



Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization (CVTPO)

January 18, 2024 Meeting

Staff Report

1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

If needed, concurrence of Electronic Meeting Policy

2. Approval of Minutes: June 15, 2023 and November 16, 2023 (*Attachment 2a* and *2b*)

The CVTPO minutes of June 15, 2023 and November 16, 2023 are provided for review and approval consideration.

The time delay in approval reflects the October 19, 2023 meeting cancellation and the November 16, 2023 meeting, partially as a function of the Matts Creek wildfire in the Jefferson National Park, did not have a quorum. While not a quorum, the November meeting was held and did include the FY24-27 CVTIP Amendment Public Hearing, and a visit from Lynchburg District Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) member Linda Green.

Recommendation: Approval of Minutes.

3. Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP) FY2024 – 2027 Amendment Consideration (*Attachment 3a*) (*Attachment 3b*) (*Attachment 3c*)

The following changes to the FY2024-2027 CVTIP are proposed for CVTPO adoption consideration. The changes are a result of direct project Amendment request as result of anticipated corrections by GLTC and program inclusion by the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority; details of the program amendments below. Additionally, wording changes and GLTC program description additions to reflect direct request from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), have been made. Details of the proposed changes are detailed below.

Amendments include the following:

- Project inclusion by Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA):
The Commonwealth has programmed \$111 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds to the VPRA to be used on four state-sponsored Amtrak commuter routes. FHWA has confirmed that CMAQ funding can be used for state-sported routes for operation and capital equipment expenses. VPRA must incorporate within MPOs across the Commonwealth TIP Amendments for those Amtrak routes that traverse through their regions. VPRA is seeking inclusion for expenses for two trains on the Roanoke Route (Route 46) that traverse through the CVTPO region. Proposed Project Amendments are provided as *Attachment 3a*. The full FY24-27 CVTIP, with proposed wording adjustments and the project changes is provided as *Attachment 3b*.
- Project and Program Amendments by Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) to reflect a range of program and fleet service funding within FTA 5339 and 5307 programs, many of

which were transfers from the FY21-24 TIP. A full summary of the Amendments is provided as *Attachment 3a*.

- CVTIP general wording additions and edits, per FTA request.
 - Added the following sentence:
“The Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) uses the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process of the CVTPO to satisfy the public hearing requirements of 49 U.S.C. Section 5307(c). The TIP public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comment on the TIP satisfies the program-of-projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program.” (pg 7 and 20).
 - Adjusted the transportation funding table to separate and distinguish FTA-funded programs (pg. 12).

Proposed amendment to the FY24-27CVTIP was available for a 30-day comment period from October 16, 2023 to November 15, 2023 and duly advertised in the News & Advance, and on the CVTPO website. Additionally, the CVTIP Public Hearing was held Thursday, November 16, 2023 and called to order at 4:20 p.m. No public comments were received.

Item b) Consideration for the CVTPO Resolution Amending the FY21-24 CVTIP (*Attachment 3c*)

The proposed amendments were made available for public comment, a Public Hearing was held, and the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) recommended approval at their 11/9/23 meeting. A resolution (*Attachment 3c*) is provided for CVTPO consideration.

Recommendation: Staff recommends FY2024 – 2027 CVTIP Amendment Resolution adoption.

4. Lynchburg City USDOT RAISE Application Support Resolution (*Attachment 4*)

The City of Lynchburg will be submitting a USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE Discretionary Grant Program, application for the US501/US 221 Intersection Improvement Project, a recognized regional transportation priority project in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The City intends to apply for \$25 million.

The primary improvements generally include creation of a split intersection (i.e. One-Way Pair) that would split two-way traffic on existing US 501 into one-way traffic on two separate roadways, the southbound section to follow along the existing US 501 corridor and the northbound direction to be situated along a new alignment to the east of the existing intersection. These modifications create two separate intersections, each carrying less traffic than the original, which would simplify the signal phasing, reduce delays at each intersection and improve safety. The project also eliminates an adjacent intersection with the addition of a flyover bridge further enhancing traffic flow and also includes the addition of multi-modal transportation with Greater Lynchburg Transit Company’s (GLTC) mini transfer site and multi-use trails for pedestrians and bicycles.

5. FY2024 Urban Work Program Update (all informational items)

a. Intersection Safety Study (*Attachment 5*)

EPR, Inc. is leading an intersection safety study. After initial safety evaluations and follow up meeting with Amherst and Bedford staff, an adjusted scope which removes two Amherst intersections, adds a new Amherst intersection, and shifts safety evaluation at a Bedford County intersection. The summary of the study and scope adjustment is provided in the Table below.

This scope adjustment includes an \$8,284.94 change; the new project total is \$78,237.41.

Intersection	Original Scope	New Scope
Amherst Hwy (Bus 29) & Sprouse Drive	In	In
Amherst Hwy (Bus 29) & Rothwood Rd (657)	In	In
Amherst Hwy (163) & Old Town Connector (210)	In	Out
Amherst Hwy (163) & Merrymoor Drive (1059)	In	Out
Forest Rod (221) & Rustic Village Rd/Gumtree Rd (609)	In	In
Perrowville Rd (663) and Mays Mill Rd (622)	In	Expand to consider Mays Mill Rd improvements and light redevelopment of the adjacent industrial/manufacturing site. Include evaluation and mitigation needs for Mays Mill Bridge development.
Amelon Expressway (130)/Amelon Road (669)/Amelon Center Parkway Intersection	Out	In

b. Route 221 Study

EPR Inc., are leading the Route 221 (Forest Road), between Perrowville Road and Graves Mill Rd, study. The study is centered on identifying improvements that address existing and future congestion, safety concerns, access management and multimodal mobility needs. The study does not focus on the full length rather on three specific areas being:

- Perrowville Rd to Thomas Jefferson Rd (Route 811);
- Ambassador Rd to Cloverhill Blvd; and
- Enterprise Dr to Graves Mill Rd.

Project is activity underway and initial concepts to project team in early spring.

c. CVTPO/CVPDC Safety Data Analysis/Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

VDOT-Central Office, through on-call consultants Kimley-Horn, are evaluating and analyzing the region’s crash data using a range of factors, including social economics, employment, and land use. The Safety Data Analysis is the data foundation for the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. The Kimley-Horn consultants are actively working on the data development, including overlaying crash and high injury/accident network with the USDOT Disadvantaged Communities Data. The preliminary data was presented to the TTC at the 11/9/23 meeting. Locality staff will review the final data, which includes the newest VDOT crash data. A summary and data integration as the foundation to the CVPDC Comprehensive Safety Action Plan will be presented at the March 21st meeting.

6. Matters from the Board and/or Staff

a. CVPDC On-Call Consultant Procurement

b. US DOT Thriving Communities Grant Program

USDOT Thriving Communities Program provides technical assistance – in the form of three years paid professional consultant support - to localities/agencies to assist with planning, capacity building support to advance a pipeline of transportation projects. The CVPDC, in partnership with Lynchburg City and Greater Lynchburg Transit Company, submitted a Thriving Communities Letter of Intent (LOI), or pre-application, November 15, 2023. The LOI was approved and USDOT will, sometime in January, provide the full application details. Lynchburg City and GLTC staff will assist in developing the final application scope. Application adoption and support from all partners will be required for an application submittal.

The Thriving Communities application is focused on 12th Street, Fort Avenue to Church Street, and Kemper Street, 12th to Park Avenue with technical assistance with transit-oriented and multimodal improvements along this corridor that includes schools, GLTC Transfer Station, community center and Diamond Hill neighborhood.

The CVTPO will be asked to provide support to the pending application. It should be noted that support is also anticipated to include CVPDC staff time inclusion within the FY25 UPWP, specifically CVPDC staff time with funding through the DRPT 5303 program. Each action will be brought before the CVTPO for approval consideration.

Recommendation: No action at this time. However, the CVTPO will be asked to provide support to this project initiative, which is anticipated to include CVPDC staff time through the FY25 UPWP, DRPT 5303 program.

c. State and Federal agency partner updates

Opportunity for State and Federal agency representatives to provide any updates.

d. CVTPO 2024 Meeting Calendar

The following are the anticipated CVTPO 2024 meeting dates. At a minimum, the CVTPO will meet four (4) times during 2024. As always, the need may arise to adjust the dates or cancel meetings, should this be required, advanced notice will be provided.

- March 21, 2024
- May 16, 2024
- July 18, 2024
- September 19, 2024
- November 21, 2024

e. Other

Open discussion opportunity.

7. Adjourn

Informational Item

The next CVTPO meeting will be March 21, 2024.