

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

Thursday, May 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

Final Meeting Minutes

PRESENT

Tyler Creasy (U/R) Amherst County
Rob Fowler (R) Town of Appomattox
Rachel Frischeisen (U) City of Lynchburg
Jamie Gillespie (R) Town of Altavista
Paul Harvey, Chair (U/R) Campbell County
Josh Moore (U) Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Ryan Roberts (U) City of Lynchburg
Erik Smedley (U/R) Bedford County
Evan Tuten (U/R) Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

ABSENT

Craig Hughes (R) Town of Brookneal
Sara McGuffin (U) Town of Amherst
Johnnie Roark (R) Appomattox County
Mary Zirkle (R) Town of Bedford

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

GUEST and STAFF PRESENT

Carson Eckhardt VDOT – Lynchburg District
Mariel Fowler Bedford County
Michael Gray VDOT – Salem District
Kelly Hitchcock CVPDC/CVTPO
Ada Hunsberger CVPDC/CVTPO
Hannah Mitchell CVPDC
Jordan Mitchell Bedford County
Carol Moneymaker VDOT – Salem District
Rachel Moon Timmons Group
Katherine Reusch Campbell County
Emily Routman Timmons Group
Thomas Ruff Timmons Group

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Paul Harvey, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Connect Central Virginia 2050 – LRTP Update

Thomas Ruff and team presented the current transportation planning model and transportation analysis zone (TAZ) growth data approved for the region. He requested input from the committee about the data and any updates. Kelly Hitchcock added that the last TAZ update was completed in 2023. The numbers represent the 2050 census population projections, with each county’s input to determine distribution of population, households, and employment growth.

Josh Moore and Tyler Creasy recommended adding references to explain the reasoning behind the estimates.

Ruff noted that Amherst is the only county to use negative growth numbers, as other counties used zero. Creasy acknowledged that the county contains an aging population, but that he does not believe there will be negative growth in several of the identified areas. He offered to review the data in detail and provide additional information about upcoming developments via email. He also mentioned scheduling a meeting for Amherst County, the Town of Amherst, the CVPDC, and Timmons Group staff to discuss upcoming developments.

Ruff next turned attention to Campbell County, noting additional development on English Tavern Road. Harvey mentioned Calohan Road/ Route 24 as another developing area. He sent additional data to the team electronically.

Concerning Bedford County, Erik Smedley made several redistribution suggestions. The rate of expected population growth along Forest Road by the county line can be reduced, as development is already dense. Additional population growth is expected near Perrowville Road, and additional employment growth is expected in the 811 / 460 area.

Ruff encouraged all to review the data and send additional thoughts to the team over the next two weeks. They plan to provide an updated draft map for the TTC to review and recommend for CVTPO adoption in June or July.

3. Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2026

MOTION: Josh Moore moved to approve the April 9, 2026, minutes as presented. Tyler Creasy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Draft FFY2027 – 2030 CVTIP

Ada Hunsberger presented the draft FY2027 – 2030 CVTIP, highlighting the updated DRPT project formatting. She received no comments during the 30-day public comment period.

MOTION: Josh Moore moved to recommend the FY2027 – 2030 CVTIP as presented. Erik Smedley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Draft FY27 Rural Work Program & Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Hitchcock reported one addition to the draft Rural Work Program, an item about tracking and documenting planned active transportation facilities. The UPWP was updated to reflect FTA feedback, including adding FAST Act planning factors, removing environmental justice language, and adding the responsible parties/entities for each task.

MOTION: Josh Moore moved to approve the FY27 Rural Work Program as presented. Rob Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Josh Moore moved to approve the FY27 Unified Planning Work Program as presented. Rob Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. USDOT Safe Streets & Roads for All – CVPDC Planning/Demonstration.

Hitchcock reported considering a Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) grant application to build on the 2025 Central Virginia Safety Action Plan. Upon CVPDC board approval, the proposed application would request \$80,000, with \$20,000 in matching funds from the CVPDC. If awarded, localities and local organizations throughout the region may apply to the CVPDC to fund safety demonstration projects.

7. Matters from the Committee

- a. State and Federal Partner Program Updates

Michael Gray, VDOT – Salem District, stated that the organization is working through the screening process for Smart Scale Round 7 applications.

Carson Eckhardt, VDOT-Lynchburg District, began by expressing thanks for resolutions of support for Smart Scale Round 7 applications. He then provided an overview of several projects in progress.

- An English Tavern Corridor meeting was held on May 14, 2026.
- VDOT plans to finish the Rustburg High School Access study soon and are planning a stakeholder workgroup meeting with Campbell County schools.
- The Amherst Walkability Study is in progress. They plan to finish it in time for the Smart Scale July 15th readiness gate.
- VDOT is working towards the next Smart Scale round. Eckhardt assured the committee that he would keep them updated.
- Eckhardt plans to send details for a spring locality summit to committee members electronically.

b. Other

Hitchcock asked the committee to consider recommending support letters for the region’s Smart Scale Round 7 applications.

MOTION: Josh Moore moved to recommend that the CVPDC and CVTPO adopt resolutions of support for the region’s Smart Scale Round 7 applications. Rachel Frischeisen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Hitchcock reported that the 2026 Statewide Rail Plan is being updated. A series of stakeholder meetings include a May 22 government stakeholder meeting and a June 1 virtual public meeting.

Hitchcock noted VDOT’s new Statewide Active Transportation Map. The online resource displays pedestrian and bicycle data and facilities. She plans to work with VDOT to provide up-to-date data for the upcoming sidewalk and crosswalk layers.

Hitchcock noted that the state is updating the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) and Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Assessment. She expects upcoming VDOT stakeholder meetings.

8. Adjourn

Paul Harvey entertained a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Josh Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Rob Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

By: 

Date: 6/11/2026