



Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization (CVTPO)

September 17, 2020

Staff Report

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes: August 20, 2020 Meeting**

Tabled until the next meeting.

Recommendation: None.

3. **Presentation on the Connect Central Virginia 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan**

The draft Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan may be found at: www.connectcentralvirginia2045.com/draft-plan-1

Background: The 2045 transportation planning process began in the Spring of 2019. The TPO progressed through all phases of the plan, despite the challenges of unforeseen events, such as the COVID Pandemic. At the Technical Committee's August 2020 meeting, EPR, P.C. presented a formatted draft of Connect Central Virginia 2045. While there were no comments or revisions communicated at the meeting, Committee members forwarded comments to TPO staff prior to the August Policy Board meeting. EPR, P.C. addressed all revisions forwarded by the TTC, prior to the Policy Board meeting, and reposted the revised plan online.



Issues: At their August 20th meeting, Policy Board members requested four draft plan revisions. The Board requested that Chapter 5: Demographic and Land Use Trends include Appomattox information, since the plan includes the Central Virginia Rural Transportation Program area. Chapter 5 would also include additional land use analysis, including local future land use maps, employment centers, and projected population from the travel demand model. The Board requested the inclusion of a southern bypass project (Project 9 & 10), previously included in the 2040 plan. Finally, the Board identified additional bike and pedestrian resources to reference.

TPO staff conducted a second, full review of the draft plan and identified additional revisions. These changes included a restructuring of Project 19 (US 29/Wards Road South), dividing that project into three parts. Using the 2045 scoring sheets, one of the three projects score in the top 30 of 2045 projects. TPO staff also requested additional bike and pedestrian recommendations, providing more emphasis to alternative modes of travel.

Prior to the September meeting of the Technical Committee, additional comments were received from members and were incorporated into the current draft. Minor technical edits will likely continue to be made during the

update process. The only outstanding element to the plan is an environmental review appendix, supplied after communicating with environmental review.

TPO Policy Board members should review the updated draft and identify any final revisions in preparation for the pending Public Hearing. 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.

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Recommendation: Participate in the discussion.

4. Public Hearing on the Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan

The draft Connect Central Virginia 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan has been open to public comment for thirty-days, and notice of the public hearing has been duly advertised in the *News & Advance*. This hearing is an opportunity for the public to speak for or against the plan.

Recommendation: Receive comments from the public.

5. Consideration of Resolution Adopting the Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan (Attachment 5)

On September 10, 2020, the Technical Committee voted to recommend adoption of the Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan by the CVTPO Policy Board. Comments that were received during the meeting were taken under advisement and, when possible, incorporated into the current draft of the plan.

Action: The CVTPO Technical Committee and staff are requesting approval of the Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan.

Recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of the resolution.

6. Introduction of new CVTPO/CVPDC Staff Member

Scott Smith will introduce incoming Regional Planner Ada Hunsberger.

7. Matters from the Members

8. Adjournment

9. Informational Items

Pending approval of Agenda Item #5, the CVTPO meeting previously scheduled for October will be cancelled. The CVTPO will meet at 4:00 p.m. on the following dates unless otherwise noted or notified.

January 21, 2021

April 15, 2021

July 15, 2021

October 21, 2021