

APPENDIX J. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW



MEMO

TO: File
FROM: Will Cockrell, EPR, P.C.
DATE: September 15th, 2020

RE: Environmental Intergovernmental Review

PURPOSE: During its 2045 Long Range Transportation Planning process, the Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization's (CVTPO) consultants coordinated with state environmental agencies on intergovernmental review. This memo documents that process.

BACKGROUND: In the spring of 2019, the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, which staffs the CVTPO, contracted with EPR, P.C., to conduct work on the five-year update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). To inform state environmental agencies, EPR, P.C. forwarded information on project recommendations for review and documentation.

ISSUES: In May 2020, EPR, P.C. contacted environmental-related state agencies to determine what information would be useful for documenting LRTP projects for their records. Outreach included the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Department of Historic Resources, the Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Given the plan's long-range nature, agencies indicated that more information would only be needed when projects were closer to implementation phases. The Department of Conservation and Recreation requested mapping layers for LRTP projects to determine potential natural resources effects.

In July 2020, VDOT communicated that the LRTP's Constrained Budget would only account for projects that are already funded and listed in the state's Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). Consequently, all projects within the Constrained List already received environmental review through previous processes. EPR, P.C. updated state agencies with a list of LRTP projects and asked if there were any immediate comments in their intergovernmental review. Agencies repeated their remarks from May, saying that their departments would require additional information once projects advanced closer to implementation phases. The Department of Conservation and Recreation received updated mapping layers of the LRTP projects, and staff will forward comments to the MPO if any should arise. EPR, P.C. ended this process by calling the listed agencies for any further questions.

ACTIONS NEEDED: The 2045 LRTP appendix includes this memo to document the MPO's planning process's intergovernmental review. The MPO should document any additional comments from these agencies in the appendix, to help inform future funding applications and study efforts.

