

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
April 4, 2012
Minutes

Attendees: John Cooley (Town of Orange Planning), John Egertson (Culpeper County Planning), Debbie Kendall (Town of Gordonsville Planning), 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

D Kendall called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

The agenda was approved as presented following a motion by J Cooley and a second by G Zody.

The minutes from the March 7, 2012 meeting were approved ayes all following a motion by D Painter and a second by J Egertson.

There were no comments from the public.

VTrans 2035 Interim Update Report

P Mauney discussed the recent VTrans 2035 Interim Update regional stakeholder meeting held on March 29th. At the meetings, participants were asked to review the identified *Investment Priorities* and *Investment Strategies*, as well as identify which priorities were important on each of the Corridors of Statewide Significance. There was general consensus that the identified priorities and strategies were useful, but several participants also pointed out that there seemed to be fewer strategies to benefit the rural areas of the state. All of the meeting information is available at <http://www.vtrans.org>.

D Painter also attended the meeting and referenced that he had briefed the Fauquier County Transportation Committee on the Corridors of Statewide Significance at their March meeting. He requested to have an opportunity to present similar information to the Rural Transportation Committee at a future meeting. D Kendall asked if he would be able to discuss at the May 2nd meeting and P Mauney requested that he include information on the Interstate 64 corridor, due to its importance to the southern parts of the region.

FY'12 Rural Work Program: Proposed Travel Time Corridors

P Mauney provided the committee with a map showing the corridors included in the travel time studies from 2007 through 2011 and discussed some proposed options for the 2012 data collection. The proposed corridors were East Shirley/Broadview Avenue in Warrenton, a corridor that has not been included in past collections; Route 29 Business and Bypass near the Town of Madison, which was collected originally in 2007; and Route 15 Business in the Towns of Orange and Gordonsville, both of which were collected in 2008.

D Painter stated that Broadview Avenue in Warrenton was being studied by the VDOT on-call consultant and may undergo changes in the future, but it may still be a useful data set to have for future comparison purposes. D Kendall asked that the Gordonsville Truck Route (Gordon Avenue & High Street) also be included as part of the data collection.

J Cooley asked if more in-depth traffic studies are possible through the Rural Work Program, such as origin-destination studies or traffic count data. J Walker stated that there may be the potential for the Regional Commission to collect that type of data, depending upon a locality and VDOT's interest in a particular location.

Announcements & Other Business

P Mauney provided a handout showing the change in traffic count data along Route 15 from Interstate 64 in Louisa County to Route 29 in Culpeper County. This data was requested by the RTC at the March meeting during a discussion of potential tolling on Interstate 95. Committee members held a brief discussion of the traffic count data.

P Mauney indicated that the U.S. Census Bureau released its 2010 Urbanized Area and Urban Cluster designations. In the region, the largest change was in Fauquier County, where the Warrenton-New Baltimore-Vint Hill areas were now part of the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. As a result, Fauquier County may be included as a new member in the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board, depending upon how VDOT and FHWA identify the new urbanized area boundary for planning purposes. Other urban cluster boundaries saw minor changes in the region, along with the creation of a new urban cluster in the Bealeton-Remington area of Fauquier County.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. following a motion by J Cooley and second by G Zody.