

**Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission**  
**Rural Transportation Technical Committee**  
**May 4, 2011**  
**Minutes [DRAFT]**

***Attendees:*** Fritz Alderman - *Chair* (Town of Culpeper Planning), Todd Benson (Piedmont Environmental Council), Rick Carr (Fauquier County Planning), John Egertson (Culpeper County Planning), Denise Harris (Journey Through Hallowed Ground), Dan Holmes (Piedmont Environmental Council), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Dan Painter (VDOT Culpeper District), Jeff Walker (RRRC), Gregg Zody (Orange County Planning)

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

F Alderman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The agenda was approved ayes all with no changes.

The minutes from the April 6, 2011 meeting were approved ayes all following a motion by G Zody and a second by D Painter.

There were no comments from the public.

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

P Mauney led the committee in a review of the draft Regional Long Range Plan document, focusing on the specific changes made after the RTC's April review. Fauquier County and Culpeper County representatives indicated that their requested changes had been made in the document and P Mauney stated that his preliminary review showed all changes made to the county recommendations list, with one mapping edit not made in the document.

J Walker discussed some issues raised by Rappahannock County and stated that RRRC staff were going to set up a conference call with VDOT, Parsons and Rappahannock County staff to discuss these specific issues relating to several of the recommendations for Rappahannock County. G Zody asked if a similar conference call might be set for Orange County to discuss roads in the historic areas of the county.

D Painter indicated that Madison County recommendation #1 needed to be revised, as a traffic light was already installed at that location.

F Alderman asked about next steps in the RLRP process. J Walker indicated that RRRC would set up conference calls between local staff, VDOT and Parsons for any interested jurisdictions and would expect to bring the draft Plan back for the June 1<sup>st</sup> RTC meeting. Pending approval on that date, the plan would be presented to the RRRC Board at its June 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

RTC members had an extended discussion of the role that this plan should play in setting local transportation priorities. F Alderman asked if it would be beneficial to have the RTC identify regional priorities and take them to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. J Egertson indicated that Culpeper County would continue to advocate for its local priorities. R Carr stated that the continued refining of the RLRP document would enable the committee to advocate for certain projects of regional importance to the CTB, along with RRRC Board endorsement. D

Harris stated that the RTC could continue to work together in an effort to function as an MPO-style Transportation Advisory Committee.

### ***2011 RRRC Travel Time Study***

P Mauney provided a map of the regional corridors that have been included in previous travel time studies and asked for the committee's input on corridors for inclusion this year. R Carr asked that Route 17 from Warrenton to Interstate 66 be included. F Alderman asked that Route 229 from Evans Street in the Town of Culpeper to Route 211 in Culpeper County be included. D Harris asked if it would make sense to gather data on Route 29 between Remington and Opal to close the gap in that area. RRRC staff will review those requested corridors and expects to begin the 2011 study in the middle of May.

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

T Benson raised the subject of the Commonwealth Transportation Board considering the addition of a corridor through Prince William County and Loudoun County to the Corridors of Statewide Significance list. He indicated that Loudoun and Clarke counties had both passed resolutions against such the development and construction of such a corridor and that Fauquier County was expected to discuss such a resolution in the near future. The committee had an extended discussion about the potential corridor and possible effects on the region.

J Walker indicated that the RRRC Living Towns Planning Workshop would likely be held in September in the Town of The Plains.

D Harris shared that Journey Through Hallowed Ground is considering holding a one-day conference for local elected officials, administrators and planning directors in November.

The next meeting of the RTC is scheduled for June 1, 2011 and will be held at the regularly scheduled time of 10 a.m. at the Regional Commission offices.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. after a motion by D Painter and second by R Carr.