

**Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission**  
**Rural Transportation Technical Committee**  
**August 6, 2014**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** John Egertson (Culpeper County), Josh Frederick (Orange County), Debbie Kendall (Town of Gordonsville), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Marie Scheetz (Fauquier County), Sarah Sitterle (Town of Warrenton), Jeff Walker (RRRC)

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

J Egertson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes from the April 9, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by M Scheetz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Kendall.

The minute from the June 4, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by M Scheetz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Frederick.

There were no comments from the public.

***Local Project Priorities***

P Mauney provided an overview of the request for local project priorities as part of the FY 2015 Rural Transportation Work program at the Regional Commission. VDOT has asked for each Regional Commission to provide a list of priorities, along with methodology, to be submitted by November 30, 2014 for potential incorporation into the FY 2016-2021 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP).

As of the August meeting, the counties of Culpeper, Fauquier and Orange and the towns of Culpeper, Gordonsville, Orange and Warrenton had submitted their project lists. A copy of the draft project list was provided to the committee.

P Mauney also stated that Regional Commission staff are planning to group the projects provided into two tiers. The first tier – projects with regional impact – would include projects that meet some of all of the factors identified in House Bill 2 (Congestion Mitigation, Economic Development, Accessibility, Safety, Environmental Quality) and are also currently in process or ready to begin preliminary engineering or construction. The second tier – projects with regional support – would include projects that are not yet ready for SYIP inclusion, either due to project scale or timing, but that are important to the region's localities and will benefit from regional support now or in the future.

P Mauney will continue to reach out to Madison and Rappahannock counties prior to the next committee meeting to finalize the project list and will provide the tiered project lists at the October meeting. The timeline for the process is as follows:

- August 27, 2014: Draft list presented to Regional Commission; Comments incorporated into Draft list

- October 1, 2014: Rural Transportation Committee reviews final project list
- October 22, 2014: Regional Commission consideration and request for adoption
- November 2014: Project list submitted to VDOT

### ***Sidewalk Inventory Update***

P Mauney provided an overview of the Regional Commission's digital inventory of sidewalks that was completed in FY 2014. Existing data was available from the towns of Culpeper, Gordonsville, Orange and Warrenton. The Regional Commission gathered input from the Rural Transportation Committee and other sources to identify other areas in the region with uncollected sidewalks. Based on those conversations, RRRC staff used aerial photography from the Virginia Base Mapping Program and other sources to digitize sidewalks in the region.

In total, based on the data collection, there are 165.75 miles of sidewalks in the region.

- Culpeper County – 49.4 miles
- Fauquier County – 89.2 miles
- Orange County – 24.2 miles
- Madison County – 2.0 miles
- Rappahannock County – 1.0 miles

An overview map and GIS shapefile data can be provided by contacting P Mauney.

### ***Planning Project Updates/Roundtable***

J Egertson noted that Culpeper County is continuing to utilize revenue sharing funds to pave rural unpaved roads. They have had issues with VDOT traffic counts on many of those roads, but continue to use traffic counts and public requests to set priorities for paving. P Mauney indicated that the Regional Commission is tasked with helping develop a process for prioritizing unpaved roads for paving and will be starting that effort in the next few months, with VDOT Culpeper District assistance.

M Scheetz discussed Fauquier County's efforts at improving crash data availability and usefulness. The data provided from Virginia State Police, local police and VDOT sometimes have discrepancies and are difficult to correlate. P Mauney provided a VDOT webinar link and contact information for Stephen Read at VDOT Central Office, who heads up VDOT's crash data efforts. VDOT's opinion is that trends are still evident, even if data is somewhat inconsistent. In addition, Fauquier County's Sheriff's Office does not want to alter their data collection at present, as the data is already provided to the State Police, DMV and should make its way into the final data sets. P Mauney noted that this is a problem statewide, as other PDCs are looking for ways to better utilize crash data in the planning process.

### ***Announcements & Other Business***

D Kendall was recently announced as the Town Manager for the Town of Gordonsville, beginning September 1.

J Egertson was recently announced as the Assistant County Administrator for Culpeper County, beginning July 1. He will continue in his role as Planning Director.

P Mauney referenced the statewide VTrans 2040 planning process, which is kicking off via a public survey found on <http://www.vtrans2040.com>. He also noted that VDOT has developed a useful dashboard of information at <http://www.virginiaroads.org>.

The committee discussed potential collaborative projects for the Building Collaborative Communities grant program offered through the Department of Community Development.

The next Rural Transportation Committee will be October 1, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.