

# Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

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

## Final 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. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.