

**Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission**  
**Rural Transportation Technical Committee**  
**November 30, 2017**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Marshall Barron (VDOT), Salem Bush (Town of Culpeper, *VICE-CHAIR*), John Cooley (Town of Orange), Joe Costello (RRRC), Ben Davison (VDOT), Josh Frederick (Orange County), Kobina Gaituah (VDOT), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Sam McLearen (Culpeper County), Dan Painter (Town of Madison), Marie Pham (Fauquier County, *CHAIR*), Chuck Proctor (VDOT), Alan Saunders (VDOT)

***Call to Order***

M Pham called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

***Agenda & Minutes***

The agenda was approved as presented upon a motion by D Painter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Cooley.

S Bush moved to approve the July 27 meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Cooley. The motion passed unanimously.

***Smart Scale Update***

C Proctor presented to the committee on changes to the Smart Scale process for Round 3 that will take place in 2018. The Commonwealth Transportation Board approved changes in October. Changes include:

- Application period will move up to a deadline of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Submission of basic information will be completed by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Applicants will be limited as to the number of applications each cycle. RRRC and all eligible entities in the region will have a maximum of four applications allowed per cycle. Pre-screening of applications is encouraged, but will also be limited to four projects going through the pre-screening process.
- Changes to eligibility, primarily designed to ensure that a project meets the intent of Smart Scale funding (i.e., not a maintenance project, not to be used as replacement funding for projects already funded by other means, etc.)
- Changes to scoring criteria, including safety, economic development, accessibility, and congestion criteria.

D Painter noted the importance of a regional economic development strategy that includes specific reference to transportation projects.

P Mauney also noted that the request from the Regional Commission to be placed in Category D for the upcoming (and future) rounds was approved. No other region requested a category change.

***Smart Scale Project Discussion***

K Gaituah reviewed existing data sets related to the top 100 safety locations in the Culpeper District. Such locations are eligible for smart scale submission, as are any locations that have an existing safety study (whether or not they are in the top 100 list).

For intersection locations, there were 13 locations in Culpeper County, 19 in Fauquier County, 2 in Madison County, 7 in Orange County, 2 in the Town of Culpeper, and 3 in the Town of Warrenton.

For corridor locations, there were 4 locations in Culpeper County, 18 in Fauquier County, 1 in Madison County, 5 in Orange County, 2 in Rappahannock County, 15 in the Town of Culpeper, and 11 in the Town of Warrenton.

VDOT Culpeper District staff will be reaching out to localities to discuss potential projects in the next months and a further discussion will take place at the January committee meeting.

Committee members discussed projects in the region, and also had questions about projects on the top 100 list that may score well for safety, but not for congestion or other scoring measures.

### ***County Safety & Operational Improvement Funds***

A Saunders and B Davison discussed County Safety and Operational Improvement funding and the potential uses of such funding. CSOI funds were introduced at the residency level three years ago and are utilized to address demonstrated safety needs with low-cost improvements. Uses have included:

- Curb and gutter enhancements
- Opticon
- Flashing Yellow Signalization
- Culvert Rehabilitation
- Site-Distance Improvements (Tree-Clearing, Hill-Shaving, etc)
- Chevrons and Crosswalks
- Turn lane additions
- Sidewalk Repairs

D Painter asked about sidewalk construction. B Davison indicated that funds cannot be used for right of way acquisition, but likely could be used to construct sidewalks.

S Bush asked whether these funds could be used in towns that maintain their own roads. A Saunders indicated that he would check, but likely they could not be used in those towns that maintain their own roads.

M Pham asked about usage on private streets that intersect a public street. B Davison indicated that if the project was on public right of way, then certainly could be used. If the project was on private street, then may need to develop a public-private partnership solution.

### ***Other Business***

C Proctor referenced a desire from VDOT to revisit the previously completed Small Urban Area plans with the Towns of Culpeper, Orange, and Warrenton, potentially to include areas adjacent to the towns that may be seeing development in the future.

Committee members provided brief updates on local planning and transportation activities.

*Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next Rural Transportation Committee is scheduled for **January 25, 2018**.