

# Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, March 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

## In-Person and Electronic Meeting

### Draft Minutes

#### PRESENT

Jeremy Bryant (U/R) ..... Amherst County  
 Paul Harvey, Chair (U/R) ..... Campbell County  
 Catherine (Leslie) Gamble ..... Amherst County  
 Tom Martin (U) ..... City of Lynchburg  
 Josh Moore (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company  
 Ryan Roberts (U)..... City of Lynchburg  
 Sharon Williams (R)..... Town of Altavista

#### Present via Electronic Meeting

Roxanne Casto (R) ..... Town of Appomattox  
 Mariel Fowler (U/R) ..... Bedford County  
 Daniel Sonenklar (U/R)..... Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation  
 Rick Youngblood (U/R) ..... Virginia Department of Transportation  
 Mary Zirkle (R) ..... Town of Bedford

#### ABSENT

Todd Carroll (U)..... Liberty University  
 Kevin Jones (U/R)..... Federal Highway Administration  
 Andrew LaGala (U)..... Lynchburg Regional Airport  
 Sara McGuffin (U) ..... Town of Amherst  
 Johnnie Roark (R)..... Appomattox County  
 Russell Thurston (R)..... Town of Brookneal

*U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region*

*R- Members representing the rural area of the region*

#### OTHERS PRESENT (in person or via Electronic Meeting)

Matthew Bradley ..... UVA, Center for Transportation Studies  
 Walt Catlett ..... UVA, Center for Transportation Studies  
 Will Cockrell ..... EPR, P.C.  
 Robin Craig ..... CVPDC  
 David Cook ..... VDOT-Lynchburg District  
 Kelly Hitchcock..... CVPDC/CVTPO  
 Deepak Koirala..... Virginia Department of Transportation  
 Christine Kennedy ..... Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance  
 Carol Moneymaker..... VDOT-Salem District  
 John Morris ..... VDOT  
 Tracy Turpin..... VDOT  
 Phil White ..... EPR, P.C.  
 Tim White ..... Kimley-Horn

## 1. Call to Order

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

## 2. Roll Call, Acknowledgement of Electronic Participation of Members and Approval of the January 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Attendance of the members present was recorded. A motion was made by Josh Moore and seconded by Jeremy Bryant to allow Mariel Fowler to participate electronically. The motion passed unanimously. Paul Harvey noted that the TIP Adjustment discussion would be removed from the agenda.

A motion was made by Josh Moore and seconded by Sharon Williams, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2022, with one correction. The locality Catherine “Leslie” Gamble represents should be corrected from Bedford County to Amherst County. The motion passed unanimously.

## 3. Projects:

### a. CVPDC Rural Countermeasure/Safety Circuit Project

Agenda item moved to accommodate schedules. Walt Catlett explained that he, Matthew Bradley and Tim White make up the technical assistance team for VDOT’s Systemic Safety Implementation Plan. Catlett noted objective to work with localities that maintain their own roads, and localities with VDOT-maintained roads, to evaluate and identify safety concern areas that can be addressed through the Virginia Systemic Safety strategies. Tim White provided a brief overview of the strategies. Team is available to work with localities to identify potential projects and prepare for pending funding round.

Matthew Bradley mentioned that there is a roundtable scheduled for Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. with representatives from VDOT. They will be talking about what to expect in the fall in terms of safety funding for locally maintained roads. Hitchcock will send information after the meeting.

Catlett noted they will also work with localities with VDOT-maintained roads and will coordinate with the district engineer to evaluate improvement options. Tim White noted district engineers that look at these issues receive input from local stakeholders. They determine what is needed based on what they see and based on the crash data.

Josh Moore asked if data would evaluate unmarked intersections. Catlett said they have a document that walks through each of the systemic measures, and it spells out what qualifies for this funding. If there is an issue that is not addressed, they will reach out to VDOT. Josh Moore wanted to know if they are also looking at mid-block pedestrian crossings. Mr. Catlett said you will see where those types of situations fall into place when you read the mentioned document. He indicated that they are very close to publishing that document.

Jeremy Bryant requested confirmation on how localities will interact with this effort and noted the County is working with EPR studying two Amherst intersections. Mr. Catlett noted the Systemic Safety Program is focused on those areas where the VDOT Identified Systemic Measures, will apply. The pending document will identify projects that apply. Catlett noted they will work with each locality, district traffic engineers, local stakeholders to review areas with safety concerns and additionally, Tim White will provide crash data/safety hot spot information

and together will consider locations that might fit the criteria for one of the system safety measures.

Hitchcock noted project will be a two-pronged approach. It will include safety concerns the locality brings forward and also the data pulled/provided by Tim. The webinar next week will give more information about potential funding opportunities for any identified areas that could benefit from systemic safety measures. Catlett mentioned that Mark Cole, the State Safety Engineer, is eager and excited to make this happen and if they move quickly, the chance that something will happen in their locality is high.

#### **4. Statewide Planning Initiatives**

##### **a. Smart Scale Round 5 Area Application Discussion**

TTC members provided an overview of anticipated Smart Scale Round 5 applications. Mariel Fowler noted the CVPDC will submit Timber Ridge(803)/460 intersection. Jeremy Bryant said they are planning on doing four, possibly five for pre applications; meeting with VDOT to make determination. Dave Cook was aware of the projects for Campbell County and will provide list to Kelly. Mary Zirkle confirmed Town of Bedford will submit one for Macon Street in anticipation of the Amtrak rail stop. Sharon Williams said Town of Altavista looking at a roundabout at Lynch Mill and Clarion Road. Ryan Roberts indicated that the City has three projects for which it plans to put in applications. Kelly noted Bedford County is the only locality that has requested the CVPDC to be the applicant on its behalf; no CVTPO applicant request, project possibility from Amherst County.

Hitchcock noted the CVTPO and PDC will have a July 21, 2022 meeting; localities should have their resolutions ready for that meeting. David Cook noted technically, they do not need their resolutions until September but that is the closest meeting date to the application submittal deadline.

#### **5. Long Range Transportation Planning (LRTP/RLRTP)**

##### **a. LRTP 2045 Constrained Project List Adoption**

Phil White, EPR presented the final Constrained Long Range Plan updates. As presented in the memorandum, the changes made incorporate the updated constrained list. No new projects were added; they are using the same projects that were adopted in 2020. Josh Moore made a motion, which was seconded by Sharon Williams, to recommend to the CVTPO that the LRTP 2045 Constrained Project List be adopted. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Work Program**

##### **a. TIP item removed from Agenda.**

##### **b. 2023 Unified Planning Work Program**

Hitchcock provided a document overview, referring to proposed small grammatical, format changes. LRTP funding will continue to be banked. David Cook will be the point person for the five-year Travel Demand Model update. David said they will be updating the demographic data and transportation data for every traffic analysis zone in the model. They will be reaching out to the TPO local governments and getting their future land use changes and demographic changes.

Hitchcock noted Bedford County had submitted two projects for PF funding consideration, 221 and Perrowville Road, but scope was beyond funding capabilities. However, the PSI study was successful this year and is shown as a continued FY23 activity and will include intersections from the Route 221 and Perrowville Road.

Included within the DRPT funded activities is the provision for a multimodal evaluation study. The FY22 unspent funding due to open staff positions provides the rollover funding to bring in a consultant to do some elements of a multimodal initiative.

Josh Moore made a motion, which was seconded by Sharon Williams, to recommend that the CVTPO approve the 2023 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion passed unanimously.

## **7. PSI Study**

Kelly reported that there has been good locality PSI study participation. EPR will have the study completed in late April. If a locality would like a study presentation for their boards, let Kelly know. If you do not want a Board presentation, EPR will provide information to provide your boards. Jeremy asked for clarification that the only reason they would need to take it to a board is for informational purposes not for funding approval. Kelly confirmed for informational purposes. Jeremy asked if a locality must pass a resolution for Highway Safety Improvement Program funds. David thought a resolution is only necessary for Smart Scale funding, but he can verify that.

## **8. Informational Items:**

- a. Kelly reminded folks about the APBP webinars that will be available on the third Wednesday each month. Robin Craig will continue to send you reminders about those, and you can let her know if you would like the link. She encouraged them to share it with others that might be interested as well.
- b. Kelly will send Virginia Local Technical Assistance Program/HSIP webinar information.
- c. Rick Youngblood has sent out a packet of information about all the funding opportunities VDOT knows about through the Build Back Better Act.

## **9. Adjourn**

There being no further business, and upon Tom Martin motion, seconded by Sharon Williams, Paul Harvey adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.