

HIGHLIGHT

Transportation Planning

Transportation Planning has been a core function of the CVPDC since its formation in 1969.

- The CVPDC houses the **Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization (CVMPO)**, which is a federally-mandated body that facilitates long-range transportation planning in the region, fosters interjurisdictional communication and collaboration on transportation issues, and approves federal funding for transportation projects in the urbanized area.
- CVPDC staff also provide planning services to the **Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC)**, coordinate the CVMPO **Transportation Technical Committee**, and provide support on an as-needed basis for several community groups, including the LRBA's Lynchburg Regional Transportation Advocacy Group and the Lynchburg Pedestrian Advisory Committee.
- The PDC and MPO collaborate with federal, state, and local partners to **identify, prioritize, and secure funding** for transportation projects throughout the region. To achieve these objectives, the PDC conducts **transportation studies**, develops and maintains **Long-Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs)** for the urban and rural areas, assists localities with **plan and project development**, and provides **funding application** and **grant writing** assistance to localities.



Long-Range Transportation Plan 2045 Update

The CVMPO is currently updating the LRTP looking out to a horizon of 2045. When completed in the fall of 2020, the plan will provide a strategy for providing transportation solutions for the region for the next twenty-five years. Unlike previous iterations of the plan, the 2045 update will **combine the formerly-separate urban and rural plans into one unified document**, and will incorporate the 2017 Lynchburg Regional **Connectivity Study**, which has been embraced by the area's business community.



The project team is also deploying some innovative public involvement strategies. These included having a **presence at large community events** like Get!Downtown (Lynchburg) and Centerfest (Bedford) where attendees learned about the process and play the **"Money Game,"** allocating a limited amount of play money towards different transportation priorities like road safety, public transit, new roads, bike/ped, etc. In partnership with VDOT, an interactive web-based **public survey** ran from December 6-January 15. Typically, LRTPs ultimately become bound books that are over two inches thick. For this update, the plan will be converted into a **web-based format** with maps and charts that will be easily-consumable by the public.



For more information on the plan update, visit www.connectcentralvirginia2045.com.

Planning & Project Assistance for Localities

CVPDC staff have been busy working with the region's localities to develop plans to move community initiatives forward. Planning projects or funding applications that are currently underway or that have been recently completed include:

- Town of Bedford Bike | Walk Plan
- Graves Mill Road Corridor Study (Lynchburg City & Bedford County)
- Appomattox Town Comprehensive Plan (Transportation Chapter)
- Forest Brook Road Corridor Study (Lynchburg City)
- Independence Boulevard & Forest Road Intersection Study (Town of Bedford)
- Riveredge Park Trail Extension (Amherst County)
- Town of Altavista Main Street Sidewalk Connector



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