

**Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission**  
**Rural Transportation Technical Committee**  
**March 2, 2011**  
**Minutes [DRAFT]**

***Attendees:*** Fritz Alderman (Town of Culpeper Planning), Joshua Bateman (Town of Orange Planning), Todd Benson (Piedmont Environmental Council), John Cooley (Culpeper County Planning), Susan Eddy (Fauquier County Planning), John Egertson – *Chair* (Culpeper County Planning), Denise Harris (Journey Through Hallowed Ground), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Dan Painter (VDOT Culpeper District), Ray Parks (RRCSB-AAA), John Shelburne (VDOT TMPD), Sarah Sitterle (Town of Warrenton Planning), Jeff Walker (RRRC), Gregg Zody (Orange County Planning)

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

J Egertson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Dan Painter and Sarah Sitterle were welcomed to the committee. Mr. Painter is the new VDOT Culpeper District Planner and Ms. Sitterle is the Planning Director for the Town of Warrenton.

***Nominations and Election of Officers***

J Egertson opened the floor to the committee for nominations of a new Chair and Vice-Chair for the upcoming year.

J Cooley nominated Fritz Alderman as chair with a second from G Zody. F Alderman was elected chair ayes all.

J Egertson nominated Josh Bateman as vice-chair with a second from J Cooley. J Bateman was elected vice-chair ayes all.

***Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Update***

J Walker reviewed the timetable put in place by the committee at the February 2011 RTC meeting. RRRC staff had received comments back from Culpeper, Fauquier, Orange and Rappahannock counties, the Town of Culpeper, Piedmont Environmental Council and Journey Through Hallowed Ground prior to the March meeting. [Note: The Town of Orange submitted comments to RRRC staff immediately following this meeting.] RRRC staff will coordinate the delivery of all comments to VDOT and Parsons staff for incorporation into the RLRP Plan Document.

D Painter asked about participation and comments from Madison County and the Town of Madison. J Walker indicated that the county had participated in the RLRP process by way of meeting attendance by Madison County Board members and that county staff have received the documents provided to the RTC.

J Cooley asked about how recommendations that conflict at jurisdictional boundaries are to be handled. J Walker stated that the committee members would be critical in providing technical guidance to local and state officials on such conflicting recommendations. J Cooley asked that

the committee take up a discussion of the significance of projects on a regional scale and the effects of projects on neighboring jurisdictions as a future agenda item.

S Eddy asked what the next steps would be if the plan document came back without all requested changes incorporated. J Walker stated that the goal is to submit the revisions to the project matrix one final time and then work off of the plan document until the project is completed.

J Egertson stated that, given the work that the committee had already completed, it would be in the committee's interest to have RRRC staff send the comments received prior to this meeting to VDOT and Parsons staff and take up the discussion when the Plan Document is received, hopefully prior to the next scheduled RTC meeting.

D Harris asked about the narrative section of the plan, as well as the goals and objectives, and how they were developed. P Maoney indicated that the goals and objectives included in the Plan Document were derived from goals approved by the RTC, but that they were condensed to a very generic language. The full goals and objectives, as approved by the RTC early on in the RLRP process, will be available in the RLRP Technical Report as well as online on the Regional Commission's website.

#### ***FY2012 RRRC Rural Transportation Work Program***

P Maoney provided committee members with a draft version of the Regional Commission's FY2012 Rural Transportation Work Program, developed by RRRC staff and VDOT TMPD. Of the nine program activities identified for completion in FY2012, six of them are required by VDOT TMPD. These activities include prioritizing projects from the RLRP on a local and regional level, assisting VDOT with identification of locations of further study from the Corridors of Statewide Significance, assisting VDOT with freight data and bicycle and pedestrian initiatives and coordinating major road inventories in member jurisdictions.

RRRC staff has also proposed continuing two programs that have received positive feedback over the past decade. The Living Towns planning workshop series will continue into its eleventh year in 2012 and the RRRC Travel Time data collection program will be entering its sixth year of travel time data collection in 2012.

#### ***Announcements and Other Business***

J Walker announced that the Regional Commission would again be interested in hosting any American Planning Association members for a joint AICP continuing education credit session. In the past, these sessions have been held following RTC meetings and have focused on topics such as Ethics or Planning Law. D Harris indicated that APA is working to get the Ethics and Law continuing education materials online in the form of a webcast, as well.

J Cooley discussed the recent passage of the transportation bill through the State Senate and House of Delegates. There were nearly 900 line item projects and it would be worth everyone's time to verify the project list versus their own local plans.

The next meeting of the RTC is scheduled for April 6, 2011 and will be held at the regularly scheduled time of 10 a.m. at the Regional Commission offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. after a motion by J Cooley and second by J Bateman.