

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
February 5, 2014
Minutes

Attendees: John Egertson (Culpeper County), David Holtzmann (Piedmont Environmental Council), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Chris Pettit (Fauquier County), Charles Rapp (Town of Culpeper), Jeff Walker (RRRC), Gregg Zody (Orange County)

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

J Egertson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes from the December 4th meeting were approved ayes all following a motion by G Zody and a second by C Pettit.

There were no comments from the public.

FY'14 Rural Transportation Work Program Updates

P Mauney discussed efforts to date regarding several projects in the Regional Commission's FY'14 Rural Transportation Work program.

The sidewalk digitization project began with review and discussion at the October committee meeting. The Regional Commission has completed review of aerial photography and digitization in areas identified by Orange County, Culpeper County, Madison County and Rappahannock County and the towns of Culpeper, Gordonsville, Madison, Orange and Washington. Similar efforts in Fauquier County, working from south to north, have commenced. Once completed, the Regional Commission will provide the data back to the committee for review and incorporation into their respective GIS.

The Living Towns Planning workshop is still in development for 2014. The Town of Warrenton may be a possibility and the Regional Commission is also looking at another environmental and/or land use based workshop, as well.

Small Urban area plan updates, specifically with the Town of Orange, and potential intersection/corridor analysis projects are still under discussion with VDOT Culpeper District and TMPD staff.

FY'15 Rural Transportation Work Program Call for Projects

P Mauney addressed the FY'15 Rural Transportation Work program. The proposed RWP will be submitted to VDOT in April and committee members are encouraged to identify projects for inclusion in the submission.

J Egertson asked about creating a methodology for prioritizing paving projects on rural unpaved roads. At present, Culpeper County's process generally incorporates routes based on traffic

counts and/or citizen complaints, but would be helpful to have other data points to help the process.

Planning Project Roundtable

C Pettit discussed the recent opening of the Opal Interchange in Fauquier. The county's transportation committee discussed some of the issues with the perceived lack of use of the flyover and are working with VDOT to improve signage and increase use of the flyover, as opposed to the existing signalized left turn onto Route 17 south.

G Zody referenced the Route 3 planning process in Orange County. The county will have a facilitated charrette with a panel of experts in hydrology, transportation and land use. The study area includes over 4,000 acres of unbuilt land and the hope is for the charrette to lay out the vision for the Route 3 corridor in the county.

C Rapp stated that the Inner Loop project in the Town of Culpeper would begin construction in February or March, weather permitting. The town's portion of the project is expected to be completed by the end of 2014.

Announcements & Other Business

The Regional Commission will host a Census Data Access training workshop on Thursday March 6 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The next Rural Transportation Committee meeting is slated for April 2, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.