

**Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission**  
**Rural Transportation Technical Committee**  
**July 11, 2012**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** John Cooley (Town of Orange), John Egertson (Culpeper County), Denise Harris (Journey Through Hallowed Ground), Debbie Kendall (Town of Gordonsville), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Patrick Mulhern (Town of Culpeper), Dan Painter (VDOT Culpeper District), Rick Carr (Fauquier County), Jeff Walker (RRRC)

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

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

The agenda was approved as presented following a motion by D Kendall and a second by J Cooley.

The minutes from the May 2, 2012 meeting were approved ayes all following a motion by D Painter and a second by D Harris.

J Egertson congratulated Rick Carr on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his efforts on the committee and outside of the committee. R Carr indicated that Kimberly Fogle and Susan Eddy would be the committee contacts after July 31.

There were no comments from the public.

***FY'12 Rural Work Program: RRRC Travel Time Corridor Study***

P Mauney spoke to the committee about the recently completed 2012 RRRC Travel Time Corridor Study. Four corridors were included in the 2012 study:

- Route 15 in the Town of Gordonsville (Business Route & Truck Route)
- Route 15 in the Town of Orange
- Route 29 near the Town of Madison (Route 230 to Route 29 Business intersection north of the Town, including the Business & Bypass routes)
- Route 15/29 loop in the Town of Warrenton (East Shirley Avenue, Broadview Avenue, East Lee Highway and the Eastern Bypass)

The committee reviewed some of the data from the study, including average travel times, number and length of delays and stops in each corridor. D Kendall asked if the GPS data could be obtained by the localities. P Mauney indicated that the GPS data would be available for distribution to localities, as needed, and that the data can also be segmented in smaller corridors if a locality desired. D Kendall and D Painter asked for the GPS data for Gordonsville and all corridors, respectively.

***FY'13 Rural Work Program: Local Project Site Visits***

P Mauney discussed an upcoming item from the FY'13 Rural Transportation Work program submitted by the Regional Commission to VDOT in March. As part of the FY'13 work, VDOT

asked that PDCs work with VDOT district staff to coordinate priority project location visits in each jurisdiction, to include VDOT staff, PDC staff, locality staff and elected officials, as available.

D Painter indicated that VDOT would provide a vehicle for 4 to 5 participants, but would be open to additional participants if needed. P Mulhern asked about possibly utilizing the Culpeper trolley for this project. D Painter stated that would be a good possibility for including additional participants.

R Carr reminded the committee to keep in mind the regulations regarding the number of elected officials and official meetings that require advertisement.

J Cooley would like to include additional information about the process of funding, designing and constructing transportation projects.

P Mauney and D Painter will review potential dates for these site visits to happen and report back to the committee at the next meeting. The preference is to complete these visits in September or October.

#### ***Announcements & Other Business***

D Painter apprised the committee of two projects of interest. VDOT's Northern Virginia district office is acting as the lead on a study of the Route 29 corridor in Prince William and Fauquier counties near Buckland. The study is just getting underway and there should be more information available at future meetings. He also referenced a potential Route 29 Corridor Master Plan study that would be completed as a follow-up to the VTrans 2035 update that is ongoing at present. The latter project is not certain to happen as of the July RTC meeting.

D Harris indicated that Journey Through Hallowed Ground held meetings with Board of Supervisors' chairmen and mayors throughout the corridor to identify methods of forming tighter partnerships locally. The JTHG signage program is moving into final approval with Albemarle, Loudoun and Prince William counties and the city of Charlottesville signed on to participate. She also updated the committee on the Living Legacy tree planting project. A pilot phase from Oatlands to Gilberts Corner in Loudoun County is underway and a second phase from Haymarket south to the intersection with Route 29 would follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. following a motion by J Cooley and second by D Kendall.