



Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization
July 16, 2026, 4:00 p.m. Meeting
CVPDC Office, 828 Main St., 12th Floor, Lynchburg, VA

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wynter Benda, Vice-Chair City of Lynchburg
Jeremy Bryant Amherst County
Tom Lawton Campbell County
Sara McGuffin (virtual) Town of Amherst
Josh Moore Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Frank Rogers Campbell County
Justin Stauder (proxy for Robert Hiss) Bedford County
Evan Tuten Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transit
Chris Winstead VDOT – Lynchburg District

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Adams Amherst County
Kenny Craig Liberty University
Martin Misjuns Lynchburg City Council
John Sharp Bedford County
Dwayne Tuggle, Chair Town of Amherst

OTHERS PRESENT

Alec Brebner CVPDC/CVTPO
Michael Gray (virtual) VDOT – Salem District
Nathan Gregory CVPDC
Kelly Hitchcock CVPDC/CVTPO
Hannah Mitchell CVPDC
Rachel Moon (virtual) Timmons Group
Emily Routman (virtual) Timmons Group
Ivan Rucker (virtual) Federal Highway Administration
Thomas Ruff Timmons Group

1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

Vice-Chair Wynter Benda called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m. and confirmed a meeting quorum.

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

2. Approval of Minutes: May 21, 2026

Benda entertained a motion to approve the minutes.

MOTION: Chris Winstead moved to approve the May 21, 2026, minutes as presented. Jeremy Bryant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. CVTPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 Schedule

Kelly Hitchcock reported that the updated Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is due sooner than originally expected. She thanked VDOT, FHWA, DRPT, and consultant Timmons Group for their coordination to develop a compressed schedule. The constrained list will be ready for review and approval in August. CVTPO members will receive a full LRTP draft document in early September to review before approval consideration at the September 17th meeting. Until the LRTP is adopted, the FY2027-2030 CVTIP and Virginia STIP may not advance.

4. Traffic Analysis Zone (TAZ) Structure Amendment

Thomas Ruff provided an overview of TAZ updates made in collaboration with the TTC and locality staff. Projected population and employment growth in each zone will serve as a basis for LRTP analysis. Amherst County, Bedford County, and the City of Lynchburg each requested reallocations, including zeroing out negative population growth in Amherst County. Campbell County added population, increasing their estimates to be greater than Census projections. VDOT approved the net increase.

Jeremy Bryant asked for clarification on the change to TAZ #207. Ruff offered to follow up.

MOTION: Frank Rogers moved to amend the CVTPO TAZ to reflect adjusted 2050 horizon employment and population changes in the identified TAZ areas, noting Jeremy Bryant's request for follow-up on Amherst County's TAZ #207. Jeremy Bryant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Connect Central Virginia 2050, CVTPO LRTP

Ruff presented road volume and capacity data for the next 25 years. The VDOT approved methodology discovered multiple pinch-points throughout the network on Graves Mill Road, Enterprise Drive, Perrowville Road, Forest Road, Lakeside Drive, College Drive, Clanders Mountain Road, Fort Avenue, and Fifth Street. Ruff explained that capacity is one part of data analysis and project prioritization. The upcoming August meeting will include discussion of different prioritization factors and their assigned weights.

Ruff presented the initial funding analysis data. According to VDOT projections, approximately \$500 million will be available over the next 25 years to allocate with the LRTP. The complete vision list contains more projects than available funding. The next stage of the process will be creating a ranking model to prioritize which projects are most important to fit within the \$500 million available.

Emily Routman presented the draft project website and survey. Hitchcock added that public outreach will begin on July 18th. She highlighted several public outreach methods, including websites, newsletters, social media, and many local events and presentations.

6. Opportunity for Public Comment

Benda opened the public comment period. Hearing none, he closed the public comment period.

7. Matters from the Board and/or Staff

a. State & Federal agency partner updates

Chris Winstead reported that the CTB will soon consider an English Construction bid for \$42.2 million to rebuild the Clanders Mountain interchange. If awarded, the project is expected to conclude in 2029.

b. Other

Hitchcock shared that the state is updating its Virginia Strategic Highway Safety Plan, a 5-year plan to advance road safety using a safe system approach. She invited all to attend an upcoming August 7th meeting in Lynchburg to learn more and show support.

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Jeremy Bryant moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Lawton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting concluded at 4:48 p.m.

Informational Item: The CVTPO's next meeting is August 20, 2026.

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By: _____

Date: _____

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