

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, January 9, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. (Virtual Meeting)

Final Minutes

PRESENT

Paul Harvey, Chair (U/R) Campbell County
Erik Smedley (U/R) Bedford County
Rachel Frischeisen (U) City of Lynchburg
Tyler Creasy (U/R) Amherst County
Ryan Roberts (U) City of Lynchburg
Rick Youngblood (U/R) VDOT-Lynchburg District
Carol Moneymaker (U/R) VDOT-Salem District
Carson Eckhardt (U/R) VDOT-Lynchburg District
Josh Moore (U) Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Evan Tuten (U/R) Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Leslie Gamble (U/R) Amherst County
Mariel Fowler (U/R) Bedford County

ABSENT

Mary Zirkle (R) Town of Bedford
Jamie Glass (R) Town of Altavista
Sara McGuffin (U) Town of Amherst
Rob Fowler (R) Town of Appomattox
Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County
Chelsea Beytas (U/R) Federal Transit Administration
Kathryn Benedict (U/R) FHWA Virginia
Jared Thompson (R) Town of Bedford
Abigail Courington (U/R) Bedford County
Natalie Wilkins (U) Greater Lynchburg Transit Company

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Barry Butler Lynchburg Regional Transportation Advocacy Group (LRTAG)

STAFF PRESENT

Kelly Hitchcock CVPDC/CVTPO
Patti Lassiter CVPDC/CVTPO
Richard White CVPDC/CVTPO

1. Welcome and Virtual Participation Acknowledgement

Paul Harvey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Harvey requested that those attending virtually enter their names in the chat box to assist staff tracking assistance.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Harvey asked for a motion to approve the November 14, 2024, minutes with two corrections.

MOTION: Rick Youngblood moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Josh Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

3. CVTPO 2025 Safety Performance Targets

Kelly Hitchcock provided an overview of the Safety Performance Targets required for MPOs by VDOT, who reports to FHWA. Each year, MPOs are required to adopt safety performance targets. The CVTPO has consistently in past years adopted the State's Safety Performance Targets, which is the approach taken in the provided Draft Letter and as reflected in the Performance Target Workbook, both of which are provided as Attachment 3. VDOT is responsible for submitting the five targets to FHWA, and they establish the overall performance targets.

Mr. Harvey asked for a motion to seek approval from the TTC to submit to the TPO to use the State's performance targets.

MOTION: Rick Youngblood moved for the CVTPO to utilize VDOT's Safety Performance Target measures and that the CVTPO letter and Target Workbook be submitted to the CVTPO for approval consideration. Josh Moore seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.

4. FY24 Work Program Update

a. 221 Corridor Study

Kelly provided a brief update on the 221 Corridor Study. The second stakeholder meeting took place on December 13, following the initial meeting on October 29. During this latest meeting, participants discussed the adjusted recommendations and solutions options presented by EPR PC. EPR will develop the detailed evaluation and recommendations based on the 12/13/25 meeting. Hitchcock noted there was good attendance from VDOT-Salem District and Bedford County, that provided consensus on the direction for analyzing the corridor. EPR is executing the secondary analysis based on the feedback and a third Stakeholder meeting will be held in February to prepare for a March 2nd Public Meeting. March.

b. Intersection Safety Study

The Draft CVTPO Select Intersection Study was provided by Jeanie Alexander, EPR, to the project team (Bedford, Amherst, VDOT Lynchburg and Salem) on November 4. Jeanie followed up on November 22, inquiring if anyone had any changes to suggest for the study. No specific responses were received.

Tyler Creasy later followed up regarding the study's recommendation to add stop bars on Sprouse Drive, Rockwood, and Francis Avenue. He received a response from Jerry Harter, who stated that adding stop bars requires evidence of accidents or another form of justification.

Kelly will follow up with Jeanie to obtain the data needed for Jerry Harter and to determine if the VDOT district requires anything beyond the intersection study.

c. Central Virginia Safety Action Plan

Kelly announced that the next major item for the Safety Action Plan will be the Transportation Safety Summit scheduled for January 31 at the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance Center. Doors will open at 8:30 AM, and the event will run from 9:00 AM to Noon. EPR is currently working on the agenda, which will be available for review before the event. Kelly has received your recommendations for individuals to whom staff can send invitations. She will follow up with each of

you, providing a paragraph for you to add to your website, along with information for your social media channels to encourage people to register.

Site Location Evaluations were conducted for Campbell County and Appomattox on December 16, and for Bedford and Amherst on December 19. Mark Harmon will provide summaries of these evaluations. Once Kelly receives that information, she will share it with you.

d. Lynchburg Multimodal Plan

The survey is now available, and we have extended the deadline to January 20th. We will be resending information about the Lynchburg Multimodal Plan on social media. Timmons Group will be attending the Transportation Safety Summit and will share this information on the 31st. Our next steering committee meeting is scheduled for January 16th.

e. USDOT Thriving Communities

This is a federal grant developed by the staff in collaboration with the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC) and Lynchburg City. The project scope has been finalized and will focus on 12 streets designated for transit-oriented development. Additionally, the project will explore redevelopment potential at several site locations, including the former GLTC site. The draft scope has been submitted to and approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT). The project is set to commence this year. The staff is currently finalizing plans for the kickoff meeting for the Multimodal Plan, which will examine the 12 streets and the associated transit-oriented development.

f. Long Range Transportation Plan

Staff will start working on the Scope of Work with one of our consultants and will send this to Rick Youngblood soon.

5. FY26 Work Program Development

Each year, the staff undertakes specific projects as part of their work program. This year, the Long-Range Transportation Plan, the Safety Action Plan, and the Multimodal Plan will be included among these projects. These urban initiatives will account for a significant portion of the budget. Kelly will reach out to see if there are any additional projects that could be incorporated into the work program. She is also aware that the Lynchburg District and Rick are actively working on several STARS projects related to the identified long-range transportation roadways.

6. Matters from the Committee

a. State and Federal Partner Program Updates

VDOT's SmartScale will be released in five days, and Rick is looking forward to seeing how it goes.

Evan Tuten from DRPT mentioned that the deadline for transit grant applications is February 1. For 5310 agencies, human services eligible agencies must submit a letter of intent by the end of the year. If anyone is interested, Evan can forward details about a webinar. Additionally, the deadline for the 5303 grant planning for FY26 is May 1.

7. Adjourn:

Mr. Harvey reminded everyone that the next meeting is February 13, 2025, and asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Josh Moore moved to adjourn the meeting, and Erik Smedley seconded it. The vote was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.