



Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization (CVTPO)

May 12, 2022

Staff Report

1. Call to Order

Concurrence of Electronic Meeting Policy. Appointed boards have resumed in-person meetings.

2. Approval of Minutes: March 17, 2021 (Attachment 2)

March 17, 2021, CVTPO meeting minutes provided for review and approval.

Recommendation: Approval of Minutes.

3. 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: Receive comments from the public.

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

The Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit, and Greater Lynchburg Transit Company have requested the consideration for proposed amendments and adjustments 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.

4. FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (Attachment 4)

Information provided for informational purposes only; no action required.

Document to show the DRPT program allocation and anticipated FY2022 rollover funds, which were not known at the March meeting.

5. US DOT Safe Roads and Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program (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 that at least one CVTPO representative serve on a committee to review and guide development of recommended actions (i.e. SS4A application).

6. Other Matters from the Board and/or Staff

a. VDOT HSIP and Smart Scale Round 5 applications.

Reminder Smart Scale Round 5 applications due August 1, 2022. If localities want Resolutions, will need to have request to CVPDC staff by Tuesday, June 28th.

Also, the new VDOT Virginia Highways Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant round that will focus of Virginia Systemic Safety Program low-cost countermeasure implementation activities. Working with localities to ready for this program grant round. VDOT Portal for program opens August 1, 2022; applications due November 1, 2022.

b. CVPDC Staff

Confirming that Ada Hunsberger, Transportation Planner, will not resume CVPDC full-time position. As such, the CVPDC will begin a search for a Transportation Program Director.

It is important to note that the CVTPO and CVPDC are guided and overseen by a host of talented and dedicated staff including Rick Youngblood, Planning District Manager, VDOT- Lynchburg District, David Cook, Transportation Planner, VDOT- Lynchburg District, Carol MoneyMaker, Planning Specialist, VDOT-Salem District, Dan Sonenklar, Statewide Transit

Planning Manager, DRPT, Katherine Molin, Commuter Programs Manger, DRPT, and the locality TTC Member representatives.

7. Adjournment

Informational Items

- Unless notified otherwise, the CVTPO will meet at 4:00 p.m. on the following dates.
July 21, 2022 October 20,2022 January 19, 2023