

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

Central Virginia Planning District Commission Office
Large Conference Room
828 Main Street, 12th Floor, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

Thursday, March 12, 2020 – 10:30 a.m.

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**.....Paul Harvey, *Chair*
2. **Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2020** (*See Attachment 1*)
3. **Workshop (hands-on) activity regarding LRTP project listing and scoring** (*see Attachment 2 and maps at <https://epr.sharefile.com/d-sa43433aae1848808>*)
.....EPR, PC Team
4. **Matters from the Committee**.....All
5. **Adjournment** - Next meeting: **April 9, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.**

Announcements & General Information

- **Transportation Technical Committee Statement of Purpose** (*See Attachment G1*)

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, February 13, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Todd Carroll (U).....Liberty University
Mariel Fowler (U/R)Bedford County
Paul Harvey (U/R)..... Campbell County
Mohammad Zaid (U).....City of Lynchburg
Anne Nygaard (U)City of Lynchburg
Daniel Sonenklar (U/R)..... Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Sharon Williams (R)..... Town of Altavista

ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R)..... Bedford County Citizen Representative
Jeremy Bryant (U/R) Amherst County
Sara Carter (U)..... Town of Amherst
Andrew LaGala (U).....Lynchburg Regional Airport
Kevin Jones (U/R).....Federal Highway Administration
Gary Shanaberger (R).....Town of Appomattox
John Spencer (R)Appomattox County
Russell Thurston (R) Town of Brookneal
Mary Zirkle (R)Town of Bedford

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

OTHERS PRESENT

Gary Christie.....CVPDC
Tyler Creasy.....County of Amherst
Philipp Gabathuler.....CVPDC/CVMPO
J. P. MorrisVDOT Bedford Residency
J. Lee Newland.....City of Lynchburg
Jeff Rodgers.....Pennoni
Scott SmithCVPDC/CVMPO

1. Call to Order

Paul Harvey, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Approval of the January 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Mariel Fowler, and seconded by Lee Newland, the minutes of January 9, 2020 were unanimously approved.

3. Presentation and Discussion on LRTP Public Survey Results, Uses of the Survey Data, and Next Steps

Scott Smith reported that 987 people responded to the survey with over 1,850 individual map markers denoting 741 safety issue markers, 576 infrastructure makers, 302 bike and ped issue markers, and 230 general comments. It was noted that survey response for the 2045 plan significantly eclipsed prior year survey responses—200 in 2035 LRTP effort and 69 in the 2040 LRTP effort. The survey responses will aid in validating project selection for the final 2045 recommendation list. The responses will be made available to TTC members.

4. Discussion on Locality Needs and Potential Projects for FY 2020-21 Urban and Rural Work Programs.

Scott Smith asked TTC members for support in identifying potential projects from their respective jurisdictions. Two projects have been suggested for the MPO to sponsor in the upcoming SMARTSCALE process:

- Intersection improvement (R-Cut) at Route 460 and Route 811 in Bedford County. **JP Morris gave a quick summary of the recommended improvements.
- Roadway reconfiguration/improvements on Route 460 Business from Greenview Dr. to Laxton Rd.

TTC members agreed that these two projects held regional significance and should be considered to be the two projects that the MPO sponsors in the upcoming SMARTSCALE process. The two projects will be officially considered for sponsorship at the MPO's April 16th meeting.

Scott Smith asked that the MPO be notified by other projects as they arise.

Scott Smith emphasized the difference between MPO sponsorship vs. endorsement on SMARTSCALE projects. No limit exists on the MPO's endorsement of projects, but sponsorship is limited to four projects.

5. Matters from the Committee

Scott Smith reported that two planning directors will be taking new positions this month, effectively ending their service on the TTC. Gregg Zody (Bedford) will be taking a position in Oregon and Johnnie Roark (Appomattox) will be taking a position in Prince Edward County.

5. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The next meeting will be on March 12, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

MEMO

TO: Scott Smith, Transportation Planning Director
CVMPO, Transportation Technical Committee

FROM: Will Cockrell, EPR, PC

DATE: March 3rd, 2020

RE: March 12th TTC Meeting

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to prime the Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) for their March 12th meeting. This will be the TTC's first look at the Candidate List of Projects for the 2045 Long Range Transportation Planning process, **Connect Central Virginia 2045**.

BACKGROUND: In January 2020, the TTC forwarded recommendations to the MPO Policy Board regarding the 2045 Goals and Performance Measures. These measures will serve as the scoring sheet to evaluate the Candidate List of Projects, which result in the 2045 Constrained Long Range Plan and the Vision List of Projects.

ISSUES: The 2045 Candidate List of Projects includes transportation recommendations from multiple sources, including:

1. 2040 CLRP: Remaining projects from the previous LRTP's Constrained List
2. 2040 Visioning List: Visioning recommendations from the 2040 LRTP
3. Other Projects: Transportation recommendations from other local plans and reports, TIAs and other traffic studies

The TTC will review this Candidate List of Projects and determine which projects are missing, obsolete or no longer supported. The TTC will also review known transportation deficiencies and public comments, to determine whether new projects should be included in the Candidate List for evaluation.

The TTC will meet monthly for the spring schedule of the 2045 process, to review the list of projects and scoring sheets. Through several rounds of evaluation and scoring, the TTC will work with staff to refine the Candidate List of Projects into a proposed Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP). To accomplish this, the TTC may schedule special meetings to review updated scores and rankings of projects.

ATTACHMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS: Included in the packet (download here: <https://epr.sharefile.com/d-sa43433aae1848808>) is a series of maps, by locality. The attachments are intended to help prepare TTC members for the workshop on March 12th. For each MPO locality, the map series includes the following:

- Projects from the 2040 Plan: This map illustrates all *remaining* projects from the 2040 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP). These projects are listed in blue with a project ID that refers to the Candidate Project List, found in the back of the map series. This map



includes an orange line that shows projects that might have arisen from the 2040 Travel Demand Model. The updated 2045 model no longer indicates congestion in those segments for the twenty-year time horizon.

- Projects from Studies and Plans since the 2040 Plan: These projects, shown in blue with a project ID number, are recommendations from other planning processes, such as local plans, studies and reports.
- MetroQuest Survey Comments Heatmap: This map illustrates the frequency of public comments gathered through the recent MetroQuest survey, which included a function that allowed participants to enter comments with points on a map. The ramped scale includes all comments.
- Safety and Congestion Deficiencies: This map illustrates all identified deficiencies from VDOT's Potential Safety Improvements (PSI) data and anticipated congestion from the 2045 Travel Demand Model.
- Bike/Ped Projects: These projects are bike and pedestrian-only recommendations. Projects where bike and pedestrian facilities are but one component are not included. The map also includes densities of bike and pedestrian-related public comments from the MetroQuest Survey. For the Lynchburg map, there is a segment from the VDOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP).
- Local Projects: This map combines layers from the previous maps, to help identify trends and conclusions. TTC members can identify deficiencies that currently have no recommendation tied to them. Conversely, there are projects that do not appear to be tied to existing or future deficiencies.
- CVMPO Projects: The last map combines layers from the entire series, but for the CVMPO region.
- Candidate List of Projects: The last element in the series is a list of candidate projects that will be evaluated through the 2045 process. This includes a list of projects from around the CVMPO region, with the project ID that is reflected in the maps.

ACTIONS: EPR developed a series of local maps for each representative in preparation for the March 12th meeting. We ask that each TTC member review those lists and be prepared for the workshop on March 12th. The TTC will help determine which candidate projects are still valid and will review an initial scoring of existing projects. If you should have any comments, concerns or questions, please contact me at w.cockrell@epr-pc.com or (434) 981-8745.

Attached: Map Series of Candidate Projects, by Jurisdiction

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Approved September 5, 2002

The Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee (Committee) is responsible for supporting the Central Virginia Transportation Planning Organization's (CVTPO) and Central Virginia Planning District Commission's transportation policy decision-making efforts.

The Committee provides technical advice in coordinating the federally-mandated "3-C" or continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative, transportation planning and programming process.

The Committee's three principal work efforts are updating the long range transportation plan, updating the transportation improvement program (TIP), and developing the annual unified planning work program. The Committee, in conjunction with its rural colleagues, also develops the annual Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program Scope of Work. The Committee's intent is to review and comment on TIP projects and work program products.

The Committee acknowledges that the long range transportation plan update is the primary planning document for transportation issues in the Central Virginia region. This planning initiative drives the formulation of the transportation improvement program, as well as the annual work programs.

The Committee further realizes that the long range transportation planning process must identify regional priorities in order to fully influence project funding decisions ultimately exercised by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The Committee's intent is to recommend priorities and encourage the CVMPO to set these priorities at the regional level.

Because of its importance, the Committee is fully committed to actively being involved in the long range transportation planning process.

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee will:

1. Coordinate with local planning departments to ensure an understanding of pertinent local development issues and their impact on the region;
2. Coordinate with nearby MPOs and develop an ongoing dialogue with them;
3. Strive to integrate land use and economic development, as well as transportation considerations, in its planning process;
4. Strive to be proactive as opposed to reactive in problem solving.