and approval.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval.

3. **Welcome New Member**

As announced at the July meeting, Amherst Town Manager Sara Carter is on leave while she heals from an injury sustained in a motor vehicle crash. Kimball Payne has been selected by Amherst Town Council as the interim town manager and will serve on the TPO Policy Board in Sara Carter's absence.

Recommendation: Welcome Kim Payne back to the board.

4. **Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment to the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP) 2018-21**

Proposed amendments to the FY 18-21 Central Virginia TIP have been duly advertised in the News & Advance. This hearing is an opportunity for the public to speak for or against the amendment.

Recommendation: Receive comments from the public.

5. **Consideration of Resolution Amending the CVTIP 2018-21 (Attachment 5)**

Background: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the region's collaborative list of transportation investment priorities. This list includes all projects which are federally funded, along with non-federally funded projects that are regionally significant. It is a federal requirement that all MPOs develop and maintain a TIP. Projects include highway and transit projects, as well as airport access and other multimodal projects.

Overall, the TIP is an obligation document. Obligations are a commitment from the federal government to reimburse the state for the federal share of a project's eligible costs. Once a project is in the TIP a project or project

phase is authorized in a federal agreement under which Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA) commits to reimburse the state for a share of eligible costs.

Each project (or grouping of projects) in the TIP must include a sufficient project description (type, termini, length, etc.), an estimated total cost, the amount of federal funding proposed for obligation during each program year, and the identification of the project administrator. All TIPs developed in the Commonwealth of Virginia are combined into the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). After approval of the TIP, all revisions to the TIP must also be recorded in the STIP.

Action: The current Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP) has \$3,373,967 programmed for FY20 in the Maintenance: Preventative Maintenance and System Preservation grouping. **VDOT is requesting that an additional \$34,278,397 be added to FY20, for a total of \$37,653,364** (see table in attachment).

Recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of the resolution.

6. Presentation on Draft Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan (Attachment 6)

At their August 13th meeting, the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) reviewed a draft of the Connect Central Virginia 2045 plan. The draft plan will be posted for public review and comment on August 17th. While there can be changes to the document after August 17th, the posted version should substantively represent the document that goes to public hearing. 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 for its public hearing and meeting on September 17th. **To view the draft plan, visit www.connectcentralvirginia2045.com**



Recommendation: Participate in discussion.

7. Announcement Regarding New CVPDC/CVTPO Transportation Staff Structure

As previously announced, Transportation Planning Director Scott Smith will be leaving the organization on or before September 30th to join his family in Missouri (his wife, Emily, has begun a doctoral program at the University of Missouri). Smith will present an overview of a new staffing structure and division of responsibilities.

8. Matters from the Members

9. Adjournment

10. Informational Items

The CVTPO will meet at 4:00 p.m. on the following dates unless otherwise noted or notified.

September 17, 2020 (online) October 15, 2020 January 21, 2021 April 15, 2021



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Via GoToMeeting

~ MINUTES~

July 16, 2020, 4:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Booth Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
 Kenny Craig Liberty University
 Jon Hardie, Chair Campbell County
 Robert Hiss Bedford County
 Dean Rodgers Amherst County
 Frank Rogers Campbell County
 Bonnie Svrcek City of Lynchburg
 Chris Winstead VDOT Lynchburg District
 Beau Wright City of Lynchburg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jimmy Ayers Amherst County
 Sara Carter Town of Amherst
 Daniel Sonenklar Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
 John Sharp Bedford County
 Dwayne Tuggle Town of Amherst

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Christie CVPDC
 Will Cockrell EPR
 Mallory Cook CVPDC
 Philipp Gabathuler CVPDC
 Kelly Hitchcock CVPDC
 W. Scott Smith CVPDC/CVMPO
 Grant Sparks DRPT
 Rick Youngblood VDOT

1. Call to Order

Jon Hardie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm via GoToMeeting.

2. Approval of Minutes: June 18, 2020

A motion was made by Bonnie Svrcek to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2020, and it was meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

No comments were received.

4. Update on Area Construction Projects, Smart Scale Applications

Rick Youngblood reported that VDOT is currently working through 33 applications that have been submitted in the region. The current TPO submitted projects, as well as current projects, were reviewed by Mr. Youngblood.

Kenny Craig asked about anticipated scoring of the 460/811 Intersection Improvements project, and Mr. Youngblood explained that this project would be considered a potential safety improvement and had the potential to score well.

5. Consideration of Resolution in Support of Smart Scale Project Applications

Scott Smith explained that it was requested for the TPO to submit the application for both the 460/811 Intersection Improvements project and the Timberlake Road Improvements Project included among the list of Smart Scale applications. Robert Hiss noted that the Bedford County Board of Supervisors had not yet weighed in on all the proposed projects in the county. Scott Smith replied that the adoption of a support resolution doesn't commit the TPO or county to submitting a final application.

A motion was made by Frank Rogers, seconded by Bonnie Svrcek, to approve the Resolution, contingent upon the final approval of the regional localities' support of the projects listed. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Update on Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan Progress

Will Cockrell with EPR provided an update on the Virtual Town Hall conducted on June 30th that included approximately 15 attendees. Attendees of the event were directed

to the website with all the projects for review, and a comment period ran until July 15th. At this time, no comments have been received.

Mr. Cockrell reviewed the current draft of the Long Range Transportation Plan and its successful integration of the Lynchburg Connectivity Study into the plan. The Rural Long Range Transportation Plan was also reviewed.

The engagement process for this plan has been very successful and has gone well beyond previous iterations of the region's LRTP despite health and safety concerns over the past several months. The process of the project was reviewed, showing how public input and scoring have provided information in moving forward with projects in the region.

7. Matters from the Members

Christ Winstead provided some updates from General Assembly legislation that may impact the region. Effective July 1, a \$0.05 per gallon gas tax increase went into effect with another increase expected next year as well. A \$0.076 per gallon gas tax increase dedicated to construction district grant programs which also went into effect on July 1.

8. Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.



**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CENTRAL VIRGINIA
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FISCAL YEARS 2018 – 2021**

Whereas the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP) is required to be submitted to the Virginia Department of Transportation for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP);

Whereas inclusion of transportation projects in the CVTIP is a condition of federal participation in the funding of projects and programs;

Whereas this amendment includes the addition of \$34,278,397 to the Maintenance: Preventative Maintenance and System Preservation grouping for fiscal year 2020; and

Whereas public input has been sought (as required) in amending the CVTIP; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization does hereby approve the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Years 2018-2021, as amended, and described in the attached *Narrative of Changes to the CVTIP FY18-21*.

Approved this 20th day of August 2020.

ATTESTED BY:

Gary F. Christie, Secretary
Central Virginia Transportation
Planning Organization

CERTIFIED BY:

Jon Hardie, Chair
Central Virginia Transportation
Planning Organization

Narrative of Changes to the CVTIP FY18-21

The current Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP) has \$3,373,967 programmed for FY20 in the Maintenance: Preventative Maintenance and System Preservation grouping. VDOT is requesting that an additional \$34,278,397 be added to FY20, for a total of \$37,653,364 (see table below).

Proposed Amendment:

GROUPING		Maintenance : Preventive Maintenance and System Preservation				
PROGRAM NOTE		Funding identified to be obligated districtwide as projects are identified.				
ROUTE/STREET					TOTAL COST	\$57,031,898
	FUND SOURCE	MATCH	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
CN	Federal - STP/STBG	\$0	\$2,332,599	\$6,071,460	\$37,653,364	\$10,974,475
MPO Note		TIP AMD - add an addit'l \$34,278,397 (STP/STBG)				

MEMO

TO: Scott Smith, CVTPO
CVTPO Transportation Technical Committee (TTC), CVTPO Policy Board

FROM: Will Cockrell, EPR-PC

DATE: August 10th, 2020 [edited August 14, 2020]

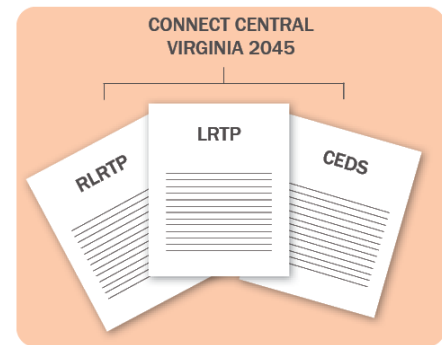
RE: Connect Central Virginia 2045, Draft Plan

PURPOSE: At their August 13th meeting, the TTC will review a draft of the Connect Central Virginia 2045 plan. EPR, P.C. will review the document with the committee and identify any additional edits in preparation for a September public hearing. A similar activity will occur with the Policy Board at its August 20th meeting.

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 [Staff note: this has been scheduled for Thursday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m.]. 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, visit www.connectcentralvirginia2045.com

While comments should be forwarded to Scott Smith at scott.smith@cvpdc.org, other questions can be directed to Will Cockrell at w.cockrell@epr-pc.com.