



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

***Attendees:***

Ben Holt (Town of Culpeper), Joe Costello (RRRC), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Kobina Gaituah (VDOT), Sam McLearn (Culpeper County), Andrew Hopewell (Fauquier County)

***Welcome and Introductions***

J Costello called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm.

***SMART SCALE***

K Gaituah provided an update on recommended SMART SCALE project locations across the region. A summary of expected SMART SCALE applications by locality are as follows:

- Fauquier County/RRRC- 7 Locations

A Hopewell discussed Fauquier's seven potential SMART SCALE projects, 2-3 of which would be submitted by RRRC.

- Culpeper County- 1 Location

S McLearn mentioned Culpeper County may not resubmit the R-CUT this cycle.

- Town of Warrenton- 3 Locations
- Town of Culpeper- 3 Locations

B Holt discussed Bus 3/15 Intersection Improvements to include pedestrian improvements. A pedestrian was hit earlier this week.

- Orange County- 3 Locations

K. Gaituah mentioned UDA projects may have some leeway to screen in intersections although receiving funding would still be based on the relative benefit a project provides.

Next Steps:

**Select projects to present to the Localities**

- Develop alternatives for the proposed location
- Return to Localities in January/February with alternative solutions and preferred recommendations to address the needs at each of the identified locations
- Request concurrence on the preferred solution for each identified location

**Prepare Pre application materials for Localities**

- Preliminary Sketch, Cost Estimate, and Project Description
- Provide material to locality in February/March
- Locality to submit pre applications between **March 5, 2020 & 5 PM on April 2, 2020**

\*\*K. Gaituah's full PowerPoint presentation is attached as a .pdf\*\*

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

J Costello provided maps and excels by county and town with PSI & TSN locations ranked, however the data was from '13-'17. J Costello asked K Gaituah if he could get the most recent '14-'18 PSI and TSN lists. J Costello noted that The RLRP would be encompassing and should contain all potential projects that lend themselves to future SMART SCALE, TAP, Revenue Sharing and HSIP projects, which includes the top 100 PSI and TSN intersections and segments. J Costello asked attendees if there were any specific intersections or corridors that might not be supported by the most recent PSI/TSN locations that should still be in the RLRP in anticipation of a future need. A Hopewell asked that RRRC review and include segments identified in the Fauquier County Thoroughfare Plan in the RLRP. S McLearen noted that Rt. 29 from the Madison County Line up to the Town of Culpeper as in need of an Access Management Plan. Other corridors stakeholders agreed should be included in the RLRP due to potential future needs include:

- Rt. 211 from the new Clevenger's Corner development in Northern Culpeper to Broadview Ave. in the Town of Warrenton
- The Rt. 3 & Rt. 20 intersection

J Costello informed attendees he would send out the most current PSI lists to attendees. J Costello will update the RLRP to reflect the corridors identified as having current or future planning needs.

P Mauney informed attendees the current timeline was to present preliminary RLRP changes to the RRRC board in February prior to the SMART SCALE pre-application deadline and to have the plan revised and considered for approval by June 2020.

***Other Business:***

***VTRANS***

K Gaituah provided an update on VTRANS adoption and noted formal adoption of VTRANS had been postponed for another month. K Gaituah noted that discussion on what sites should be considered as an Industrial and Economic Development Area (IEDA) was central to the delay. P Mauney noted the VEDP sites' status were self-reported. P Mauney also mentioned it would be difficult if not impossible for

many towns in the region to have sites that meet the minimum acreage requirement as currently required.

***DRPT Virginia Breeze- Intercity Bus Expansion***

P Maoney described the Virginia Breeze's intended expansion from Danville to points east and north. P Maoney noted that the existing mega bus and Greyhound routes that pass through the region do not have stops in our region. P Maoney noted that potential stop locations are being explored by the Town of Culpeper and Warrenton. P Maoney recommended Lord Fairfax Community College as a logical potential location for a bus stop. A Hopewell agreed that Lord Fairfax would be a logical location for a stop especially with the new interchange improvements. S McLearn asked what the intended user group was as the I81 corridor route served universities and that this route obviously did not include any universities. P Maoney said the route would serve tourists and recreational trips. P Maoney stated that buses were to be scheduled once a day and would not serve commuter purposes. P Maoney also noted the route would receive competition from Amtrak.

***Active Transportation Plan***

<https://rrrc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=9e3df37bc8a14c869e46ca1a31f767d8>

J Costello stated the Regional Active Transportation Plan was adopted by the Rappahannock-Rapidan Planning District Commission on 12/11/19. J Costello demonstrated the ArcGIS web application created as an outgrowth of the plan to serve as a mechanism for data collection, sharing, visualization and analysis. The application has potential to expand capabilities but currently contains existing and planned bike and pedestrian infrastructure, public river access points and public parks. The application has print, select, export, draw and measure widgets. A Hopewell stated it would be helpful to see neighboring jurisdiction's trails and other amenities. J Costello agree to add this data. J Costello advised RRRC was willing as needed to present to planning commissions, town councils and BOS about the planning process and recommendations as requested. J Costello stated he would share the ATP web application with town and county planning and/or GIS departments.

***VDOT Updates***

None at this time

***Locality Updates***

None at this time

\*Next scheduled meeting: **March 12, 2020 1pm** Additional information available at <http://www.rrregion.org/trancmte.html>