



Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization (CVTPO)

July 21, 2022

Staff Report

1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

Concurrence of Electronic Meeting Policy.

2. CVTPO Board 2022-2023 Elections

Per a July 2019 informal officer rotation, the City of Lynchburg would move from Vice Chair to Chair, and Campbell County would resume the Vice Chair position.

Execute CVTPO elections. Pass chair and meeting lead to appointed CVTPO chair.

3. Approval of Minutes: May 19, 2021 (Attachment 2)

May 19, 2022, CVTPO meeting minutes provided for review and approval.

Recommendation: Approval of Minutes.

4. Item a) Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP) 2021-2024 (Attachment 3a)

Proposed amendments to the FY21-24 Central Virginia TIP have been available for public comment for thirty days and duly advertised in the News & Advance. This hearing is an opportunity for the public to speak for or against the amendments.

Recommendation: Call Public Hearing to receive comments from the public.

Item 3b) Consideration of CVTPO Resolution Amending the CVTIP 2021-2024

The Virginia Department of Transportation has requested the consideration for proposed amendment to the Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP) accommodate changes in program and project needs.

The proposed amendments have been available for public comment for thirty days and the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) supports this request. The resolution (Attachment 3b) is provided for the CVTPO's consideration.

Recommendation: Staff recommends CVTIP Amendment Resolution adoption.

5. Resolution of Support Consideration for Smart Scale Applications (Attachment 4)

The Counties of Bedford, Amherst and Campbell and the City of Lynchburg are submitting projects for SMART Scale Round 5 funding.

The following describes those projects being submitted within the CVTPO area.

Amherst County

- **Seminole Drive Right Turn Lane**
Construct right-turn lane on S Amherst Hwy northbound at S Amherst Hwy (Bus Route 29) and Seminole Dr intersection.
- **Dillard Road Right Turn Lane**
Construct a right-turn lane on Dillard Rd at S Amherst Hwy (BUS Route 29) and Dillard Rd intersection.
- **Lynchburg Expressway and S Amherst Hwy Intersection**
Improve BUS Route 29 and S Amherst Hwy (Route 163) intersection by constructing an additional turn lane on Route 163 and reconfiguring access to restrict through and left-turn movements out of Lyttleton Lane.
- **Dillard Road – Lakeview Drive Improvements**
Manage access points to allow for safer travel movement through median placement, which will also support safe pedestrian movement.

Bedford County

- **Route 460 Corridor Improvements**
Intersection reconfigurations along Route 460 between Route 811 and Route 623 to improve business access, corridor safety, and capacity preservation.
- **Route 221 Sidewalks – Thomas Jefferson to Bateman Bridge Rd**
Install sidewalks along northbound side of Route 221 Forest Road from Rt 811/Thomas Jefferson Rd to Gables Drive connecting residential community to commercial businesses and public amenities, including Forest Library.
- **Route 221 Sidewalks - from Bateman Bridge to Enterprise Drive**
Install sidewalks along northbound side of Route 221 Forest Road from Gables Drive to Enterprise Drive/Rt 1415 connecting residential community to commercial centers.

Campbell County

- **Timberlake Road Improvement Project (Greenview Drive/Laxton Road)**
Installation of additional left and right turn lanes at Greenview and Laxton, installation of sidewalk between Oakdale Circle and Wood Rd and a transit stop are included within this project.
- **Candlers Mountain Road Turn Lane Improvements**
Construct new or extend existing turn lanes at four (4) intersection along Candlers Mtn Rd between City limits and Sunnymeade Rd.

- Route 29 Southern Section (Colonial Hwy to Calohan Rd)
Construct a series of safety features, including RCUTs, entrance closing, and turn movements improvements along Route 29 from Route 24 to Calohan Road.

City of Lynchburg

- US 501 Improvements – Langhorne and Vassar Improvements
Construct a roundabout at the US 501 BUS (Langhorne Rd) and Vassar St. intersection to improve safety movement for motorist and pedestrians.
- Candler's Mtn Rd and Liberty Mtn Dr Roundabout
Modify the intersection of Candler's Mtn Rd with the US Route 460 Eastbound Off-ramp restricting left turn and through movements, extend or add turn lanes along Liberty Mtn Dr. to improve access, and construct a roundabout at the Liberty University Dr and Liberty Mtn. Dr.

Recommendation: Staff recommends resolution adoption.

6. US DOT Safe Roads and Streets for All (SS4A) Program Consideration (Attachment 5)

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) provided the foundation for a new Safe Streets and Road for All (SS4A) discretionary program that will, over the next five years, provide \$5-6 billion in grant funding to support regional, local, Tribal initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and series injuries.

A general program overview is provided as Attachment 5.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the SS4A first grant round is anticipated to open in May 2022; with grants anticipated to be due in late August to late September. In order to receive project implementation funds, an approved Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, or equivalent document, developed according SS4A NOFO specifications, must be adopted by a locality and/or regional entity.

The SS4A first grant round will make available planning and implementation funding. Planning funding, at standard 80%/20% match rate, will be available to provide funding to undergo an extensive planning process to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

The ability to be ready for these funds will require dedicated evaluation to assure that all parties are apprised of important details and able to move through appropriate review, approval, and potential financial contribution considerations. Staff is recommending the creation of a CVPDC/CVTPO Safe Roads and Streets for All Subcommittee, that will be comprised of dedicated CVTPO members, CVTPO appointed members, and TTC members. This subcommittee will serve to oversee the SS4A program review, evaluation, and action recommendation(s) which will be brought back to the CVTPO, and as necessary, CVPDC member localities.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the CVTPO authorize staff to initiate communication with CVTPO and CVPDC localities for support in submitting a SS4A Planning Grant and beginning the preliminary grant development process, including preliminary budget. CVTPO should consider providing the Executive Committee the ability to finalize a SS4A grant submittal approval process.

7. Other Matters from the Board and/or Staff

- a. VDOT HSIP and Smart Scale Round 5 applications.
Reminder staff and UVA LTAP program working with locality partners in evaluating local crash data for foundation for VDOT Virginia Highways Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Virginia Systemic Safety Program low-cost countermeasure implementation activity grant

focus. Applications due November 1, 2022.

8. Adjournment

Informational Items

- Unless notified otherwise, the CVTPO will meet at 4:00 p.m. on the following dates
October 20, 2022 January 19, 2023