

**Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission**  
**Transportation Technical Committee**  
**September 5, 2007**  
**Minutes**

***Attendees:*** Marshall Barron (VDOT – Culpeper District), Mike Collins (Town of Orange Planning), John Cooley (Culpeper County Planning), Rosemary Damewood (Remington Town Council), Larry Fanton (VDOT-Culpeper Residency), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Greg McGowan (Virginia Regional Transit), Bob Miller (Madison County Board of Supervisors), Chris Mothersead - *Chairperson* (Town of Warrenton Planning), Harriet Parcells (RRRC), Ray Parks (RRCSB-AAA), Cynthia Porter-Johnson (Fauquier County Planning), John Shelburne (VDOT Transportation Mobility & Planning Division –Richmond), Darryl Shifflet (VDOT – Warrenton Residency), Jeff Walker (RRRC), Cathy Zielinski (RRRC)

***Welcome and Introductions, Agenda, Minutes, Matters from the Public***

Mr. Mothersead brought the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members of the Rural Technical Committee introduced themselves and welcomed new members Greg McGowan and Harriet Parcells to the committee.

Mr. Parks motioned, with a second from Mr. Barron, to approve the minutes from the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. The minutes were approved as is, ayes all.

No members of the public were present.

***Transition to Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, Phase II***

Mr. Mauney provided an update regarding the closeout of Phase I of the Regional Long Range Plan development initiative, and an overview of pending Phase II requirements. He reported that Phase I deliverables had been forwarded to VDOT in advance of the June 30 deadline, and that copies on CD-ROM were in the process of being distributed to each locality.

A Phase II Task and Deliverable list circulated to the committee. Mr. Mauney explained several key tasks – including measuring roadway and transit demand – that can be completed by RRRC staff and committee members in coming months. Other tasks will require further information from VDOT and/or VDOT on-call consultant. Phase II would appear to be less data-intensive in comparison to Phase I.

Mr. Mothersead pointed out that Phase II, like the data collection phase which preceded it, provides us with an important opportunity for regional consensus-building on transportation issues, in addition to ongoing subcommittee work being done by Mr. Carr and Mr. Collins. Mr. Mauney stated that the subcommittee work can be included in Phase II discussions.

Mr. Walker reported on an August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of PD9-Area County Administrators and Town Managers, convened at the request of member jurisdiction Fauquier County for the purpose of gauging interest and preliminarily exploring the possibility of a regional transportation district or authority as a potential means of responding to high cost area transportation construction, maintenance and/or transit needs. The administrators and managers expressed a desire to take up

the matter again at their next quarterly meeting, in addition to soliciting possible data and feedback from RTC members as the dialogue continues to unfold.

### ***RRRC Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan***

Ms. Zielinski provided an update on the ongoing RRRC Coordinated Human Services Transportation Mobility Plan (CHSM) development effort. The Va. Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) produced a first-phase document similar to Phase I deliverables for the RLRP. This document consists of identification and inventory of services and needs. The next phase of the CHSM will include specific solution and implementation plans and will include several stakeholders, including representatives of regional elderly and disabled groups, as well as service providers. The organizational kick-off meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Parks stated that he had received feedback at a recent Roanoke workshop that PD9 is in many respects ahead of other areas of the state with regard to its CHSM planning effort.

Mr. Miller stated that there are efforts underway in Madison to coordinate with local churches that have church vehicles available during the week. The Board of Supervisors is looking at ways to utilize these vehicles for human services transportation needs when otherwise unused during the week, and would be willing to participate in whichever way needed.

### ***Updates on Pending Initiatives***

Mr. Walker provided updates on several recent initiatives. The Town of Culpeper Sidewalk, Bikeway and Trail Master Plan was recently completed and adopted by Town Council. Mr. Walker indicated that a final copy of the report had been received, and was available for review.

Mr. Collins gave an update on Phase II of the Route 20 Corridor Study. Orange County will likely adopt the plan at their September meeting. The town has deferred adoption of the plan in favor of their upcoming multi-modal plan for Routes 15 and 20 in the town of Orange, which will build upon the findings from the recently completed Phase II study, and tackle both corridors in further detail. This multi-modal plan will utilize the latest 6-inch orthophotography from VGIN to develop essentially a preliminary engineering report. It is slated to include a half dozen typical cross-sections with cost takeoffs. The desire is for more specificity on modeling, cross-sections and cost structure.

Mr. Shelburne noted that FY'08 VDOT Competitive On-Call Grant monies had not yet been awarded, with announcements anticipated to be made soon, and that a Fall TMPD workshop had been tentatively slated for mid-November, with date and location, to be determined.

Mr. Walker provided the committee with an update on a proposed Warrenton Commuter Bus service, being advanced RRRC Commuter Services, for transport of riders from the Warrenton Park and Ride lot to Vienna Metro and points north, modeled after a similar program that runs from Winchester and Front Royal. Mr. McGowan made reference to a similar Loudoun County Transit program that is also experiencing very high demand.

Mr. Mothersead discussed two projects involving the Town of Warrenton. The town is currently working on an access management study for Broadview Avenue and the impacts a potential western bypass would have, both on this corridor, and connector roads in the area. Also, the Town of Warrenton/Fauquier County, following receipt of multimodal office funding with grant writing/grant administration assistance from RRRC are in the process of finalizing a detail scope

of work aimed at the planning related completion of a bicycle/pedestrian loop around and with connections to key destinations on opposite sides of town. Issues such as urban area connections, arterial road crossings and town/county/regional coordination are involved in this study.

Mr. Walker also provided an update on a similarly (Multimodal Office)-funded Route 29 Corridor Study. The length of corridor to be studied (originally I-66 to Madison/Greene line) has since been expanded south down to Amherst, however, there remains the potential of dividing the plan's development and coordination between VDOT and the original Planning Districts which proposed it, namely PD9 (I-66 through Madison) and PD10 (Greene).

### ***Roundtable***

Mr. Shifflett inquired about telecommuting and broadband internet service in underserved areas. Mr. Walker and Mr. Miller discussed a proposed broadband feasibility study for Madison County, that had been awarded funding through the Department of Housing and Community Development, but whose kick-off was still awaiting scheduling.

Mr. Cooley asked about impact fees and transferability and requested a clarification of the wording "must be used for benefit of said development." Mr. Barron pointed him towards Fauquier County's Transportation Funding District in the New Baltimore area, where a portion of all proffers goes into a general county transportation fund.

### ***Announcements and Other Business***

Mr. Walker referenced the upcoming September 10 VDOT Chapter 527 Implementation Training at the Culpeper District Auditorium, 2pm-5pm (alternate location September 11 at Albemarle County Office Building from 9am-12pm), October 4 RRRC Annual Meeting (to which all RTC members were cordially invited; details available on the Commission website), October 18 Route 29 Risk-Based Study Steering Committee meeting, and November 14(?) VDOT TMPD Fall Workshop. Mr. Collins referenced the upcoming Orange Joint Planning area kickoff dinner and a discussion on changing the funding relationship for towns that want to be UDAs (Urban Development Areas) in their specific county.

### ***Next Meeting and Adjournment***

The next meeting will be held regular time and location—first Wednesday of the month, 2 p.m., October 3, 2007, at the Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission offices. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.