

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
August 23, 2018
Minutes

Attendees: Salem Bush (Town of Culpeper, VICE-CHAIR), Joe Costello (RRRC), Josh Frederick (Orange County), Kobina Gaituah (VDOT), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Sam McLearen (Culpeper County), Marie Pham (Fauquier County, *CHAIR*), Nick Tafelsky (Culpeper County), Alan Saunders (VDOT), Thomas Wysong (Orange County)

Call to Order

M Pham called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Agenda & Minutes

The agenda was approved as presented. Motion by J Frederick, 2nd by S Bush.

Minutes from the May 24, 2018 meeting were approved as presented. Motion by J Frederick, 2nd by S Bush.

Smart Scale Round Three

P Mauney noted that there were 16 applications submitted from the region by the August 8th deadline and requested that those in attendance briefly discuss the projects from their respective localities.

S McLearen introduced Nick Tafelsky, who has joined Culpeper County as a transportation and long-range planner. S McLearen discussed two projects submitted by Culpeper County, both at the Route 15/29 – Route 663 intersection at Brandy Station. One project is for a Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) and a larger project is for an overpass at the intersection.

S Bush referenced one project from the Town of Culpeper at Route 3 and McDevitt Drive for installation of a roundabout. He also noted the ease of the application process, and asked if VDOT could work to set the timing of the resolution for Smart Scale to Revenue Sharing and HSIP projects.

J Frederick referenced five projects from Orange County, including two in the Town of Gordonsville. All are intersection projects.

M Pham discussed four projects from Fauquier County and indicated that the process worked well, but would like to have the ability to copy application information from one applicant to another (i.e., County application to PDC, or vice-versa).

K Gaituah indicated that all of the applications are now in validation phase at the District and would be for the next couple months. VDOT staff would likely reach out to localities with additional questions.

Committee members also discussed the need to update VTrans between now and the fourth round in order to better match Corridor of Statewide Significance needs with local priorities.

Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan

J Costello reviewed progress to date for the regional bicycle and pedestrian inventory project, including stakeholder outreach, mapping, and comprehensive plan review. Data collection and maps completed to date include:

- Demographics (Population, Vehicle Ownership, Transit Routes, Age, etc.)
- Pedestrian-related Crashes (Injuries, Fatalities)
- Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Cluster Points
- Existing Bicycle/Pedestrian/Outdoor Infrastructure
- Preliminary Use Maps (App-Based data)
- Potential Points of Interest for Connections
- Blueway Access Points (Potential)

Committee members discussed the relevance and/or necessity for incorporating unofficial blueway access points as part of the plan. There was interest in having awareness of where such access points are located, but concern about including them on official maps without local level agreement, especially with regard to access that may impact private property.

Committee members also discussed how the plan would incorporate recommendations. J Costello and P Mauney noted that existing recommendations from localities would be included, with the potential for longer-term regional connections to be referenced as general goals or recommendations. S McLearn suggested a review of individual Capital Improvement Plans as another means of identifying local projects.

Rural Long Range Plan Update

P Mauney briefly reviewed the existing Rural Long Range Transportation plan that was initially adopted in 2011. He noted that the original plan was produced prior to Smart Scale and was based on traffic data and forecasts for 2035. Since Smart Scale awards some points for inclusion and reference in the RLRP, the timing for an update to the plan is good prior to the next application round in 2020. P Mauney noted that RRRC staff would coordinate with VDOT Culpeper District to produce a scope for the RLRP update and may utilize a consultant to gather and analyze data with RRRC staff coordinating with the jurisdictions to review and to develop the format for the plan. Additional information will be provided at future meetings.

Other Business

Committee members shared brief updates from their localities and discussed local approaches to prioritizing unpaved roads for paving through both Secondary Six-Year Plan and Revenue Sharing funding.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.