

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, February 15, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

In-Person and Electronic Meeting

Draft Minutes

PRESENT

Paul Harvey, Chair (U/R)..... Campbell County
 Mariel Fowler (U/R)..... Bedford County
 Ryan Roberts (U).....City of Lynchburg
 Erik Smedley (U/R)..... Bedford County
 Sharon Williams (R)..... Town of Altavista
 Mary Zirkle (R).....Town of Bedford
 Tyler Creasy (U/R).....Amherst County
 Josh Moore (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
 J.P. Morris (U/R)..... VDOT – Salem District
 Rick Youngblood (U/R)..... VDOT-Lynchburg District

ABSENT

Catherine (Leslie) Gamble (U/R).....Amherst County
 Daniel Sonenklar (U/R)..... Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
 Todd Carroll (U).....Liberty University
 Kevin Jones (U/R)..... Federal Highway Administration
 Andrew LaGala (U).....Lynchburg Regional Airport
 Sara McGuffin (U)..... Town of Amherst
 Johnnie Roark (R).....Appomattox County
 Russell Thurston (R)..... Town of Brookneal
 Mariel Fowler (U/R)..... Bedford County

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

OTHERS PRESENT

David CookVDOT – Lynchburg District
 Kelly Hitchcock.....CVPDC/CVTPO
 Kirsten Trautman..... CVPDC/CVTPO

1. Call to Order

Paul Harvey welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2023,

Moving on to the minutes, Paul entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION: Josh Moore motioned to approve the January 12, 2023 minutes with the 2023 year correction. Rick Youngblood seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

3. FY23 Work Program

UPWP

a. CVTPO Title VI Plan Update

Hitchcock noted she had not yet completed the Draft Title VI. However, a Draft will be provided to the TTC at the March meeting. The Draft will then go to the CVTPO March 16 meeting for approval to move to public comment, which will take place in April. The Title VI plan will then go into public comment, which will then go back to the TPO for final approval at their April 18, 2023, meeting.

b. Multimodal Study/ US DOT Grant

Hitchcock announced the CVPDC did receive the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant, which is a \$280,000 grant, with a \$70,000 match. Brebner and Hitchcock have started the first steps for this grant. Hitchcock noted the Multimodal Project has the preliminary Scope as presented to DRPT. It was confirmed it was determined that the Scope Development should proceed.

Hitchcock asked if any of the TTC members would be interested in serving to assist in Scope Development, this would involve discussion, reviewing, providing recommendation before presenting to the full TTC. Erik Smedley volunteered to be that point of reference.

Ryan Roberts asked Kelly if the geographic footprint would be limited to the urbanized area. Kelly responded by saying it was not, the Safe Streets for All Grant covers the full PDC area.

c. CVTPO Travel Demand Update

Hitchcock thanked folks for providing the development data to David Cook so that the 2022 baseline TAZ data could be developed.

David Cook provided more detail on the pending Travel Demand update. Cook has been working through the base travel demand model and within this model, they will have traffic analysis zones. These zones are based on current conditions such as; the current population number, the current number of vehicles, and current employment (retail and non-retail). The 2020 Census data will be updated to include the locality data to arrive at the 2022 baseline. Cook noted he has worked through the 2020 census of household information for all of the TAZs and he is working on adding the previous two years.

To develop the 2050 projection year, Cook and Hitchcock will meet with each locality for roundtable discussion meetings – to include planning and economic development staff, in mid-March – to review site development plans and consider growth projections.

d. PSI/Intersection Safety Study

Hitchcock noted that EPR will once again do intersection safety evaluations. Hitchcock confirmed that Bedford had provided locations for consideration. TTC were asked of other potential locations for study consideration.

David Cook spoke up saying the top four locations that they had given would be STARS (Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions) and they had 28 priorities within the district. However, the STARS are those that have been left unstudied in the PDC area. Erik Smedley noted Bedford originally came forward with request as they are hoping to look at a larger 221 study and that the PSI was an avenue to begin that evaluation. He noted not sure if all will qualify under PSI. Kelly asked if he wanted to send the Centerville Rd intersection to her to have on the list; Smedley will provide information. Hitchcock noted sites will be forwarded to EPR and will let

them decide on what to come back with. Rick Youngblood spoke up saying that if he remembers correctly this was the approach that they were taking as opposed to doing a full study.

e. **FY24 Work Program Development**

Kelly noted that the FY24 Work Program development is beginning. Hitchcock asked folks to reach out to her to send potential projects. Hitchcock noted that Alec Brebner sent her email noting potential interest in an Enterprise Drive evaluation. Ryan Roberts said the City was looking at the corridor and some speed reduction options. Mary Zirkle noted that the Town will be updating the Comprehensive Plan and the transportation chapter assistance for a project is of interest.

SPR

Hitchcock noted that the Title VI update includes the rural area.

Hitchcock noted she will be assisting VDOT TDM Program in the Park and Ride lot evaluation. The Brookneal lot is the one identified by VDOT. Hitchcock noted she did send information on the 460 Spout Spring and New London lots as well. Josh Moore asked if the Ty River lot might be included. Hitchcock will check.

4. U.S Census 2020 Urban Areas

David Cook provided a summary of the 2020 Census and the new urban area definition impacts. The biggest impact is housing unit density, minimum of 2,000 housing units or 5,000 people for an urban area. The definition change resulted in removal of 700 urban areas nationwide. In Virginia, several dozen towns were removed. However, no area in CVPDC area was redefined.

Cook presented a map showing the 2010 urban boundary and showed the slight adjustments from the 2020 Census. The biggest difference is in Bedford where the urban area expanded.

Josh Moore noted GLTC uses urbanized zoning areas (UZA) which somewhat follows the Census information and has been updated. This affects the urban and rural areas in regard to federal funding. Hitchcock questions if GLTC was waiting on funding impact. David noted that urban area adjustments will impact MPOs and they should have information on funding distribution.

5. FFY2024- 2027 STIP Update

Kelly explained that they have received information from VDOT regarding the MTIP FY2024-2027 update. The draft updated TIP will be brought to the TTC for review and recommendation to move to the CVTPO March 16th meeting for approval for public comment. The final TIP for Public Hearing and CVPTO approval at the May 18, 2023 meeting. Hitchcock confirmed this schedule has been submitted to VDOT, DRPT, and GLTC for confirmation.

Rick Youngblood noted there will be two live TIPs for the next fiscal year.

6. Smart Scale Round 5

Hitchcock noted that everyone should have received the SMART SCALE Round 5 scoring from David Cook. There were no questions or comments related to the scoring or recommended awarded projects.

7. Matters to the Committee

a. **VDOT and DRPT updates**

David shared information about a new transportation safety advocate group, called the Lynchburg Urban Network, that has formed in Lynchburg. The new group of concerned citizens, engineers,

and others are looking to provide safer and more accessible streets for all roadway users. David said he had their information, and they are looking at rating sidewalks, and looking to improve these. Hitchcock added she is interested in receiving the contact information.

Rick Youngblood said that while they are not through Round 5 of Smart Scale, they will be looking and reviewing their project list for the next round. Youngblood reminded folks that June is the next grant cycle for the Revenue Share and TAP program; he encouraged everyone to consider their projects.

b. USDOT Raise Grant

Erik Smedley noted that Bedford County is pulling together an application in partnership with Franklin County to hopefully fund the study for the Route 221 corridor.

c. VDOT's 2023 Cost Estimation Summit

Kelly wanted to make sure everyone had received the needed emails that provided information for this. She also reminded everyone that the Cost Estimation Summit is in April.

d. State Trails Office – State Trails Plan

Hitchcock provided information about the pending Building Capacity Community Agrotourism Trails and Main Street Conference, which is in coordination between Virginia Agrotourism, Virginia Main Street, and Virginia Trails. Hitchcock will send information to anyone interested.

e. CRASH Tool

Kelly has been contacted by Citian about their CRASH software. It is a very easy tool to use and has a lot of the information that VDOT uses and information that someone may want to use for applications. Hitchcock noted the current software the CVTPO uses is MySidewalk, with a contract started by Scott Smith as part of the LRTP update. Hitchcock noted Citian is willing to lead a tool exploration session, asked if there was interest. There was no TTC member interest. Paul Harvey asked if the current CVTPO tool was used, there was not used noted by members.

f. Other

- Kelly mentioned that VDOT Safety Circuit Rider is also offering the willingness for technical assistance for anyone who wants to look at the Complete Streets Initiative. A round table will be held on the 21st of this month that talks about what they are offering in their technical assistance.
- Virginia now has the State Trails Office, which is charged with developing a State Trails plan, effort is being coordinated through VDOT and DCR. They have asked if everyone could send information on existing trails, purposed or planned trails to help start their plan.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Josh Moore motioned, seconded by Rick Youngblood, to adjourn. Paul Harvey adjourned the TTC.