Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

Thursday, October 8, 2026, 10:30 a.m.
Hybrid Meeting

Draft Meeting Minutes

PRESENT

Brian Casto (for Jay Brown) (U/R) ..... VDOT – Lynchburg District
Rob Fowler (R) ..... Town of Appomattox
Katherine Reusch (U/R) ..... Campbell County
Ryan Roberts (U) (virtual) ..... City of Lynchburg
Erik Smedley, Chair (U/R) ..... Bedford County
Evan Tuten (U/R) (virtual) ..... Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Natalie Wilkens (for Josh Moore) (U) ..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Mary Zirkle (R) (virtual) ..... Town of Bedford

ABSENT

Abigail Courington (U/R) ..... Bedford County
Tyler Creasy (U/R) ..... Amherst County
Rachel Frischeisen (U) ..... City of Lynchburg
Catherine Gamble (U/R) ..... Amherst County
Jamie Gillespie (R) ..... Town of Altavista
Sara McGuffin (U) ..... Town of Amherst
J.P. Morris (U/R) ..... VDOT – Salem District
Johnnie Roark (R) ..... Appomattox County

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region
R- Members representing the rural area of the region

GUESTS AND STAFF PRESENT

Bill Bohn ..... Community Resilience Consulting
Alec Brebner (virtual) ..... CVPDC
Michael Doti ..... WFXR News
Kelly Hitchcock ..... CVPDC/CVTPO
Hannah Mitchell ..... CVPDC
Carol Moneymaker (virtual) ..... VDOT – Salem District
Jocelyn Routt ..... WSLS 10 News

1. **Welcome**
   Kelly Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed attendees.

2. **Election TTC Chair**
   Hitchcock reminded the committee that with Paul Harvey stepping away from the TTC, a new Chair is needed. Erik Smedley offered to serve as Chair but welcomed other nominations.

   MOTION: Mary Zirkle moved to close nominations and supported Erik Smedley as TTC Chair. Rob Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed, and with a voice vote, Erik Smedley was unanimously approved as TTC Chair.

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3. **Public Hearing – Connect Central Virginia 2050, LRTP**

Smedley provided an overview of *Connect Central Virginia 2050*, the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and the role of the document as the urban area's blueprint for transportation decision-making and investment through 2050. Smedley noted that on September 17, 2026, the CVTPO conditionally approved the plan, pending no adverse comments from the 30-day comment period, which will conclude October 19, 2026. Smedley noted that the Public Hearing was an opportunity for the public to provide comments, along with the ability for public comments to also be offered via mail and the project website, ConnectCentralVA2050.com, to the LRTP document.

At approximately 10:34 a.m., Erik Smedley opened the Connect Central Virginia 2050, CVTPO LRTP Public Hearing. There were no comments offered. At approximately 10:35 a.m., Smedley closed the *Connect Central Virginia 2050* Public Hearing.

4. **Approval of Minutes: September 10, 2026**

MOTION: Rob Fowler moved to approve the September 10, 2026, minutes as presented. Katherine Reusch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **FY2027-2030 CVTIP**

Smedley reminded the board that in May 2026, the TTC recommended and the CVTPO adopted the FY2027-2030 Central Virginia Transportation Improvement Program (CVTIP). The updated CVTIP contains minor technical corrections and must be reconsidered since the adoption of the updated LRTP to ensure that area projects are incorporated into the Virginia FY2027-2030 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

MOTION: Katherine Reusch moved to recommend that the CVTPO adopt the updated FY2027-2030 CVTIP as presented. Rob Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **FY 2027 Unified (Urban) Planning Work Program**

Hitchcock provided updates on the FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The DRPT Bus Stop and Facility Recommendation Plan is moving forward in partnership with the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC). Hitchcock expects to sign an agreement with consultant firm Kimley Horne in October or November.

The Timberlake GLTC Service Expansion Assessment project is moving forward in coordination with GLTC and Campbell County Economic Development. The survey process is complete, and Senior Planner Ada Hunsberger is preparing a project report and recommendations to present to GLTC, Campbell County, and the TTC at the beginning of 2027.

Hitchcock noted recent Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) webinars that she and Alec Brebner had attended focused on how MPOs are incorporating housing as integral components of the transportation planning program, to include eligible urban work program projects. Hitchcock noted she will share information on types of programs/projects that have been undertaken at the January meeting.

Hitchcock noted staff's participation in recent DRPT's Statewide Rail Plan update meetings, and Statewide Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Review. Hitchcock also noted that VDOT is updating the Virginia Highway Safety Improvement Plan (VHSIP) and attended the recent plan update meeting.

7. **FY 2027 Rural Planning Work Program**

Hitchcock referenced the original plan to complete the urban and rural LRTPs simultaneously. The rural LRTP was delayed and will start in 2027 with consultant Timmons Group.

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8. TTC, CVTPO Policy Document Update Schedule

Hitchcock stated that the CVTPO/TTC Title VI Plan and Public Participation Plan (PPP) were adopted in May 2023. Staff are coordinating with VDOT to make appropriate changes, including federal language updates and possible changes to PPP procedures. These changes will be presented to state and federal partners, then to the TTC at a future meeting before going to the CVTPO for approval consideration at their January 2027 meeting.

9. Opportunity for Public Comment

Smedley opened the public comment period. Hearing none, he closed the public comment period.

10. Matters from Members or Staff

Evan Tuten, DRPT: Tuten reported that the Federal Transit Administration approved DRPT's 5303 application. DRPT plans to host public meetings next month for the Statewide Rail Plan and the Transit-Oriented Development Statewide Review. He invited all to attend the upcoming Virginia Governor's Transportation Conference.

Brian Casto, VDOT – Lynchburg District: Casto noted that the US 460 STARS study, a project that looks at 460 from essentially Moore's Country Store to Stage Road, just into Appomattox County, will have its project kickoff meeting on October 13, 2026. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) will consider a Leesville/ 24 Intersection Pipeline Study and assign a UPC to get this project underway.

Hitchcock proposed inviting guest speakers to future meetings to discuss new transportation opportunities. She invited all to recommend potential speakers.

11. Adjourn

Confirming no additional business, Chairman Erik Smedley adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

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