

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
October 5, 2011
Minutes [DRAFT]

Attendees: Rick Carr (Fauquier County Planning), John Cooley (Culpeper County Planning), John Egertson (Culpeper County Planning), Debbie Kendall (Town of Gordonsville Planning), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Dan Painter (VDOT Culpeper District), Jeff Walker (RRRC)

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

J Walker called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

J Walker opened the floor for nominations of chair and vice-chair. R Carr nominated D Kendall and J Egertson as co-chairs with a second from J Cooley. The nominations passed ayes all.

P Mauney asked that one change be made to the minutes from the September 7 meeting, referencing R Carr's nominees for chair and vice-chair.

The minutes from the September 7, 2011 meeting were approved, with changes, ayes all following a motion by D Painter and a second by J Cooley.

There were no comments from the public.

VDOT SYIP Project Identification/RLRP Prioritization

D Painter provided a handout and proposed schedule for project prioritization as it relates to the Regional Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRP). As part of its FY 2012 Rural Transportation Work Program, the Regional Commission has been asked to prioritize, by locality and in the region, the top three projects in the RLRP.

J Cooley asked whether the RLRP was already prioritized. P Mauney stated that the committee had some preliminary discussions several years ago and localities presented their priorities, but nothing was formalized in the RLRP. J Walker and D Painter indicated that the RLRP and Rural Technical Committee structure at rural planning districts were meant to give rural PDCs a similar methodology as MPOs in transportation planning.

D Kendall stated that the local priorities will continue to be the main avenue for projects to be advanced and that regional prioritization would be for support of local priorities. J Egertson agreed.

J Egertson stated that Culpeper County can name its top transportation priorities today without need of taking up discussion at the county level, as the priorities in place for the past several years are still awaiting funding for completion.

The committee proposed a deadline of the December RTC meeting for receiving top 3 priorities from each jurisdiction. The priorities should include any project that has not been built and can include projects that have been on VDOT's Six-Year Improvement Plan, but are no longer included for various reasons. Once the localities have submitted their priority lists, the RTC can

develop a list of regional priorities, not likely to be ranked in order, but given a high regional priority.

D Painter also announced that VDOT would be holding a public meeting on November 3, 2011 at the Daniel Technology Center in Culpeper to provide updates on projects that are currently funded in the SYIP, including highway, road, rail, bicycle, pedestrian and public transportation initiatives.

FY 2011 Travel Time Study

P Mauney provided copies of the FY 2011 Travel Time Study to the committee members for review. This project was completed in May and June of this year and included three corridors – Route 29 between Culpeper and Warrenton, Route 17 between Warrenton and Marshall and Route 229 between the Town of Culpeper and Clevenger’s Corner. This is the fifth year of the travel time corridor data collections and the first year that the Regional Commission has utilized GPS for data collection and integration into GIS. The use of GPS provided enhanced data collection capabilities, the ability to split the data collected at various points for future data comparison, as well as better visualization of the points of delay and general speed profiles of the corridors in question.

P Mauney asked that the committee members contact him with requests for corridors to study as part of the FY 2012 Travel Time program and stated that the Regional Commission was interested in gathering data along several of the downtown corridors in the region.

A copy of the FY 2011 report may be accessed at <http://www.rrregion.org/publications> under the transportation heading.

Announcements and Other Business

J Walker announced the Culpeper’s Davis Street was awarded the *Great Streets* designation by the American Planning Association. More information is available at: <http://www.planning.org/greatplaces/streets/2011/index.htm#VA>

P Mauney passed along information regarding the recently announced *Super NoVa* study that will be headed up by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation. This study will focus on current and projected commuter patterns in Northern Virginia, including the Rappahannock-Rapidan region.

D Painter informed the committee that VDOT was currently looking at improving several of the Park and Ride lots in the northern part of the planning district, including Delaplane and Markham.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. after a motion by J Cooley and a second by D Kendall.