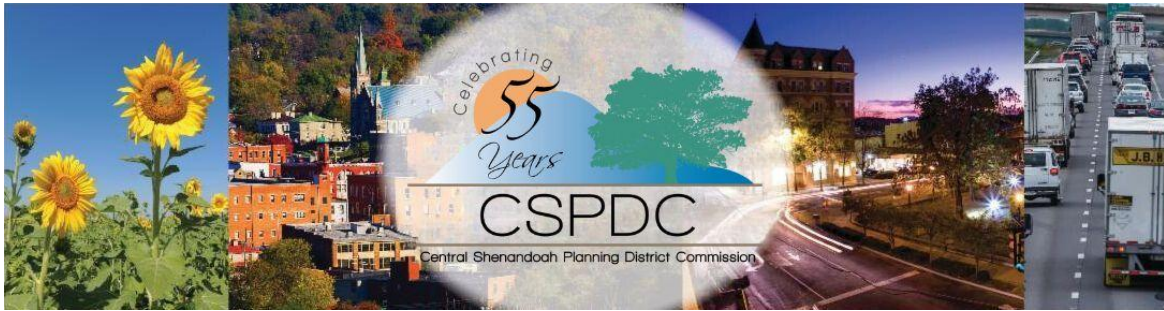




News from the CSPDC Region

April 2025



Lexington Completes Housing Assessment

At the February Threshold Housing Commission meeting, Summit Design and Engineering shared the results of their comprehensive city-wide housing conditions study for Lexington. Funded by a \$50,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Grant awarded in 2023, this study aimed to assess the state of residential properties across the city.

Summit's team conducted a windshield survey in late October, evaluating nearly 2,100 residential properties from the public right-of-way. Each...

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VDEM Leads Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Workshop for the Region

On March 10th, representatives from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) led a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) workshop during a Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan steering committee meeting. The committee, which includes local government staff, emergency response managers, floodplain managers, and various regional organizations, gathered to discuss the program, the role of the regional hazard mitigation plan, and eligible projects.

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2024 Afton Express Annual Report Released

The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) is pleased to release the 2024 Afton Express Annual Report. This report highlights Afton Express performance metrics, milestones, and shares the results of the annual rider survey.

CSPDC transit staff surveyed riders from December 2024 to January 2025, and asked riders about their riding history, habits, and experiences. CSPDC staff encourages all members of the public to take the survey so that they can gain insight into barriers to access, schedule preferences, and other data that can help guide service decisions.

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VDOT Shenandoah Rail Trail Public Meetings in April

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has published the [Phase One Report from its Rail With Trail Assessment](#), and will host three public meetings along the corridor in April. The meeting locations are:

Timberville

- Tuesday, April 8, 5-7pm @ Plains District Community Center, Large multi-purpose room
- 223 McCauley Ave, Timberville, VA 22853



2025 Transportation Alternatives Program

The [Transportation Alternatives \(TA\) Program](#) is a federal reimbursement transportation grant funding program administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and provides 80 percent match funding for transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, safe routes to schools, conversion of abandoned railway corridors to trails, and historic transportation facility preservation. Applicants must submit a pre-application by June 2, and the final application by...

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DCR Presents Virginia Outdoors Plan to Rockbridge Outdoors

Allison Tillett and Kristal McKelvey from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) met with Rockbridge Outdoors on March 20th to present the newly updated Virginia Outdoors Plan (VOP).

The VOP serves as a guiding framework for communities across the Commonwealth, helping them connect residents with their most desired outdoor recreation opportunities while protecting the natural and scenic resources that enhance quality of life.

Front Royal

- Thursday, April 10, 5-7pm @ Warren County Government Center, Board of Supervisors room
- 220 N Commerce Ave # 100, Front Royal, VA 22630

Woodstock

- Tuesday, April 15, 5-7pm @ Peter Muhlenberg Middle School, Cafeteria
- 1251 Susa Ave, Woodstock, VA 22664

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CSPDC Attends May Baldwin University All Majors Career Fair

On March 19th and 20th, Garreth Bartholomew, Danielle Gannon, Elizabeth Goodloe, and Rachel Kinzer attended the 2025 Mary Baldwin University All Majors Career Fair to interact with the students and tell them about what the CSPDC does and what it is like to be a regional planner.

A variety of employers were present at the fair including city and county police departments, educational entities, community organizations, radio, architecture companies, as well as companies and organization from other disciplines.

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Commonwealth Transportation Board Member Visits the Region

In March 2025, the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (SAWMPO) and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO (HRMPO) welcomed the region's new [Commonwealth Transportation Board \(CTB\)](#) member Mr. John Good.

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VDOT Seeks Input on Interstate 81 2025 Corridor Improvement Plan

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has launched a new study to assess and improve the Interstate 81 corridor. The I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan (CIP) will analyze the entire 325-mile stretch of the interstate the Commonwealth to identify safety and congestion issues.



Andy Seabolt Receives Stanley Everett Crigger Humanitarian Award

The 2025 Virginia Emergency Management Symposium (VEMS) took place from March 17-20 in Roanoke, VA. During the event, Andy Seabolt, Bath County's Emergency Services Coordinator, was honored with the Stanley Everett Crigger Humanitarian Award. This award recognizes an emergency management professional who has demonstrated empathy, kindness, and compassion in their work. It is named in memory of Stan Crigger, who exemplified these qualities throughout his career and in his service to both his colleagues and community.

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VDOT is seeking input from drivers and stakeholders to compare real-world experiences with traffic-data analysis. The study includes an online survey with an interactive map where participants can highlight locations with traffic concerns.

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CSPDC Staff Member Receives Social Marketing in Transportation Certificate

CSPDC Transit Planner Danielle Gannon recently completed the Social Marketing in Transportation course from the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida. The course was five months long and focused on how to address transportation issues in our communities through social marketing.

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