

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

Central Virginia Planning District Commission Office

Large Conference Room

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

Thursday, September 12, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order**.....Paul Harvey, *Chair*
- 2. Approval of Minutes: July 11, 2019** (*See Attachment 1*)
- 3. Proposed Rural Area Transportation Alternatives Projects** (*See Attachment 2*)
.....Scott Smith, *CVMPO*
- 4. Presentation on Bicycle & Pedestrian Counter Program**
.....Kelly Hitchcock, *CVPDC*
- 5. Presentation on “State of the System” Report for Long-Range Transportation Plan**
(*See Attachment 3*).....EPR, PC Team
- 6. Matters from the Committee**.....All
- 7. Adjournment** - Next meeting: **October 10, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.**

Announcements & General Information

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

Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee

828 Main Street, 12th Floor, July 11, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT

Brian Booth (U)..... Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Mariel Fowler (U/R)Bedford County
Paul Harvey (U/R)..... Campbell County

ABSENT

Doyle Allen (U/R)..... Bedford County Citizen Representative
Jeremy Bryant (U/R) Amherst County
Todd Carroll (U).....Liberty University
Sara Carter (U) Town of Amherst
Waverly Coggsdale (R)..... Town of Altavista
Mark Courtney (U).....Lynchburg Regional Airport
Kevin Jones (U/R)Federal Highway Administration
Tom Martin (U).....City of Lynchburg
Richard Metz (U/R).....Campbell County Citizen Representative
J. Lee Newland (U)City of Lynchburg
Johnnie Roark (R)Appomattox County
Gary Shanaberger (R)..... Town of Appomattox
Daniel Sonenklar (U/R)..... Virginia Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation
Russell Thurston (R) Town of Brookneal
Bart Warner (R) Town of Bedford

U- Members representing the urbanized area of the region

R- Members representing the rural area of the region

OTHERS PRESENT

Susan Cook..... CVPDC
Philipp Gabathuler.....CVPDC/CVMPO
Samuel Hayes Moffatt & Nichol
J. P. MorrisVDOT Bedford Residency
Anne Nygaard.....City of Lynchburg
Phil White EPR
Bill Wuensch EPR

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the May 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Upon a motion by Mariel Fowler, and seconded by Brian Booth, the minutes of May 9, 2019 were unanimously approved.

3. Urban Area Transportation Alternatives Projects

Philipp Gabathuler explained that he would be asking for a recommendation of support from the TTC for Amherst County's application for the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program, or formerly known as the Transportation Alternatives Program. Funds are being requested to assist in design and construction of a new shared use trail facility that will extend the River Edge Trail to the James River Heritage Trail and Percival's Island, and also expanding alternative transportation options within the region. Recommendation was approved by consensus of members present.

4. Smart Scale Round 3 Update – Tabled for a future meeting.

5. Central Virginia Unified Long-Range Transportation Plan Kickoff

Bill Wuensch, with EPR, explained that the kickoff process would take approximately one year, looking for adoption in August, 2020. The TTC will be the working group for this process.

Mr. Wuensch explained that the LRTP is a federally required process for MPOs, to identify projects to get into their plan. In order to receive funding, these projects need to be identified in the MPO's LRTP. At the end of the process there will be two lists of projects. There will be the Constrained List, comprised of projects that have the highest likelihood of being funded over the next six years and will go into the VDOT Six Year Improvement Program. The second list is the Vision List, which is everything that did not fit into the Constrained Funding List. All of the projects must relate to federal planning factors and goals, which are safety, infrastructure, and congestion reduction. The state is required to identify selected performance targets.

This LRTP will be built on the 2040 plan, looking at how transportation can serve economic development and the interaction between the two. The latest CEDS will also play an important part in this plan. The Rural Long Range Plan will also begin to be integrated, heading towards one unified plan.

Mr. Wuensch advised that pop-up events and other creative ways of reaching out to the public will be held in addition to the 2 required formal meetings in order to engage the public at a higher level.

He also explained to the committee that there are seven tasks set up in the Scope of Work:

- 1) Data collection
- 2) Public involvement
- 3) Goals and objectives
- 4) Putting together the plan

- 5) Adopt the plan
- 6) Document production
- 7) Project management

A list of local planning documents was distributed to everyone and the committee was asked to identify additional documents that should be reviewed/incorporated into the LRTP update as well as corrections or additions to update the list. Suggestions were also given for public outreach “pop-up events” and locations for public involvement, as well as stakeholder and multi-modal groups.

Bill advised that they would be back in September with a State of the System presentation.

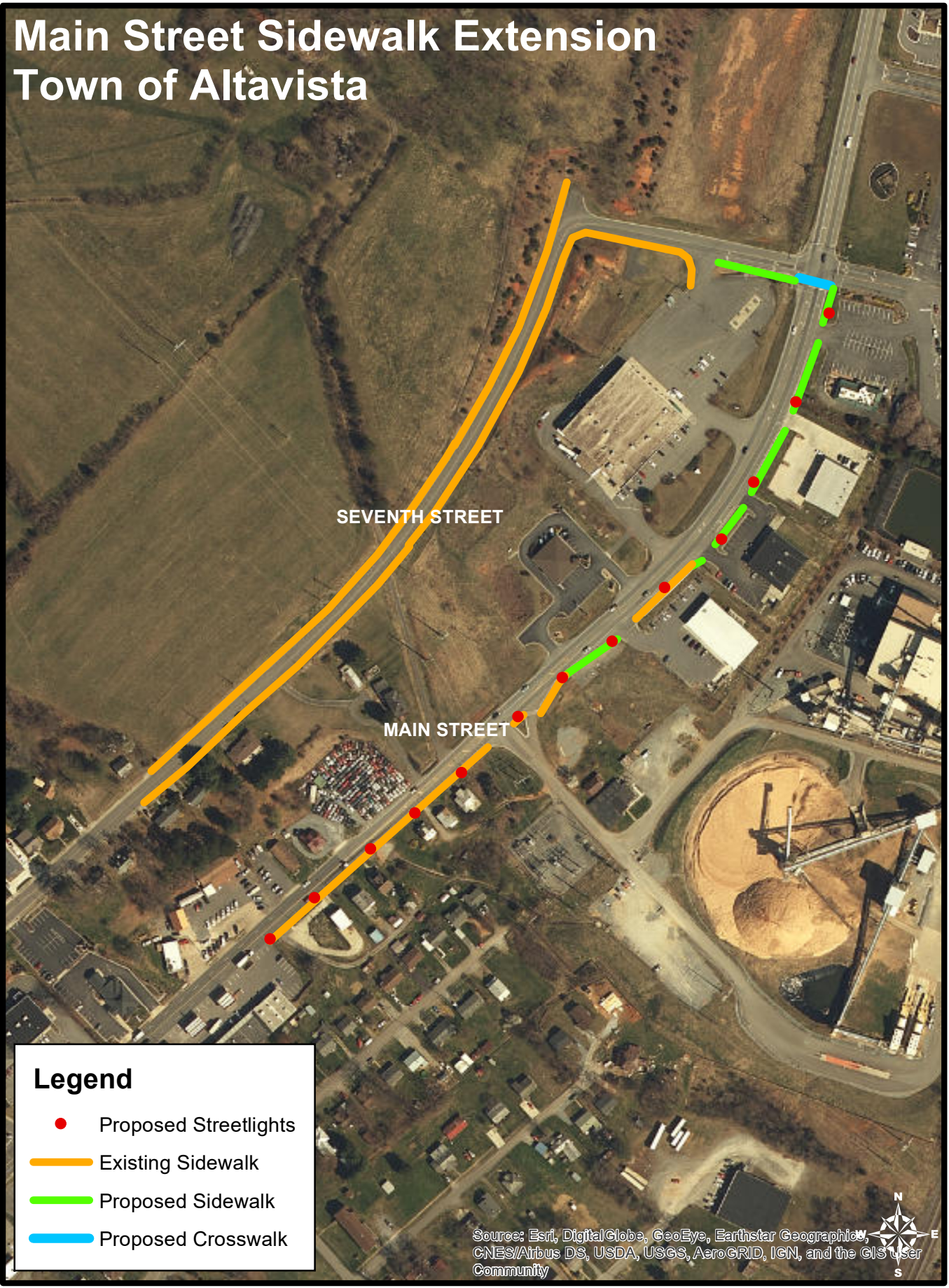
6. Matters from the Committee - There were none.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The next meeting will be on August 8, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Main Street Sidewalk Extension Town of Altavista



Legend

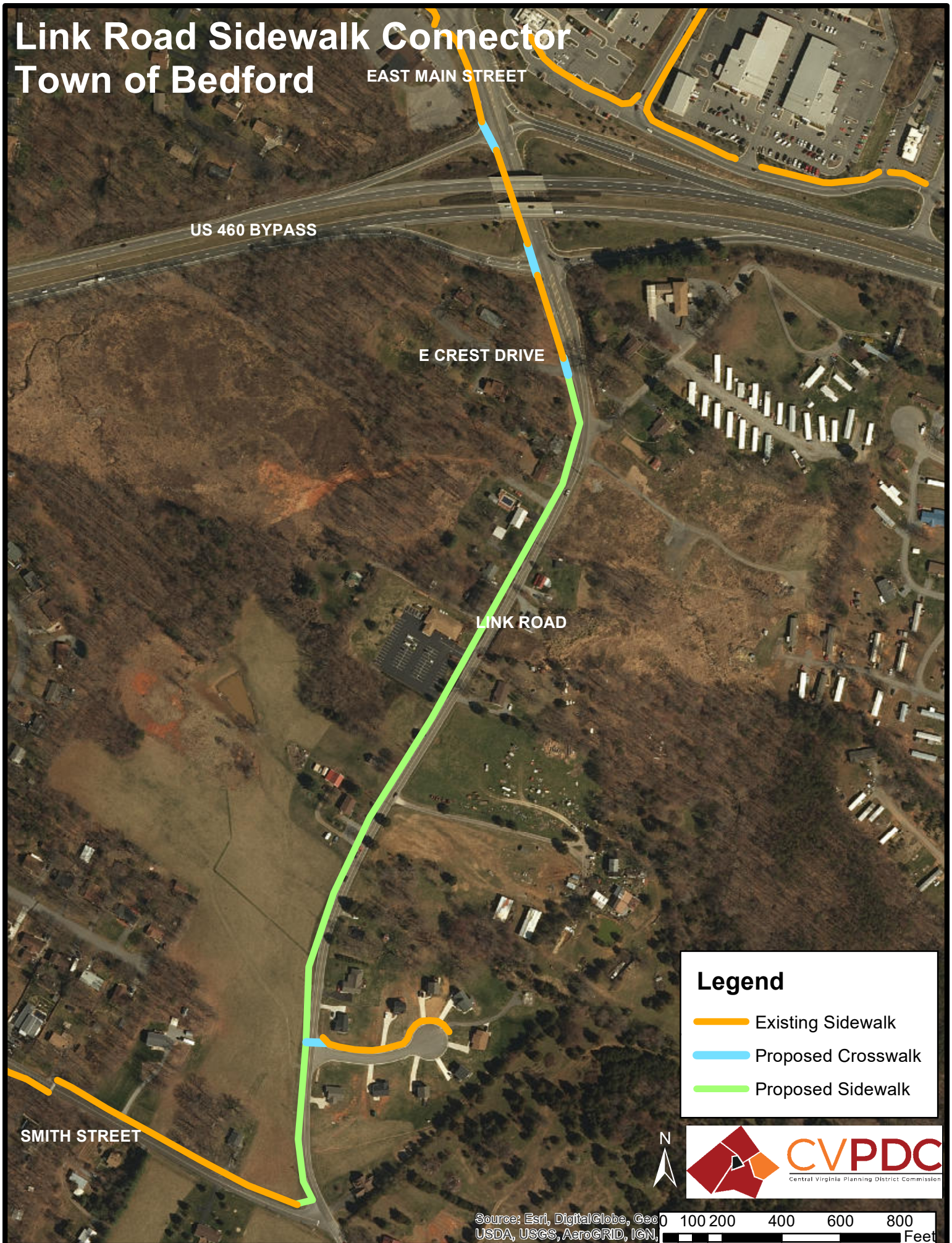
- Proposed Streetlights
- Existing Sidewalk
- Proposed Sidewalk
- Proposed Crosswalk

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community



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Link Road Sidewalk Connector Town of Bedford





MEMO

To: Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee
Scott Smith, CVMPO
FROM: Will Cockrell, EPR-PC
DATE: September 5th, 2019

RE: September 12th Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) Meeting

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memo is to briefly highlight discussion items for the September 12th Transportation Technical Committee meeting. EPR staff will present on the State of the System Report, the primary deliverable from Task 1 of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update.

BACKGROUND: EPR is the primary consultant working with CVMPO on the 2045 LRTP update. An initial kickoff call occurred on June 24th, involving the consulting team, VDOT and MPO Staff. On July 11th, the TTC began its involvement with the update process, with its own kick off meeting. EPR staff presented a general overview of the planning process and outlined Committee tasks scheduled through August 2020 (FY 2021). The Committee also provided feedback on stakeholders and existing plans.

ISSUES: Per the project Scope of Work, EPR prepared a State of the System Report for the region's transportation system. This serves as the existing conditions element of the plan. After drafting the document, staff forwarded a formatted version to staff at the MPO, VDOT and DRPT. These agencies will provide additional edits, to further vet the report for TTC review. At the September 12th TTC meeting, EPR staff will present on the report and its findings. Staff intends to have copies of the report available for review. The TTC will provide additional comments and direction, helping to identify further analysis that may be needed.

At its September meeting, the TTC will also discuss and help vet the following items:

- **Public Intercepts:** Staff decided to replace a centralized Public Open House meeting with a decentralized, public intercept approach. EPR will attend the Get Downtown event on September 6th, to conduct activities with the public and distribute cards with QR codes to a project website. EPR plans to attend Center Fest on September 21st, to perform further intercepts.
- **Plan Structure:** The 2045 LRTP is different than previous updates. The plan will include elements of the rural areas, providing a more unified transportation document that aligns with the TTC's representation. The plan will also integrate the Lynchburg Connectivity Study. EPR will present various options for how best to integrate these three documents.
- **Branding:** Staff will present on project branding and the new plan title: Connect Central Virginia 2045. The plan logo and title will support its new function, considering rural and economic elements.
- **Online Presence:** EPR prepared a new project website for an online presence.

ACTIONS NEEDED: The September 12th meeting agenda includes several items and serves as a critical link in the process. The TTC will: provide guidance on how to improve the State of the System Report; offer input on public intercept strategies for their localities; discuss the planning document structure; review the project branding; and, offer recommendations for the project website. Additional materials will be provided at the meeting. The TTC is not required to make formal recommendations to the Policy Board on these items. A final version of the State of the System will be presented at a subsequent TTC meeting, for formal recommendation. For any comments, questions or concerns, please contact Will Cockrell at w.cockrell@epr-pc.com.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
Approved September 5, 2002

The Central Virginia Transportation Technical Committee (Committee) is responsible for supporting the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CVMPO) and Region 2000 Regional 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.