



## MEMO

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

**RE:** Connect Central Virginia 2045, Updated Draft Plan

**PURPOSE:** At their September 10<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:w.cockrell@epr-pc.com).