

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
April 6, 2011
Minutes

Attendees: Fritz Alderman - *Chair* (Town of Culpeper Planning), Joshua Bateman – *Vice-Chair* (Town of Orange Planning), Rick Carr (Fauquier County Planning), John Cooley (Culpeper County Planning), Denise Harris (Journey Through Hallowed Ground), Dan Holmes (Piedmont Environmental Council), Debbie Kendall (Town of Gordonsville Planning), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Greg McGowan (Virginia Regional Transit), Dan Painter (VDOT Culpeper District), Sarah Sitterle (Town of Warrenton Planning)

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

J Bateman called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.

The agenda was approved ayes all with no changes.

The minutes from the March 2, 2011 meeting were approved ayes all following a motion by J Cooley and a second by D Holmes.

There were no comments from the public.

Regional Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Committee members reviewed the new Draft Regional Long Range Plan document that was made available on April 1, 2011. Following the March meeting, RRRC staff submitted all comments received from member jurisdictions and RTC members regarding the RLRP to VDOT and Parsons for incorporation into the draft RLRP document.

RTC members were satisfied that the comments regarding specific project recommendations had been included. Fauquier County identified one clarifying change to the plan recommendations and Culpeper County and the Town of Orange submitted additional edits to the maps that accompanied the recommendations.

RTC members also discussed the narrative section of the RLRP document. J Cooley submitted a list of small text edits. D Harris asked that the narrative section of the plan include information on National and State Scenic Byways and that these designations be included on maps in the RLRP document. RTC members agreed and asked RRRC staff to include a paragraph regarding National and State Scenic Byways, specifically Journey Through Hallowed Ground, on page five of the RLRP document.

F Alderman questioned whether this plan should be taken to each locality for adoption or via the Regional Commission. J Cooley indicated that Culpeper County would prefer that the Regional Commission review and adopt the plan, rather than individual jurisdictions. J Bateman and R Carr agreed that this was their preference, as well.

RTC members asked P Mauney to submit the remaining comments to VDOT and Parsons and indicated that upon receipt of a revised RLRP document with those edits included, the RTC

would be open to passing the RLRP document with a recommendation of approval on to the Regional Commission for consideration.

Announcements and Other Business

F Alderman led committee members in a discussion of proposed future meeting topics. RTC had an extended discussion of VDOT's Revenue Sharing program and the ability of local governments to apply to the program, with several local projects appearing to be good candidates for the program.

RTC members asked F Alderman to contact Karen Kilby with VDOT Culpeper District with an invitation to attend the May RTC meeting to continue the discussion of the Revenue Sharing program.

Other topics that were mentioned as possibilities for future meetings included:

- Discussion of General Assembly funding and other legislation (D Harris)
- Presentation of Opal Access Management Study in Fauquier County (R Carr)
- Passenger Rail funding and expanded service in the region (J Bateman)
- Rail and Transit potential in rural regions (J Cooley)
- Federal 'Livable Communities' initiative and budget implications (D Harris)
- Journey Through Hallowed Ground Wayfinding program (D Harris)

G McGowan indicated that Virginia Regional Transit had applied for a grant through DRPT for a transit route connecting its existing routes in the towns of Warrenton, Culpeper and Orange and would be interested in having the RTC's input on marketing and route logistics, pending grant approval.

The next meeting of the RTC is scheduled for May 4, 2011 and will be held at the regularly scheduled time of 10 a.m. at the Regional Commission offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. after a motion by J Cooley and second by J Bateman.