

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

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Thursday, July 9 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**.....Paul Harvey, *Chair*
2. **Roll Call**.....Mallory Cook, CVPDC
3. **Approval of Minutes:** May 14, 2020 (Attachment 3A) and June 11, 2020 (Attachment 3B)
4. **Recommendation to TPO Policy Board of Rural and Urban Smart Scale Projects** (*see Attachment 4*).....Philipp Gabathuler, CVTPO
5. **Discussion on Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update (June 30th Town Hall, Project Lists, Draft Chapters)**.....EPR, PC Team
6. **Matters from the Committee**.....All
7. **Adjournment** - Next meeting: **August 13, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.** (location TBA)

Announcements & General Information

- **Transportation Technical Committee Statement of Purpose** (*See Attachment G1*)

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, May 14, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Electronic Meeting: GoToMeeting

MINUTES

PRESENT

Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
 Sara Carter (U)..... Town of Amherst
 Mariel Fowler (U/R) Bedford County
 Paul Harvey (U/R)..... Campbell County
 Kevin Jones (U/R)..... Federal Highway Administration
 Andrew LaGala (U)..... Lynchburg Regional Airport
 J. Lee Newland (U) City of Lynchburg
 Anne Nygaard (U) City of Lynchburg
 Gary Shanaberger (R)..... Town of Appomattox
 Daniel Sonenklar (U/R)..... Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
 Russell Thurston (R) Town of Brookneal
 Sharon Williams (R)..... Town of Altavista
 Rick Youngblood (U/R)..... Virginia Department of Transportation
 Mary Zirkle (R) Town of Bedford

ABSENT

Jeremy Bryant (U/R) Amherst County
 Todd Carroll (U)..... Liberty University
 Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County
 Mohammad Zaid (U)..... City of Lynchburg

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

OTHERS PRESENT

Will Cockrell EPR
 Gary Christie CVPDC
 Mallory Cook CVPDC
 Todd Daniel..... Virginia Department of Transportation
 Michael Virginia Department of Transportation
 Philipp Gabathuler CVPDC
 Kelly Hitchcock..... CVPDC
 Scott Smith CVPDC
 Phil White EPR

1. Call to Order

Paul Harvey, Chair, called the meeting to order via GoToMeeting at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Scott Smith conducted a roll call of the TTC members and other participating individuals present at the meeting.

3. Approval of the March 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Mariel Fowler, and seconded by Anne Nygaard, the minutes from March 12, 2020 were unanimously approved.

4. Recommendation to TPO Policy Board of CVTPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Scott Smith presented the urban transportation work program for the next fiscal year. Highlights include the completion of the Long-Range Transportation Plan update (with web-based component) and the Village Highway Corridor Study in Rustburg.

A motion was made by Mary Zirkle, seconded by Sharon Williams to send the recommendation to the TPO Policy Board, and was unanimously approved.

5. Recommendation to Central VA Planning District Commission of CVPDC Rural Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Scott Smith presented the rural transportation work program for the next fiscal year. Highlights include providing staff support to the Village Highway (Rustburg) Corridor Study and completion of the Independence Boulevard/Longwood Avenue Intersection Study in Bedford.

Mariel Fowler made a motion, seconded by Mary Zirkle to send the recommendation to the CVPDC, which was unanimously approved.

6. Overview of Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Progress

Will Cockrell shared that EPR has been conducting individual meetings with the included localities about projects and provided a review of the development for selecting projects. The most recent completed survey was the most successful so far, having nearly 1,000 comments and responses from constituents and are now currently in the last engagement phase.

7. Discussion on LRTP Public Engagement during COVID-19 Pandemic

Because of the community response to COVID-19 and health concerns, EPR has developed a new plan including a live, online public meeting in June that can be broadcast on the

community access channel to accommodate those without internet access. Another consideration would be to create an in-person meeting location with plenty of space to accommodate social distancing.

Mary Zirkle shared that there may be some facilities to accommodate a public viewing space, such as the Bedford Welcome Center. Anne Nygaard expressed concern regarding planning for such an event without foreknowledge about attendance numbers. According to EPR, in the past meetings like these have had low engagement with numbers in attendance that would comply with social distancing guidelines.

The Committee discussed conducting a meeting on June 30th. The Committee was also in agreement that the focus would be a focus of online options with local access broadcasts while continuing to explore more public venue options for in-person participants.

8. Matters from the Committee

Scott Smith informed the Committee that he will be resigning from his position as Transportation Director in September when his family moves out of state. The PDC will begin looking for a new director in June.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

The next meeting will be on June 11, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

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 Mariel Fowler (U/R)Bedford County
 Paul Harvey (U/R)..... Campbell County
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 David Cook Virginia Department of Transportation
 Mallory Cook CVPDC
 Philipp Gabathuler CVPDC
 Kelly Hitchcock..... CVPDC
 Scott Smith CVPDC
 Phil White EPR

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2. Roll Call

Scott Smith conducted a roll call of the TTC members and other participating individuals present at the meeting.

3. Approval of the May 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

This item was tabled and will be reviewed again during the July TTC meeting.

4. Recommendation to TPO Policy Board of Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP) for Fiscal Years 2021-24.

Rick Youngblood made a motion, seconded by Lee Newland to send the recommendation to the TPO Policy Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Discussion on Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Phase 2 Project Evaluation

Will Cockrell reviewed the project selection process with the Committee that provided scoring for the 30 projects selected. Using this method, the breakdown of recommended priority projects includes: 22 projects for the City of Lynchburg, three projects in Campbell County, three projects in Amherst County, and two projects in Bedford County.

Will Cockrell encouraged the Committee members to review the list to identify if project priorities may be different than the scoring results provided so that necessary changes could be made and reviewed.

6. Discussion on LRTP Virtual Public Workshop on June 30th

In response to continued health and safety concerns, the public workshop for the LRTP will be conducted electronically via GoToMeeting Webinar on June 30th and streamed on community access channels. Will Cockrell suggested that this could result in a greater turnout/participation rate from the community.

7. Matters from the Committee

There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

The next meeting will be on July 9, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.



Potential Smart Scale Applications within CVTPO (Urban) Boundary

Note: Smart Scale pre-applications have been submitted for these projects, but CVTPO staff does not necessarily have confirmation that all projects will move forward to the full application stage. However, the Transportation Technical Committee is being asked to recommend that the CVTPO Policy Board endorse these projects if the sponsoring entity opts to proceed with an application.

AMHERST COUNTY

Project name: Segment Improvement on US 60 between Wash. St. and Rt. 29

Description: Reconstruct the median of the US 60 bridge over US 29 and re-stripe to include one through-lane in each direction along with left-turn bays for the ramps to US 29. Also re-stripe the approaches to the bridge to include turn lanes and one through-lane in each direction. All improvements are with the existing right-of-way.

Geographic entity: CVPDC, CVTPO

BEDFORD COUNTY

Project Name: Blackwater Road (668) at Route 460 Intersection Improvements

Description: Safety and access management improvements

Entity: CVPDC, CVTPO

Project name: Route 221 Sidewalk Improvements

Description: Install sidewalks to bridge a 2-mile gap between 2 segments currently funded for design/construction under UPC107063, from Route 811 Thomas Jefferson Road to Route 1415 Enterprise Drive.

Entity: CVPDC, CVTPO

Project name: US 460 & Route 811 Intersection Improvements (submitted by CVTPO)

Description: This project will increase safety and mainline throughput by re-configuring the intersection to an RCUT with loons to the east and west on US 460 to accommodate U-turns.

Entity: CVPDC, CVTPO

CAMPBELL COUNTY

Project name: Route 29 Safety Improvements - Southern Section

Description: Construct a blended solution set to address identified problems and themed solutions along Route 29 from Route 24 to Calohan Road. Improvement include installing RCUTs at the entrance to Nick Rayne's Garage and Yellow Branch Elementary School, closing two entrances at various locations, and implementing numerous turn lane improvements to this major transportation corridor.

Entity: CVPDC, CVTPO

Project name: Route 29 Safety Improvements - Middle Section

Description: Construct a blended solution set to address identified problems and themed solutions in the middle section along Route 29 from Calohan Road to English Tavern Road. Improvement include 11 turn lane improvements, three crossover closures, and flashing yellow beacons at Calohan Road to this major transportation corridor.

Entity: CVPDC, CVTPO

Project name: Route 29 Safety Improvements - Northern Section

Description: Construct a blended solution set to address identified problems and themed solutions to the northern section of the roadway along Route 29 from English Tavern Road to the Lynchburg City Limits. Improvement include one RCUT at Woolridge Heating and Air, four crossover closures, and implementing or extending turn lanes at numerous locations to this major transportation corridor.

Entity: CVPDC, CVTPO

Project name: Timberlake Road Improvements (Greenview Dr. to Laxton Rd.) (submitted by CVTPO)

Description: The installation of additional left and right turn lanes at Greenview Drive and Laxton Road is anticipated to improve throughput on Timberlake Road and reduce crashes. Sidewalk will be installed along the corridor between Oakdale Circle and Wood Road. Project will also include the relocation and improvement of a bus stop.

Entity: CVPDC, CVTPO

LYNCHBURG CITY**Project name: Wards Ferry Rd. and CVCC Campus Drive Roundabout**

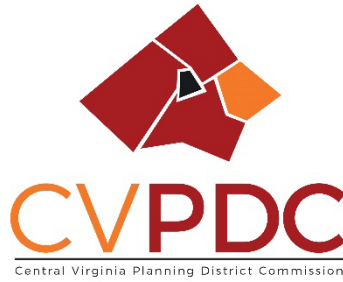
Description: Construct a roundabout at the intersection of Wards Ferry Rd., CVCC Campus Drive and Harvard Street. Project also includes 600' of sidewalk to tie into CVCC and shared use path on Wards Ferry Road in accordance with the Wards Ferry Road Corridor Study.

Entity: CVPDC, CVTPO

Project name: Candler's Mountain Road Interchange Improvements

Description: The project involves replacing the Candler's Mountain Road bridge over Route 29 Business (Lynchburg Expressway) to meet minimum vertical clearance requirements. The project removes two loop ramps, extends acceleration and deceleration lanes, installs two traffic signals, modifies access at Seminole Avenue and provides a sidewalk/shared use path along Candler's Mountain Road.

Entity: CVPDC, CVTPO



Potential Smart Scale Applications within CVPDC (Rural) Boundary

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APPOMATTOX COUNTY

Project name: Lee-Grant Avenue Improvements

Description: Provide school buses and students safe travel conditions along a primary elementary school route. The project will widen, through minimum 40' of right-of-way acquisition, the narrow (17'-18') roadway to allow for two (2) 11-ft travel lanes with CG-6 curb & gutter; and replace the current 4', at-grade sidewalk, providing no barrier from cars, with a 5' or 6' wide, raised sidewalk providing a safe, separated walking facility for children and families to access the school and Town amenities.
Entity: CVPDC

BEDFORD COUNTY

Project name: Route 122 at Route 24 Intersection Safety Improvements

Description: Construction of left-turn lanes previously proposed with the installation of the traffic signal at this location. Additionally, reconstructing (raising) a vertical sag curve immediately south of the intersection to improve sight distance approaching the signal.
Entity: CVPDC

Project name: US 460 & Timber Ridge Rd (SR 803) Intersection Improvements (submitted by CVPDC)

Description: Coordinated approach at multiple intersections at Krantz's Corner, Merriman, and Timber Ridge Roads (Routes 715 and 803) due to the existing topographic conditions which impair safe sight distances for vehicles entering US 460.
Entity: CVPDC

CAMPBELL COUNTY

Project name: RTE 501 Passing Lanes

Description: Provide improvements for passing lanes along a 1.9 mile segment of Route 501 south of Gladys Virginia.
Entity: CVPDC

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Approved September 5, 2002

The Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee (Committee) is responsible for supporting the Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization's (CVTPO) and Central Virginia Planning District Commission's transportation policy decision-making efforts.

The Committee provides technical advice in coordinating the federally-mandated "3-C" or continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative, transportation planning and programming process.

The Committee's three principal work efforts are updating the long range transportation plan, updating the transportation improvement program (TIP), and developing the annual unified planning work program. The Committee, in conjunction with its rural colleagues, also develops the annual Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program Scope of Work. The Committee's intent is to review and comment on TIP projects and work program products.

The Committee acknowledges that the long range transportation plan update is the primary planning document for transportation issues in the Central Virginia region. This planning initiative drives the formulation of the transportation improvement program, as well as the annual work programs.

The Committee further realizes that the long range transportation planning process must identify regional priorities in order to fully influence project funding decisions ultimately exercised by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The Committee's intent is to recommend priorities and encourage the CVMPO to set these priorities at the regional level.

Because of its importance, the Committee is fully committed to actively being involved in the long range transportation planning process.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee will:

1. Coordinate with local planning departments to ensure an understanding of pertinent local development issues and their impact on the region;
2. Coordinate with nearby MPOs and develop an ongoing dialogue with them;
3. Strive to integrate land use and economic development, as well as transportation considerations, in its planning process;
4. Strive to be proactive as opposed to reactive in problem solving.