

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, February 8, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

(Hybrid Meeting)

PRESENT

Paul Harvey, Chair (U/R)..... Campbell County
Tyler Creasy (U/R)..... Amherst County
Erik Smedley (U/R)..... Bedford County
Rachel Frischeisen (U)..... City of Lynchburg
Josh Moore (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Carson Eckhardt VDOT-Lynchburg District
Jared Thompson Town of Bedford
Mitch Huber VA Department of Rail & Public Transit
Matt Perkins (R) Town of Altavista
Kathryn Benedict (U/R) FHWA-Virginia
Carol Moneymaker (U/R)..... VDOT-Salem District
Daniel Wagner..... DRPT
Rick Youngblood (U/R) VDOT-Lynchburg District

ABSENT

Todd Carroll (U)..... Liberty University
Andrew LaGala (U)..... Lynchburg Regional Airport
Russell Thurston (R)..... Town of Brookneal
Terry McGhee..... Town of Appomattox
J.P. Morris (U/R) VDOT – Salem District
Chelsea Beytas (U/R) FTA Region III
Catherine (Leslie) Gamble (U/R) Amherst County
Ryan Roberts (U)..... City of Lynchburg
Sara McGuffin (U) Town of Amherst
Johnnie Roark (R)..... Appomattox County
Barry Butler Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

STAFF PRESENT

Kelly Hitchcock.....CVPDC/CVTPO
Kirsten Trautman.....CVPDC/CVTPO
Mariel Fowler.....CVPDC/CVTPO

1. Welcome and Introductions

Paul Harvey called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for joining in the meeting both virtually and physically. Paul then introduced Mariel Fowler, the newest member of the CVPDC staff. Mariel will be taking over the TTC meetings.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 14, 2023

MOTION: Josh Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14th meeting. Rick Youngblood seconded the motion of approval of the meeting minutes. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

3. FY24 Work Program Update

Kelly Hitchcock began updating the committee on the intersection Safety Study. She explained that the scope of the study has been updated. Based on discussions with Amherst and Bedford County staff, they have requested the following:

- Removal of Amherst Highway (163)/Old Town Connector intersection from study
- Removal of Amherst Highway (163)/Merrymoor Drive (1059) from study
- Addition of Amelon Expressway (130)/Amelon Road (669)/Amelon Center Parkway intersection to study
- Shift in focus at the intersection of Perrowville Road (663)/Mays Mill Road (622) to consider improvements to Mays Mill Road and the intersection in light of the redevelopment of the adjacent industrial/manufacturing site

EPR is currently working on a new analysis to include the added intersections and should have this information back to the TTC at the next meeting.

The Safety Data Analysis, Kelly stated, that Mark will have information to send out to everyone in two weeks. The presentation will take place at the March meeting.

Kelly thanked Mariel for her work with Josh Moore on the GLTC FlexFare User Survey. Mariel had developed the survey and Josh with his team will be getting this to the users. The second survey will be sent out to the general public in late spring/early summer.

Regarding the Commuter Study, Kelly said that Ada Hunsberger is currently working on the data development and adjusted the surveys. Two surveys will be sent out at the same time to businesses and their employees. The goal is to have everything in late February/ early March.

4. FY25 Rural and Urban Work Program

Regarding the Urban Work Program, Kelly explained that she and Mariel had met with almost all the localities. Mariel provided summaries of what they had heard from the different localities. Mariel then thanked all the localities for the information that they had provided; they were able to find the common denominators and identify what they would be able to add to the future Urban and Rural Work Program.

For the Rural Work Program, Kelly stated that they are looking for one specific project to work on while having other general common projects that need attention as well. She said that Alec Brebner had led the procurement process, and they had gotten ten firms that would be able to work with the committee. Eric Smedley said that there were several rural intersections that they had considered and there may be some interest in pursuing Smart Scale; however, they are still in discussion of this.

Kelly said that the Thriving Communities application had been submitted, and she had found out that they are finalists to receive this. They are currently awaiting word to see if their application had been rewarded.

5. Matters from the Committee

Kathryn Benedict stated that the RAISE FY23 application closes at the end of the month and FY24 should be released any day.

Daniel Wagner gave an update saying that the DRPT Connects Businesses Campaign started this month, where businesses will be able to learn the different opportunities they have available for commuter options. A new interactive dashboard has been released for Smart Scale projects.

Josh Moore said that GTLC has new technology available that includes locating services, a mobile fair collection system, and a micro-transit that will be launched in a few months.

Rick Youngblood explained that the district will receive information on Smart Scale Round 6 and its recommendations. If they had any questions or comments, they could reach out to Carson or himself.

6. Adjourn

MOTION: Josh Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Youngblood seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.