

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
December 2, 2009
Minutes

Attendees: Fritz Alderman (Town of Culpeper Planning), Marshall Barron (VDOT - Culpeper District), John Cooley (Culpeper County Planning), Debbie Kendall – *Vice-Chair* (Orange County Planning), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Chris Mothersead (Town of Warrenton Planning), Ray Parks (RRCSB-AAA), John Shelburne (VDOT - TMPD), Jeff Walker (RRRC), Cathy Zielinski (RRRC)

Guests: Joe Springer (Parsons)

Welcome and Introductions, Agenda, Minutes, Matters from the Public

D Kendall called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Joe Springer from Parsons Transportation provided the committee with an update on the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRP), including draft recommendations for each jurisdiction's priority locations. The current timetable for the RLRP includes:

- Review Period: RRRC and its jurisdictions will review the draft recommendations provided by Parsons (including the latest plan document, maps and corresponding recommendation tables to be delivered via e-mail) and return comments to Margaret.moore@parsons.com by the January 6, 2010 RTC meeting.
- Draft Public Presentation: Parsons will be providing a first look at Public Meeting materials on December 17th at the Patrick Henry Building in Richmond
- Public Meeting: A public meeting will be held in Culpeper, most likely at the Daniel Technology Center, in late January.
- Jurisdiction Review and Regional Adoption: Local Boards and Councils can continue to review the documents after the January Public Meeting. At present, the Regional Commission is slated to review the report at its February 24, 2010 meeting.

C Mothersead indicated that this was the time for the RTC to voice its opinion as a single entity and give backing to the goals set forth in the plan. He also suggested that the localities and the RTC representatives should take steps to insure that the jurisdictions' leaders have an opportunity to review the documents.

J Springer advised that Parsons will be happy to provide any of its public meeting materials to the jurisdictions for their councils and boards to review.

Regional Freight Study Update

C Zielinski briefed the committee on the RRRC Regional Freight Study. RRRC staff is expecting to wrap-up the draft document by the middle of December and will ask for comment from both

the RTC and the Freight Steering Committee. Staff is pulling together additional regional and state reports in order to identify local and regional recommendations and projections to go along with the previously completed Infrastructure and Quantitative Movement profiles.

J Cooley indicated that the localities would be most interested in potential economic development opportunities that can be identified through the study.

D Kendall also suggested that the safety implications of increased freight traffic should be included as an area of further study.

Announcements and Other Business

J Springer provided an update on the Route 29 Corridor Study, following a request from J Cooley. The revised study has been presented to the Commonwealth Transportation Board and a final document is expected to be completed by March 2010, with the potential for an extended discussion of capacity issues affecting Charlottesville and Gainesville.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Rural Transportation Committee will be Wednesday, January 6th, 2010 at 10am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.