

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
February 4, 2014
Minutes

Attendees: John Egertson (Culpeper County), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Patrick Mulhern (Town of Culpeper), Mark Nesbit (VDOT), Marie Scheetz (Fauquier County)

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 on a motion by P Mulhern, 2nd by M Scheetz.

The minutes from the October 1, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

There were no comments from the public.

RRRC Rural Transportation Work Plan

P Mauney discussed the Regional Commission's annual Rural Transportation Planning Assistance work program, which will be submitted to VDOT by March 16. The FY 2016 program includes several tasks required by VDOT:

- Compilation of all available current and future land use GIS layers and local transportation plan recommendations from local comprehensive plans.
- Prioritization and recommendation of regional projects for consideration for HB2 and the Virginia Multimodal Transportation Plan by the 2nd quarter of FY 2016.
- Participation in outreach meetings and data review activities as requested by VDOT throughout the fiscal year.
- Participation in the regional Fall Transportation meetings.

P Mauney asked that committee members discuss other potential projects with him prior to the March deadline. The Regional Commission often uses these funds to provide technical assistance, data collections, GIS, comprehensive plan review and grantwriting to its member jurisdictions, depending upon needs identified throughout the year.

P Mauney also provided brief updates on the FY 2015 work program activities for committee members.

HB2 Implementation Update

P Mauney discussed the ongoing HB2 implementation process, including overviews and recaps of the January 8 HB2 outreach workshop teleconference and the January 13 Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting. He also discussed general concerns with the process and asked for the committee's input on a number of topics for feedback to the Secretary of Transportation's office.

- Source of project submittals

- Regional review process
- Measurement of project benefits
- Data provided to CTB and stakeholders
- Data factors
- Scoring process

J Egertson stated that localities should have the ability to submit projects regardless of location. Committee members discussed the regional review process used for the FY 15 priority project submission and how that process may relate to future HB2 projects.

Committee members also discussed the data sets that will feed into the five HB2 criteria with focus on crash data, economic development and safety-related data.

M Scheetz asked whether the region would have the ability to select the percent weight to place on the HB2 criteria. P Mauney indicated that the CTB and the Secretary of Transportation's office are leaning toward providing several options with different weights on the criteria and that each region would select from those options, rather than setting the weight individually. Whichever weighting option is selected will apply to all projects within the region.

P Mauney will draft a letter outlining the regional concerns regarding HB2 implementation process and provide to the RTC for review. RRRC staff will provide the letter to the RRRC Executive Committee to review prior to submittal to the Secretary of Transportation.

P Mauney also referenced two upcoming meetings related to HB2:

February 18: CTB Workshop meeting, Richmond (live online video available)

February 23: HB2 Outreach meeting, Germanna Community College – Locust Grove campus

Planning Project Updates/Roundtable

P Mulhern discussed the recently completed bypass in the Town of Culpeper between Routes 15/29, 229 and 522. The town also recently upgraded its sidewalks in the downtown area to meet the latest ADA requirements.

M Scheetz discussed the New Baltimore transportation plan, which is currently open for public review at: http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments/CommDev/index.cfm?action=NewBalt_svc_info

J Egertson stated that Culpeper County is moving forward with the Western Outer Loop project connecting routes 522 and 229.

Announcements & Other Business

P Mauney referenced House Bill 1887, which is making its way through the General Assembly. The bill would simplify the allocation of transportation funding in the state and grant greater independence to the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

[HB 1887 Full Text](#)

[HB 1887 Potential impact in Culpeper District](#) (pdf)

The next Rural Transportation Committee is scheduled for April 1, 2015. Committee members discussed the potential for moving the standing meeting time in order to accommodate jurisdictions with meeting time conflicts.

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