



**Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission  
Rural Transportation Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

***Attendees:***

Salem Bush (Town of Culpeper), Joe Costello (RRRC), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Debbie Kendall (Town of Gordonsville), Chuck Proctor (VDOT), Kobina Gaituah (VDOT), Kendall May (Culpeper County), Sam McLearen (Culpeper County), Andrew Hopewell (Fauquier County), Julie Bolthouse, (PEC)

***Call to Order***

P Mauney called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

P Mauney informed the committee M Pham had taken a transportation planner position with Loudoun County and we no longer have a committee chair. P Mauney noted the committee previously had a chair and formal structure to enable the committee to make formal recommendations of the regional commission board. However, now we can restructure the committee to be more informal and there is no longer a need for a committee chair. The Committee attendees agreed we would continue to meet without a committee chair and to extend the scope of topics of the rural transportation committee to include multi-modal transportation and land use planning topics.

***Agenda***

The agenda was approved as presented.

***2019 Funding Cycle: Transportation Alternative and Revenue Sharing Programs, (Deadline 10/1/2019)***

J. Costello noted that most of the localities in the region had either a TAP or Revenue Sharing project this cycle and asked attendees to share what projects they were applying for and if there were any questions related to the applications.

S Bush discussed the four TAP applications the Town of Culpeper were submitting this round. The projects mentioned were a SRTS project on 522 near Yowell Meadow, Old Brandy Rd curb and stormwater and an intersection improvement at Orange Rd and Rt. 3

S McLearen noted the County did not have any TAP applications in this round but had 10 revenue sharing projects which were all pave unpaved roads under VDOT's Rural Rustic Program. S McLearen mentioned that around 10 more miles would be paved this cycle.

A Hopewell mentioned that Parks and Rec. may be working on a SRTS project.

D Kendall discussed the Town of Gordonsville's SRTS TAP application including sidewalk and intersection improvements around Gordon-Barbour Elementary School.

### ***Active Transportation Draft Plan***

J Costello presented on existing, planned and recommended bicycle, pedestrian, equestrian and non-motorized boating infrastructure across the region. J Costello outlined findings from the planning process and the remaining timeline until plan adoption. The plan will be revised further and sent out to stakeholders for comment. Once those comments are received and included in the plan, the plan will be posted for public comment. The plan will then go before the RRRC board for adoption and recommendations will be included in the Regional Long Range Plan Update.

P Mauney discussed RRRC's effort to be targeted in recommendations for future improvements.

There was discussion about inclusion of informal or non-public facilities. Members thought it best to not include private or informal facilities on official maps without local agreement. There were no comments against any of the recommended connections or routes shown. J Bolthouse mentioned PEC would like to have an opportunity to provide comments to the plan.

### ***Regional Long-Range Plan Update***

J Costello showed VDOT flow chart showing how the RLRP informs the State Hwy Plan. C Proctor spoke to VDOT's expectations of the RLRP to include a locality vetted updated list of projects. The RLRP should support future SMART SCALE, TAP, Revenue Sharing and HSIP projects.

As of now, the plan is to have the plan revised and considered for approval by the Regional Commission by April 2020, depending upon the requirements of the next Smart Scale round.

### ***Other Business: VTRANS & DRPT Virginia Breeze- Intercity Bus Expansion***

J Costello discussed the VTRANS workshop and provided a copy of the VTRANS Workshop summary to attendees.

P Mauney described the Virginia Breeze's intended expansion from Danville to points east and north including the new route through our region from Danville to Charlottesville and eventually to D.C. with stops in Culpeper and Warrenton. Possible stop locations were discussed and considered such as existing park and ride lots including the Brandy Station, Remington and Warrenton Park and Ride Lots and Eastern View HS off Route 15 in Culpeper. S Bush mentioned the Town of Culpeper had been contacted regarding possible bus stop locations.

### ***VDOT Updates***

C Proctor noted that VDOT had an internal meeting to discuss the upcoming 2020 SMART SCALE Program.

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***Locality Updates***

D Kendall mentioned Gordonsville Fall Festival was upcoming on 10/5.

P Mauney noted that Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> is the dual Virginia Outdoor Plan and Recreation Meeting which will coincide with the Active Transportation Plan Debrief Presentation

\*Next scheduled meeting: **December 12, 2019 1pm** Additional information available at <http://www.rrregion.org/trancmte.html>