

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
January 7, 2016
Minutes

Attendees: Julie Bolthouse (PEC), Salem Bush (Town of Culpeper), John Cooley (Town of Orange), Denise Harris (Town of Warrenton), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Dan Painter (VDOT), Marie Pham (Fauquier County), Charles Rapp (Town of Culpeper), Roy Tate (VDOT), Jeff Walker (RRRC), Thomas Wysong (Orange County)

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

P Mauney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The agenda was approved as presented. Motion by M Pham, 2nd by J Cooley.

The minutes from the November 4, 2015 meeting were approved as presented. Motion by M Pham, 2nd by D Painter.

There were no comments from the public.

Regional Transportation Plan

P Mauney gave a presentation on the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRP) and provided an overview of the process used in 2010 and 2011 to develop the overall plan. As outlined in the presentation, the purpose of having the Rural Transportation Committee review the 2011 plan is:

- To utilize updated data to incorporate new project locations in the region
- To better match the RLRP with the new funding structure of HB2, HB1887, HSIP, etc.
- Understand where there are opportunities for region-wide transportation goals, either along inter-jurisdictional corridors or on all roads
- Review the goals of the original plan to match those in other statewide plans that have since been updated

The presentation is incorporated to these minutes by reference and is available on the committee webpage at <http://www.rregion.org/trancmte.html>.

Committee members discussed how best to revise the RLRP. R Tate indicated that the safety updates may benefit from a presentation by Nathan Umberger and/or Ali Faranghi, who oversee the HSIP and Traffic Engineering programs at VDOT Northwest Region and Culpeper District, respectively.

D Harris stated that it would be beneficial to tie the RLRP update more closely to VTrans 2040 and to utilize HB2 criteria as a guide. D Harris also asked about working with HB2 review staff to better understand how projects scored well during the initial process.

The RLRP update will continue as an agenda item at future meetings, with updates on specific criteria – safety, congestion, etc. – to be discussed.

House Bill 2 Updates

The committee discussed House Bill 2 projects and the upcoming schedule. P Mauney apprised the committee that since the last meeting, VDOT/DRPT/OIPI had completed their screening process and that 287 of the 321 projects statewide screened into the final scoring process. All 17 projects in the Culpeper District screened in. The preliminary projects scores are expected to be released at the January 19th meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Planning Project Updates/Roundtable

R Tate discussed the upcoming change to the VDOT Residency structure in the region. The Louisa residency is reopening and has an acting administrator at present and should be fully staffed by July 1st. VDOT hopes to have a land use engineer at each residency for permitting purposes as well. As a reminder, Orange County will work with the Louisa residency, Madison County will work with the Charlottesville residency, and Culpeper, Fauquier, and Rappahannock counties will work with the Warrenton residency as a result of this restructuring.

M Pham discussed an ongoing issue on Route 28 at Bristersburg Rd. and Bastables Mill Rd. in Fauquier County. M Pham also stated that the County had been apprised of changes to the requirements for Revenue Sharing resolutions and that future revenue sharing requests would likely need to be included in the County's Capital Improvement Program.

C Rapp discussed an upcoming HSIP project in the Town of Culpeper on Route 522 that would incorporate road diet improvements. The Town should know whether it is approved and funded later this year. The Town of Culpeper is also looking at funding opportunities for access to the Waugh Property on Madison Road, where a future park is to be located.

T Wysong indicated that Orange is working the Germanna-Wilderness Area Plan and will have a transportation sub-committee to guide improvements within that area along Route 3. An HB2/HB1887 application is possible for the upcoming grant round.

J Cooley announced that the Town of Orange's Byrd Street project was completed. The Town has an upcoming project to install 19 handicap ramps (to match crosswalks in Town) on Selma Road and Madison Road.

D Harris discussed the Town of Warrenton's comprehensive plan update, and stated that she is working with a scoping committee to better align the plan with implementation of projects within the Town.

J Bolthouse referenced an upcoming community meeting to discuss the Waterloo Bridge between Fauquier and Culpeper counties, which has been unused for two years while the localities and VDOT work to determine how to move forward with refurbishment or replacement. PEC is also participating with Fauquier County on a transportation planning effort along Route 29 in New Baltimore.

Announcements & Other Business

P Mauney noted that the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) has reopened its UDA funding program. This funding enables an on-call consultant to work with a locality to

determine where and how Urban Development Areas may be incorporated into the locality's Comprehensive Plan.

The next Rural Transportation Committee is scheduled for **Thursday, March 3, 2016**.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.