

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

Thursday, June 11, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Final Meeting Minutes

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Jamie Gillespie (R) Town of Altavista
Craig Hughes (R) Town of Brookneal
Sara McGuffin (U) Town of Amherst

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

GUEST and STAFF PRESENT

David Adekoya City of Lynchburg
Alec Brebner CVPDC
Lauren Breyer (virtual) Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation
Carson Eckhardt (virtual) VDOT – Lynchburg District
Mariel Fowler (virtual) Bedford County
Michael Gray (virtual) VDOT – Salem District
Kelly Hitchcock CVPDC/CVTPO
Zachary Holder (virtual) Timmons Group
Hannah Mitchell CVPDC
Rachel Moon (virtual) Timmons Group
Katherine Reusch Campbell County
Kelli Rowan (virtual) VDOT – Lynchburg District
Ivan Rucker (virtual) Federal Highway Administration
Thomas Ruff Timmons Group

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Paul Harvey, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. All members and guests introduced themselves.

2. CVTPO LRTP – FHWA Status

Kelly Hitchcock reported that the updated Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is due sooner than originally expected. Through coordination with consultant Timmons Group, VDOT, and the FHWA, a compressed schedule has

been developed. Until the LRTP is adopted, the FY2027-2030 CVTIP may not advance. Projects within the FY2024-2027 CVTIP may still advance, though no amendments may be made other than administrative adjustments. Alec Brebner added that the deadline was December 2025, not March 2027. The LRTP process will be accelerated as much as practical while maintaining a quality product.

Brebner, Kelli Rowan, and Ivan Rucker added that DRPT, VDOT, and FHWA will proceed on the assumption that the plan will be completed and adopted by the end of the federal fiscal year in September. FHWA and FTA have some discretion to provide continued operating assistance under the current circumstances. Josh Moore and Hitchcock confirmed that the FY2024-2027 CVTIP allows access to FY26 federal funds but not to FY27 funds.

3. Connect Central Virginia 2050 – LRTP Update

Thomas Ruff reviewed the updated timeline. Timmons Group plans to complete the draft plan in August for TTC and CVTPO approval in September.

Ruff reviewed TAZ updates made since the previous TTC and locality meetings. Amherst County, Bedford County, and the City of Lynchburg requested small changes to redistribute population estimates. Campbell County increased projections for the English Tavern area, resulting in a net increase in the county's total population over census estimates. Tyler Creasy requested further discussion about two Amherst-area TAZ employment projections.

MOTION: Josh Moore moved to approve the TAZ updates as presented, after further discussion and potential updates in Amherst County and the Town of Amherst about two of their employment TAZ projections. Erik Smedley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ruff then presented the draft project website, where stakeholders can learn more about the project and access surveys, maps, and TAZ information. Timmons Group plans to conduct an initial general survey to kick off public engagement. Hitchcock offered to provide promotional materials to each locality and to attend events and meetings to promote public participation in the project. Promotion will begin in July after CVTPO TAZ approval. Upon questioning, Ruff confirmed that Timmons will include a written explanation for certain TAZs. He also confirmed that any major updates to the TAZs could result in an amendment.

4. Approval of Minutes: May 14, 2026

MOTION: Josh Moore moved to approve the May 14, 2026, minutes as presented. Ryan Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Matters from the Committee

a. State and Federal Partner Program Updates

Rowan and Carson Eckhardt shared that VDOT – Lynchburg District received 23 Smart Scale applications. They have entered the full Smart Scale application period. They plan to complete the Campbell Avenue STARS study and the Amherst Walkability Study before the July 15th Smart Scale deadline. VDOT is developing a draft list of planning studies to potentially execute through Pipeline or STARS programs over the next few years.

Evan Tuten, DRPT, shared that the CTB will vote on the FY 2027-2032 6-year improvement plan on June 17th. He thanked staff for their responsiveness about the LRTP issues.

Ivan Rucker of FHWA also thanked the staff and board for their work on the expedited LRTP update.

Michael Gray of VDOT – Salem District shared that they received 39 Smart Scale applications. They are also working on a draft list of future studies.

b. Other

Josh Moore, GLTC, reported that the Campbell Timberlake Employment Transportation Needs Survey was released on June 8th and continues through the end of June.

Erik Smedley, Bedford County, noted an open public survey for the Enterprise / Forest Road (221) intersection STARS study.

Hitchcock noted that the CVTPO and the CVPDC provided resolutions to the localities for the Smart Scale applications.

6. Adjourn

Paul Harvey entertained a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Josh Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Ryan Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

By: _____



Date: _____

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