



Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization
January 15, 2026, 4:00 p.m. Meeting
CVPDC Office, 828 Main St., 12th Floor, Lynchburg, VA

Draft MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wynter Benda City of Lynchburg
Jeremy Bryant Amherst County
Robert Hiss Bedford County
Tom Lawton Campbell County
Martin Misjuns (virtual) Lynchburg City Council
Josh Moore Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
John Sharp, Chair Bedford County
Dwayne Tuggle, Vice-Chair Town of Amherst
Chris Winstead VDOT – Lynchburg District

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Adams Amherst County
Kenny Craig Liberty University
Sara McGuffin Town of Amherst
Frank Rogers Campbell County
Evan Tuten Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transit

OTHERS PRESENT

Alec Brebner CVPDC/CVTPO
Chris Chittum Short Elliott Hendrickson
Carson Eckhardt (virtual) VDOT – Lynchburg District
Kelly Hitchcock CVPDC/CVTPO
Hannah Mitchell CVPDC

1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

John Sharp, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and confirmed a meeting quorum. Sharp entertained a motion to allow for virtual member participation.

MOTION: Robert Hiss moved to approve electronic participation. Chris Winstead seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sharp entertained a motion to amend agenda item #6 to include both Amherst County and the City of Lynchburg’s BUILD applications.

MOTION: Jeremy Bryant moved to amend agenda item #6 to include the Amherst County USDOT BUILD application and the City of Lynchburg USDOT BUILD application. Wynter Benda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes: November 20, 2025

Sharp entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION: Robert Hiss moved to approve the November 20, 2025, minutes as presented. Wynter Benda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization

Alec Brebner reported on the upcoming Federal Service Transportation Reauthorization, which will determine available transportation funding. Many expect funding to decrease under the current administration. Early information could be released in February, but it will take considerably longer to understand the regional-level effects. More information is available on the AMPO website, with resources about legislative priorities and lobbying.

4. CVTPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

Hitchcock reported entering into an agreement with Timmons Group to advance the development of the plan and the constrained list. Timmons Group also worked on the Lynchburg Multimodal Plan and will integrate similar GIS methodologies. She promised additional details about the schedule, public opportunities for participation, and targeted communication as the process moves forward.

5. FY25 Work Program Update

a. Lynchburg Multimodal Plan

Hitchcock reported working with the City of Lynchburg and GLTC to develop a draft network for priority corridors. Timmons Group is developing a draft document for review by the steering committee, staff, and the public in late February and March.

b. US DOT Thriving Communities

Hitchcock reported on this project, led in partnership with the City of Lynchburg and GLTC. She noted that the updated scope for this \$50,000 award was approved by USDOT. Timmons Group will develop a detailed engineering and design plan for 12th Street's pedestrian facilities integration.

c. GLTC Bus Stop Inventory and Facility Recommendation Plan

Hitchcock explained that Bruce Vlk will no longer lead this project, as he moved to a new position. The plan is moving forward with consultant Kimley Horn.

d. Timberlake GLTC Service Expansion Assessment

Hitchcock reported that this project is slowly moving in partnership with Campbell County. Upon questioning about the timeline, Hitchcock reported that the project will likely move into the next fiscal year, but that this is acceptable within the 15-month DRPT 5303 grant cycle.

6. Amherst County USDOT BUILD Application and City of Lynchburg USDOT BUILD Application

Hitchcock reported that Amherst County is applying for a planning grant through the USDOT BUILD program for sidewalks along Route 29 Business and Route 163. The City of Lynchburg is applying for funding to improve the US 501 / US 221 intersection. Both projects are within the region's high-injury network identified in the Central Virginia Safety Action Plan, adopted by the board on November 20, 2025.

MOTION: Dwayne Tuggle moved to adopt a resolution of support for Amherst County's USDOT BUILD application and a resolution of support for the City of Lynchburg's USDOT BUILD application. Wynter Benda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Draft Title VI Implementation Plan and Draft Public Participation Plan

Hitchcock explained that these documents are required for entities receiving public funds to display intentionality in public participation and nondiscrimination. The documents are being minimally updated to reflect changes in federal language. Staff is working with VDOT partners, DRPT, Federal Highway, and Federal Transit to confirm sufficient changes before presenting the final draft to the board in March for adoption in May.

8. Opportunity for Public Comment

Sharp opened the public comment period. With no comments, Sharp closed the public comment period.

9. Matters from the Board and/or Staff

a. State & Federal agency partner updates

Chris Winstead reported that Abigail Spanberger would be sworn in as Governor during the week. Nick Donahue was identified as Virginia's Secretary of Transportation. Donahue previously served with other administrations and was heavily involved in the development of SMART SCALE. Spanberger identified Steven Britch as the Commissioner of the VDOT. This will be the first time in decades that the VDOT Commissioner has remained for three administrations. Winstead noted that he does not expect major changes but will keep the board informed.

b. Other

Robert Hiss reported that Bedford County began its first STARS study with VDOT. The year-long study will research intersections and improvements on Enterprise Drive. The project resulted in part from the 221 Corridor Study completed by the CVTPO in partnership with VDOT.

Hitchcock noted that the board may meet more frequently while developing the Long-Range Transportation Plan. It is important for localities to attend and ensure their voices and priorities are included in the plan. February 19, 2026, is a potential meeting date.

10. Adjourn

MOTION: Dwayne Tuggle moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris Winstead seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting concluded at 4:37.

Informational Item: The CVTPO's next meeting is March 19, 2025.

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By: _____

Date: _____

John Sharp, Chair
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