

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

Thursday, February 8, 2024

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting

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Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions *Paul Harvey, Chair*

2. Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2023 *Paul Harvey, Chair*
(Attachment 2)

3. FY24 Work Program Update *Kelly Hitchcock, CVPDC/CVTPO*
 - Intersection Safety Study
 - Route 221
 - GLTC FlexFare User Survey
 - Commuter Study
 - Safety Data Analysis

4. FY25 Rural and Urban Work Program *Kelly Hitchcock, CVPDC/CVTPO*
(Attachment 4)

5. Matters from the Committee *All*
 - VDOT and DRPT Program Updates
 - US DOT Thriving Communities Grant
 - Other

6. Adjourn TTC

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, December 14, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Draft Minutes

PRESENT

Paul Harvey, Chair (U/R)..... Campbell County
Mariel Fowler (U/R)..... Bedford County
Ryan Roberts (U)..... City of Lynchburg
Tyler Creasy (U/R)..... Amherst County
Erik Smedley (U/R)..... Bedford County
Rachel Frischeisen (U)..... City of Lynchburg
Sara McGuffin (U)..... Town of Amherst
Johnnie Roark (R)..... Appomattox County
Josh Moore (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Catherine (Leslie) Gamble (U/R)..... Amherst County
Carson Eckhardt..... VDOT-Lynchburg District
Jared Thompson..... Town of Bedford
Mitch Huber..... VA Department of Rail & Public Transit
Barry Butler..... Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance

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
Matt Perkins (R)..... Town of Altavista
Kathryn Benedict (U/R)..... FHWA-Virginia
Chelsea Beytas (U/R)..... FTA Region III
Carol Moneymaker (U/R)..... VDOT-Salem District

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
Alec Brebner..... CVPDC/CVTPO

1. Welcome and Introductions

Paul Harvey officially called the meeting to order and proceeded to the next item of the agenda.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 9, 2023

Paul entertained a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes.

Motion: Leslie Gamble made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Mariel Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved, the November 9, 2023 minutes were approved.

3. FY2024-2027 CVTIP Amendment

Kelly Hitchcock explained that the TTC had approved the recommendations in November and that the 30-day comment period, and Public Hearing at the CVTPO November 16, 2023 had taken place. However, a quorum could not be met and is being retaken to the March CVTPO meeting. Hitchcock noted that there is the likely hood that additional adjustment may be necessary to account for further GLTC FTA 5339 and 5307 program and project adjustments.

4. CVPDC/CVTPO Safety Data Analysis

Hitchcock provided a brief synopsis of the Safety Data Analysis that Mark Herman had presented in the previous meeting. That data will be updated using the newest VDOT accident data. She reminded members that Hermen had presented proposed segments links, adjusted according to density and ADT to obtain adequate data for analysis purposes. the segment link and the intersections that they had recommended looking into. Such as Lynchburg – 2KA per .4 to .6 segment. - Bedford – 2KA per .4 to .6 segment. - Appomattox and Amherst – 2KAB crashes in segments. - Campbell – 3KAB crashes. Given the combination of urban and rural in Campbell the need for additional # of B crashes included in the segment lengths. Updated information will be to the TTC at the March meeting.

5. VDOT Smart Scale Round 6

Alec Brebner provided a brief overview of SMART SCALE Round 6 changes anticipated. As a brief reminder, VDOT is recommending limiting the number of applications that a locality can submit from 4 to 2. Alec Brebner explained that one change that was expected was the number of applications, this number would not change. Another potentially impactful change was the adjustments to the land use rating element; however, this has also been removed. A full summary of the changes is anticipated after the Christmas holiday from VDOT.

6. FY24 Work Program Update

a. Intersection Safety Study

Kelly reminded everyone that they did have the intersection safety meeting with the localities, including Amherst and Bedford County. The original six-intersection study, Kelly stated that they had concluded that in Amherst County, they would remove two intersections, Amherst Hwy (Bus 29) & Sprouse Drive and Amherst Hwy (163) & Old Town Connector (210). She said that ERP is developing an adjusted scope and they will have the updated information very soon.

b. Route 221 Study

EPR Inc., is leading the Route 221 (Forest Road), between Perrowville Road and Graves Mill Rd, study. There were some anticipated land use changes along this road and slight scope adjustments that are anticipated. ERP will be providing the scope adjustment recommendations could be made. Kelly credited ERP for working with the localities to ensure the project effort was beneficial.

c. Other projects

- RFP On-Call services

Kelly said that they had received proposals from nine firms, with recognized transportation planning, engineering, facility development firms. The firms are being evaluated and will be taken to the PDC for approval at the January meeting.

7. Matters from the Committee

a. VDOT and DRPT Program Updates

Mitch Huber noted that the DRPT grants are now on WebGrants and that applications are due Feb. 1st.

b. US DOT Thriving Communities Grant

Hitchcock noted that the CVPDC, 11/15/23, had applied to the US DOT Thriving Communities Grant program. The application will focus on 12th Street in Lynchburg City, it is to look at transit-oriented development along the corridor and is a project that aligns with Lynchburg's Diamond Hill Neighborhood Plan and includes coordination with GLTC. It was noted there is a two round application process, with final round application submittal in early 24. If awarded, it would provide three years of technical assistance to Lynchburg City and its partners.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Josh Moore made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mariel Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.

FY25 Update

Appomattox County – Meeting with Johnnie Roark, Director of Community Development

Goals:

- Address safety concerns at the intersection of 460 and Stage Road (Rt. 609).
- A new access street for the segment from Industrial Park (Rt. 26) to 460.
- Widening of Stonewall Rd (Rt. 608) remaining sections up to the intersection with Oakville Rd. (Rt 26).
- Consider safety needs at the intersection of Police Tower Rd (Rt. 613) and Elk Creek Rd.

Project:

Coordinate active planning efforts with the pending Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Safe Streets and Roads for All (USDOT SS4A) and general regional active transportation initiatives.

Goal:

- Analyze the safety of morning and afternoon transportation patterns to support the need for new turn or drop-off lanes at Appomattox County High School (in the Town of Appomattox).

Project:

Evaluate the morning and afternoon school traffic to include direct observation, the review of safety data, and inquiry with school personnel, stakeholders, VDOT, and locality representatives.

Goal:

- Assess the opportunities for Park and Ride facilities along Rt. 29 and Rt. 460 to expand carpool and facilitate work access for residents living in rural areas. There are already privately owned “unofficial” lots used this way but not recognized in the state system.

Project:

A study to identify potential Park and Ride locations and future site development opportunities that includes a summary of direct communication with property owners, stakeholders, and VDOT.

Town of Amherst – Meeting with Sara McGuffin, Town Manager

Collaborated with VDOT to publish a Walkability Study. Since then, the town has been trying to implement the findings but has found it challenging to meet VDOT's requirements to execute amenities noted in the Walkability Study.

Goals:

- Make downtown more business friendly:
Widen sidewalks and provide more tree space (streetscape?). Envisioning a “demo project” or parklet by removing on-street parking and starting with one business owner (Bonfire Restaurant). Look into how other communities have done it, what steps were taken, and how to gather business and community acceptance/support.
- Provide trees for beautification:
Evaluate the use of VDOT Right-of-way for landscaped medians, pedestrian refuge, and a way to beautify safely.

Project:

Evaluate and research examples, opportunities, and processes by which a locality has utilized DOT Right-of-Way to implement identified pedestrian, multimodal, and community revitalization goals.

Campbell County – Meeting with Austin Mitchell, Director of Community Development, and Paul Harvey, Assistant County Administrator

No identified specific project for FY25.

Town of Bedford – Meeting with Mary Zirkle, Director of Planning and Community Development, and Jared Thompson, Project Administrator

Goals:

- An inventory of culvert infrastructure to identify drainage issues and maintenance needs.

Project:

Create a GIS-based inventory that would include images of culverts within the Town of Bedford taken during rainfall conditions to assist in evaluating and prioritizing improvement needs.

Goals:

- Updating the Transportation Chapter of their Comprehensive Plan. Public meetings are to be held in September 2024 (TBD).

Project:

Continue the development efforts to complete the transportation chapter.

Goals:

- Analyze the safety of morning and afternoon transportation patterns to support the need for new turn or drop-off lanes for Liberty High School.

Project:

Evaluate the morning and afternoon school traffic at Big Island Hwy (Rt. 122) to include direct observation, the review of safety data, and inquiry with school personnel, stakeholders, VDOT, and locality representatives.

Bedford County – Meeting with Jordan Mitchell, Director of Community Development, and Erik Smedley, County Engineer

Goals:

- Identify opportunities for multi-modal needs.

Project:

As part of the pending Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (USDOT SS4A), coordinate with the active transportation planning efforts to support multimodal program initiatives.

Goals:

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Project:

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Amherst County – Meeting with Tyler Creasy, Director of Community Development, Sarah Nichols, Assistant Zoning Administrator, and Catherine Gamble, Planning Commission, and BZA member

Experiencing growth with several developments approved or pending approval, such as Madison Heights Town Centre (mixed use/residential), Amherst Senior Living (residential/commercial), Huffines (commercial/residential), and Madison Heights Master Plan (pending and conceptual, residential/commercial).

Goal:

- Rt. 29 Business Corridor Study for potential projects for safety improvements and pedestrian/bike facilities. Sidewalk extensions from Cedar Gate Rd to the City boundary. Extension to what VDOT has already done.

Project:

As part of the pending Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (USDOT SS4A), coordinate with the active transportation planning efforts to support multimodal program initiatives.

Goal:

- Rt. 29 eliminating suicide lanes and adding landscape medians.

Project:

Evaluate and research examples, opportunities, and processes by which a locality has utilized DOT Right-of-Way to implement identified pedestrian, multimodal, and community revitalization goals.

Goal:

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