

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

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Thursday, September 10, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**.....Paul Harvey, *Chair*
2. **Roll Call**..... Mallory Cook, *CVPDC*
3. **Welcome New Staff Member: CVPDC Regional Planner Ada Hunsberger**
.....Scott Smith, *CVTPO*
4. **Approval of Minutes: August 13, 2020 (Attachment 4)**Paul Harvey, *Chair*
5. **Draft Dept. of Conservation & Recreation Middle James River Plan** (Download at <https://bit.ly/3bF3vXj>)Kelly Hitchcock, *CVPDC*
6. **Update on VTRans Needs Prioritization**.....Chris Wichman, *OIPI*
7. **Presentation / Discussion on Draft Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan** (Attachment 7)
.....EPR, PC Team
8. **Presentation on Upcoming Web-Based Connect Central Virginia 2045 Dashboard**.....Scott Smith, *CVTPO*
9. **Matters from the Committee**.....All
10. **Adjournment** - Next meeting: **October 8, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.** (via GoToMeeting)

Announcements & General Information

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

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, August 13, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Electronic Meeting: GoToMeeting

MINUTES

PRESENT

Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
 Tyler Creasy (U/R) (for Jeremy Bryant).....Amherst County
 Mariel Fowler (U/R) Bedford County
 Catherine Gamble (U/R) Amherst County Citizen Representative
 Paul Harvey (U/R) Campbell County
 Anne Nygaard (U)City of Lynchburg
 Gary Shanaberger (R)..... Town of Appomattox
 Sharon Williams (R).....Town of Altavista
 Mary Zirkle (R)Town of Bedford

ABSENT

Jeremy Bryant (U/R) Amherst County
 Sara Carter (U).....Town of Amherst
 Todd Carroll (U) Liberty University
 Kevin Jones (U/R) Federal Highway Administration
 Andrew LaGala (U)..... Lynchburg Regional Airport
 Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County
 Daniel Sonenklar (U/R) Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
 Russell Thurston (R).....Town of Brookneal
 Rick Youngblood (U/R)..... Virginia Department of Transportation
 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
 David Cook Virginia Department of Transportation
 Mallory Cook..... CVPDC
 Philipp Gabathuler CVPDC
 Kelly Hitchcock..... CVPDC
 Carol Money maker Virginia Department of Transportation
 Scott Smith..... CVPDC
 Bill Wuensch EPR
 Phil White EPR

1. Call to Order

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

2. Welcome New Member: Catherine Gamble – Amherst County Citizen Rep.

Catherine Gamble was welcomed as the newest member of the TTC. Ms. Gamble shared that she serves as the commission on the zoning and planning commission for Amherst County in addition to serving on the board of zoning appeals for the county. She retired from Amtrak after twenty years.

3. Roll Call

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

4. Approval of the July 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mary Zirkle, seconded by Gary Shanaberger, to approve the July 9, 2020 minutes, and it was unanimously approved.

5. Presentation/Discussion on Draft Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan

Will Cockrell with EPR provided an overview of the current Connect Central Virginia 2045 Plan draft. A published draft is required by Monday, August 17th to meet the requirements for 30 days' notice before a public hearing.

The current draft of the plan includes an executive summary that provides more information about the TPO and the Long Range Transportation Plan with the constrained list of projects in addition to supporting studies and regional information. The remainder of the document includes eight chapters on the various objectives for the LRTP.

6. Matters from the Committee

Scott Smith shared with the Committee that Ada Hunsberger will be joining the PDC as a Regional Planner starting on September 1. Her primary responsibilities will be the Long Range Transportation Planning, working with the Transportation Improvement Plan, and working directly with the TPO and TTC. Philipp Gabathuler will continue to oversee all DRPT programs, as well as working with GLTC and coordinating multi-modal projects and studies. Kelly Hitchcock will continue to work with RIDE Solutions and Vanpool programs.

Will Cockrell thanked Scott for his leadership and work in the region.

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

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



MEMO

TO: Scott Smith, CVTPO
CVTPO Transportation Technical Committee (TTC)
FROM: Will Cockrell, EPR, P.C.
DATE: September 4th, 2020

RE: Connect Central Virginia 2045, Updated Draft Plan

PURPOSE: At their September 10th meeting, the TTC will review an update of the Connect Central Virginia 2045 plan, found at <https://www.connectcentralvirginia2045.com/draft-plan-1> EPR, P.C. will review the document, summarize changes to the plan since the TTC's August 13th meeting, and identify any additional edits in preparation for a September public hearing.

BACKGROUND: The 2045 transportation planning process began in the Spring of 2019. The TPO progressed through all phases of the plan, despite the challenges of unforeseen events, such as the COVID Pandemic. At the TTC's August 2020 meeting, EPR, P.C. presented a formatted draft of Connect Central Virginia 2045. While there were no comments or revisions communicated at the meeting, Committee members forwarded comments to TPO staff prior to the August Policy Board meeting. EPR, P.C. addressed all revisions forwarded by the TTC, prior to the Policy Board meeting, and reposted the revised plan online.

ISSUES: At their August 20th meeting, MPO Policy Board members requested four draft plan revisions. The Board requested that *Chapter 5: Demographic and Land Use Trends* include Appomattox information, since the plan includes the Central Virginia Rural Transportation Program area. Chapter 5 would also include additional land use analysis, including local future land use maps, employment centers, and projected population from the travel demand model. The Board requested the inclusion of a southern bypass project (Project 9 and 10), previously included in the 2040 TPO plan. Finally, the Board identified additional bike and pedestrian resources to reference in the plan.

TPO staff conducted a second, full review of the draft plan and identified additional revisions. These changes included a restructuring of Project 19 (Wards Road South), dividing that project into three parts. Using the 2045 scoring sheets, one of the three projects score in the top 30 of 2045 projects. TPO staff also requested additional bike and pedestrian recommendations, providing more emphasis to alternative modes of travel.

ACTIONS NEEDED: At the September TTC meeting, staff will request that the Committee forward a recommendation for the Policy Board's consideration at their September 17th Public Hearing. At this time, EPR, P.C. addressed all comments received from TTC, the Policy Board, and TPO staff. **To view the draft plan, visit <https://www.connectcentralvirginia2045.com/draft-plan-1>** The only outstanding element to the plan is an environmental review appendix, supplied after communicating with environmental review.

TTC members should review the updated draft and identify any final revisions in preparation for the pending Public Hearing. While comments should be forwarded to TPO staff, other questions can be directed to Will Cockrell, at w.cockrell@epr-pc.com.

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.