

## News Release

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From: Danville MPO/David R. Hoback, MPO Administrator

Re: 2040 Danville-Pittsylvania County Long Range Transportation Plan Update

The Danville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is completing the process of updating its 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the City of Danville and an urbanized surrounding portion of Pittsylvania County. A public hearing is scheduled to receive comments from citizens and interested stakeholders on the draft LRTP on **Wednesday, October 21, 2015 from 4:00 pm-6:00 pm at Danville Regional Airport, 424 Airport Drive, Danville, VA.**

This public hearing will provide citizens the opportunity to:

- Learn about and participate in the process of developing the regional transportation plan;
- Understand where transportation problems are forecast to occur;
- Comment on the recommended alternatives transportation plan;
- Review forecasts of funding for transportation improvements;
- Offer comments related to the recommended transportation plan's approach to addressing roadway safety, access and congestion, transit service, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and freight movement; and,
- Make comments on transportation issues addressed in the plan with representatives of the local governments, VDOT and the consultant led plan development team.

Citizens are encouraged to attend and offer their comments and input on the draft LRTP at the scheduled hearing. However, for anyone unable to attend the hearing, comments will be received by the MPO through Friday, October 23rd. Comments may be addressed to David Hoback MPO Administrator, email: [dhoback@wppdc.org](mailto:dhoback@wppdc.org), tel: 276-638-3987 and fax: 276-638-8137.

The draft 2040 LRTP plan is available for public inspection and review at the following locations: 1) Danville City Manager's Office, Danville Municipal Bldg., Patton Street, Danville, VA; 2) Danville Department of Public Works, 998 South Boston Road(58 East) Danville, VA; 3) Pittsylvania County Administrator's Office, County Administration Bldg., 1 Center Street, Chatham, VA; 4) Pittsylvania County Public Library, 24 Military Drive,

Chatham, VA; 5) West Piedmont PDC/Danville MPO, 1100 Madison Street, Martinsville, VA; 6) Danville Transit System and Airport Manager's Office, Danville Regional Airport, 424 Airport Drive, Danville, VA. The draft plan may also be viewed on the West Piedmont PDC website: [www.wppdc.org](http://www.wppdc.org) under MPO items.

The Danville MPO is a transportation planning organization recognized and funded by the Federal Department of Highways and the Virginia Department of Transportation serving the City of Danville and a portion of Pittsylvania County. Its mission is to develop a comprehensive and long range transportation plan for the purpose of addressing future multi-modal transportation issues and needs within a limited scope of potential future funding from the state and federal government. The MPO is also responsible for undertaking a variety of planning studies to address more immediate and short range transportation issues and needs within the MPO area. The MPO is administered by the staff of the West Piedmont Planning District and its governing board is composed of elected officials from the City of Danville, Pittsylvania County and also has representation from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

In regard to attending and participating in the public hearing, special assistance will be provided for persons with needs related to disabilities or limited English proficiency. Such accommodations including sign language or non-English language interpreters will be provided if requested in advance of this meeting. The point of contact for the Danville MPO is David Hoback, tel. 276-638-3987, email: [dhoback@wppdc.org](mailto:dhoback@wppdc.org) and fax: 276-638-8137. Persons requiring special assistance to attend the public meeting should contact the Danville Transit System, 434-799-5110 for information regarding the availability of public transit accommodations such as Reserve-A-Ride.