

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
May 1, 2013
Minutes

Attendees: John Cooley (Town of Orange), Drew Draper (Fauquier County), John Egertson (Culpeper County), Debbie Kendall (Town of Gordonsville), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Chris Mothersead (Town of Warrenton), Patrick Mulhern (Town of Culpeper), Dan Painter (VDOT Culpeper District), Jeff Walker (RRRC), Gregg Zody (Orange County)

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

D Kendall called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The agenda was approved as presented following a motion by G Zody and a second by J Egertson.

The minutes from the March 13th meeting were approved ayes all following a motion by G Zody and a second by J Egertson.

There were no comments from the public.

VDOT Functional Classification Update

Committee members discussed the ongoing VDOT Functional Classification update. Culpeper and Fauquier counties have submitted their comments and Orange County is continuing to review and discuss with VDOT Culpeper District staff.

P Mauney shared that the VDOT consultant on the program has developed an interactive website to aid in the review process. He provided a brief run through of the website, which is GIS-based and includes the ability to send comments. The website can be accessed at <http://gis3.rbf.com/vdot/>.

Planning Project Updates

Committee members provided updates on local projects.

C Mothersead discussed Broadview Avenue in Warrenton. Town Council adopted the 2012 corridor study into the comprehensive plan in January and the Town is planning to use VDOT revenue sharing funds to complete preliminary engineering. In addition, the Town and Fauquier County have signed a joint resolution for funding cooperation. The 2012 study recommends the addition of medians and median breaks, consolidation of access points and a few driveway closures (which have received cooperation from property owners). D Painter stated that there was a large amount of field work, including meetings with property owners on the corridor, included in the study.

D Kendall discussed the ongoing efforts along High Street in Gordonsville. This corridor is the Truck Route in Gordonsville and there are stop signs at both ends which have some operational deficiencies. At present, roundabouts are being considered for both intersections (with Main Street and West Gordon Avenue), along with pedestrian access modifications.

G Zody announced that Orange County is to develop a Route 3 Corridor Study that would incorporate transportation and land use design principles in planning the future of the corridor. This project is in the early conceptual stage at present.

P Mulhern updated the committee on the Inner Loop project in the Town of Culpeper. The Town is working with VDOT to acquire the necessary right of way. The project would include three roundabouts – two constructed by the Town at Route 522 and at Old Rixeyville Road and one constructed by VDOT at the intersection with Route 15/29 Business. The timeline is for construction in Fall 2013 or Spring 2014. The Town is also working on extending sidewalks along the Route 15/29 Business corridor from Route 229 to Montanus Drive.

J Cooley discussed various projects in the Town of Orange, including the Multi-use project along Byrd Street that will include utilities and sidewalks. The Town is also in the process of re-working the proffers for the May-Fray extension project.

D Draper provided an update on the Route 28 Safety Audit Study in Fauquier County. The County Transportation Committee separated the project into two phases, with Phase I between Route 29 and Route 17 beginning in the next few months. The County has about \$1 million worth of Highway Safety Improvement Program funds from VDOT to begin work on Phase I, while Phase II still requires some definition of vision and potential scope.

D Painter announced the VDOT Culpeper District Administrator Jim Utterback was transferring to the same position in the Hampton Roads District. Brent Sprinkel is the interim Culpeper District Administrator. D Painter also provided a brief recap of the New Baltimore Service District meeting that was held in Fauquier County on April 30th.

Announcements & Other Business

P Mauney provided information on the recently announced fifth round of TIGER grants. There is no pre-application involved in this funding round, but full applications are due June 3. While local governments are eligible to apply, VDOT endorsement and participation is necessary.

The committee discussed the regular meeting schedule. Meetings are scheduled for every month, but various conflicts have caused the cancellation of several meetings over the past year. The committee decided to leave the current meeting schedule for the time being, but will re-visit the topic as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.