

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
March 22, 2018
Minutes

Attendees: Salem Bush (Town of Culpeper, VICE-CHAIR), Joe Costello (RRRC), Ben Davison (VDOT), Josh Frederick (Orange County), Kobina Gaituah (VDOT), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Holly Meade (Fauquier County), Dan Painter (Town of Madison), Marie Pham (Fauquier County, *CHAIR*), Alan Saunders (VDOT), Thomas Wysong (Orange County)

Call to Order

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

Agenda & Minutes

The agenda was approved as presented. Motion by D Painter, 2nd by S Bush.

Minutes from the January 25, 2018 meeting were approved as presented. Motion by S Bush, 2nd by D Painter.

Smart Scale Projects Discussion

Committee members discussed the upcoming third round of Smart Scale, referencing potential local projects that may be submitted. Members from Fauquier County, Orange County, and Town of Culpeper discussed projects that would emanate from their respective localities and VDOT staff noted that they have held meetings with individual jurisdictions to go over potential applications.

M Pham noted that Fauquier County has developed an initial list of eight potential projects, clarifying that the County is limited to four submissions. M Pham asked if other localities would be exceeding their application limit and, if not, whether there would be any issue for the Regional Commission to serve as the applicant for additional projects from Fauquier County. Those present indicated that this would not be an issue from their perspective, and P Mauney stated that the topic came up at a previous RRRC meeting and there was general concurrence that the Commission would be able to serve as an applicant for projects on a Corridor of Statewide Significance.

P Mauney indicated that RRRC staff would develop draft resolutions based on projects anticipated to be submitted for the May meeting and would request Commission approval at the June 28th RRRC meeting.

FY 2019 Draft Rural Transportation Work Plan

J Costello referenced the draft FY 2019 Rural Transportation Work Plan to be submitted by RRRC to VDOT and FHWA in support of rural transportation planning activities. The FY 2019 Work Plan includes funding for RRRC staff to support various projects, including:

- Rural Long Range Transportation Plan Update (last adopted in 2011)

- Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan (last reviewed in 2012)
- Small Area Plans for Culpeper, Orange, and Warrenton
- Smart Scale Application and Policy Review activities
- General Technical Assistance
- Local Committee Participation
- Support for Statewide Initiatives

Committee members discussed potential tie-ins between proposed activities and local initiatives. S Bush referenced that the Town of Culpeper recently completed an update to its Sidewalk and Trails plan, which may provide information to the Regional plan.

Transportation Legislation

P Mauney updated the committee on transportation legislation previously discussed at the January meeting. Many of the bills referenced in January have been continued to 2019 or failed to pass the General Assembly. Two notable exceptions are HB 73 and HB 765. HB 73 enables maximum speed limits on Route 3 and Route 17 to be set at 60 mph “where such routes are nonlimited access, multilane, divided highways.” U.S. Route 29 was already included in the Virginia Code § 46.2-870.

HB 765 expands the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) and makes several adjustments to Revenue Sharing funding in the state, among other changes.

Other Business

Committee members discussed applications to the Transportation Alternatives program and recently released scores within the district. Projects scoring highest in the region were the Timber Fence Trail project in Warrenton, as well as the Waterloo Bridge project submitted by Fauquier County. M Pham noted that the Waterloo Bridge project was utilizing private funds as match, rather than County funds.

K Gaituah referenced the Arterial Management Plan for Route 3 in Orange County that is nearing completion with recommendations for transportation enhancements in the Route 3 corridor near Lake of the Woods.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

The next Rural Transportation Committee is scheduled for **May 24, 2018**.