

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
January 6, 2010
Minutes

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

Guests: Joe Springer (Parsons)

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

J Egertson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

There were no changes to the agenda.

The minutes were approved following a motion by C Mothersead and second from F Alderman.

Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Update

P Mauney provided the committee with a recap of the December 17th Regional Long Range Plan (RLRP) Public Meeting run through in Richmond. Parsons, the consultant, will give a background presentation each hour at the public meeting and will also have handouts and display boards available for public viewing. The display boards and handouts include maps of each county and the associated recommendations taken from the RLRP documents, as well as boards focusing on RLRP goals, Human Services Transportation and the other elements of the RLRP.

J Springer reviewed the RLRP timeline with the committee members:

- January 6, 2010: Comments from RTC members for inclusion in RLRP public meeting documents due
- January 19, 2010: Final Documents for Public Meeting available
- February 3, 2010: RLRP Public Meeting to be held from 4pm to 8pm at the Daniel Technology Center in Culpeper; Public Comment period opens
- February 12, 2010: Public Comments due to Parsons/VDOT/RRRC
- February 24, 2010: Plan presented to Regional Commission

D Kendall asked about additional comments that may be provided by each jurisdiction's Board or Council. J Springer indicated that those comments are more than welcome before the end of the public comment period, but would not be included in the Public Meeting materials if not received by January 6th.

J Walker asked about advertisement of the Public Meeting. J Springer indicated that VDOT Central Office would be handling the public notices, but that each jurisdiction could also make note of the Public Meeting to its planning commissions, boards, etc.

C Mothersead asked about the origins of some of the recommendations, specifically in the Town of Warrenton, and stated that they did not match up with existing documents. M Barron and J Springer stated that the traffic counts utilized may account for some of the discrepancies.

The committee discussed whether it should hold a meeting following the Public Meeting to provide a recommendation to the Regional Commission for adoption. J Egertson clarified the closing of the public comment period and asked J Walker to set a meeting for the following week, once the public comments have been incorporated into the RLRP document. J Walker will apprise the committee members of meeting date and time in mid-February.

Regional Freight Study Update

C Zielinski provided the committee with a revised summary document for the RRRC Regional Freight study. The summary document includes overviews of the Quantitative and Infrastructure profiles, summary of responses to the local survey, regional case studies and recommendations. There are several questions that arise from the study, notably the significant role that economic development plays in association with freight movement, as well as the future growth in freight traffic on both the roadways and rail lines within the region. Other potential next steps and areas for further analysis include the existing and future presence of air freight into the region, land use implications and identification of multimodal interaction points for comprehensive planning purposes.

The Freight Study will be presented in conjunction with the Regional Long Range Plan at the February 3, 2010 public meeting and will be incorporated as an appendix to the RLRP Technical Document and presented to the Regional Commission at its February 24, 2010 meeting.

Announcements and Other Business

J Springer updated the committee on the Route 29 Corridor study. The Commonwealth Transportation Board adopted a resolution directing VDOT to provide an update in April regarding the study and specifically focusing on the issue of the Charlottesville/Albemarle and Buckland areas. A final report is also expected to be completed by July 2010.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The February 3, 2010 meeting will be cancelled so that RTC members can attend the RLRP Public Meeting on the same date from 4pm to 8pm.

A follow-up meeting will be announced in mid-February.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. after a motion by D Kendall and second by F Alderman.