



News from the CSPDC Region

March 2025

2050 Long Range Transportation Plan
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ON PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

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HRMPO Open House and Survey on Busy Corridor

The Harrisonburg Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) is holding a public open house from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6 at Stone Spring Elementary School for proposed safety and congestion improvement concepts for all modes of travel in the Port Republic Road – Peach Grove – Neff Avenue corridor. The area is one of the busiest corridors in the Harrisonburg-Rockingham region, and the intersection itself has the highest vehicular crash rate in the region.

Open house attendees will be able to review the proposed concepts, ask questions, and provide input on potential improvement strategies during the open house to staff from HRMPO, VDOT, and the City of Harrisonburg. Public input will be documented in a final corridor study, which will be complete in May 2025 and available to the public.

Share Your Feedback on Proposed Regional Transportation Projects

The Staunton Augusta Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (SAWMPO) is updating its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) which defines a vision and proposes transportation projects in our region for the next 25 years. Input from community members helps us align these projects with what's important to you.

We're currently in Phase Two, focusing on gathering input on a proposed list of transportation projects and areas for future study. Help us shape the future of transportation in our region.

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CSPDC Applies for Grant to Support Three Affordable Housing Projects

The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) has applied for funding through Virginia Housing's Regional Housing Development Program to support three affordable housing developments in the region. If awarded, the \$1.5 million grant will help produce 180 affordable housing units across Waynesboro, Harrisonburg, and Rockingham County.

The selected projects include:

- 1030 Alston Court – Developed by Enterprise Community Development, Inc.
- BJS Harrisonburg Family I – Developed by the Beverly J. Searles Foundation, Inc.
- Locust Grove II – Developed by Cosner Construction, Inc.



Over \$19 Million Awarded for Affordable and Special Needs Housing in Region

On February 26, Governor Glenn Youngkin announced \$139 million in Affordable and Special Needs Housing (ASNH) loans for 41 projects across the state, including five within the CSPDC's region. Of this total, more than \$19 million has been allocated to affordable housing projects in Waynesboro and Harrisonburg.

The funding aims to create and preserve housing units for low-income and extremely low-income households.

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March is Transit Operator Appreciation Month

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CSPDC Supports Two Outdoor Recreation Grant Applications

In February, the CSPDC supported the submission of two technical assistance grant applications

March is Transit Operator Appreciation Month, with an official day of celebration on March 18. Transit Operator Appreciation Day commemorates the first known bus line that began operating in Paris in 1662. These celebrations are a way to recognize the hard work and vital role that transit operators play in our communities. Public transportation is an invaluable fixture to any community and drivers are a key element to such structures.

This year, Virginia Regional Transit wanted to highlight and thank two drivers, Yvonne Smith and Tyrone Alston, for their dedication and outstanding service to public transit.

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CSPDC Staff Attend SERDI Leadership Conference

The [Southeast Regional Directors Institute](#) (SERDI) is a voluntary professional development association for regional council executive directors in the southeastern United States. SERDI provides technical assistance and training designed and tailored specifically for regional planning agencies.

CSPDC staff attended the SERDI's 2nd Leadership Development Training Conference held on February 19-21, 2025 in Greenville, South Carolina.

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through the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RCTA) program.

The RCTA program supports locally led conservation and outdoor recreation projects by assisting communities and public land managers in developing or restoring parks, conservation areas, rivers, and wildlife habitats, as well as creating outdoor recreation opportunities and programs that engage future generations in the outdoors.

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CSPDC Localities Awarded \$1.4 Million in CDBG Funding

On February 6, Governor Youngkin announced more than \$23.6 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for 33 projects across the Commonwealth. Three of these projects were located in the CSPDC.

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