

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
December 4, 2013
Minutes

Attendees: Jenny Biche (RRRC), John Egertson (Culpeper County), Denise Harris (Journey Through Hallowed Ground), David Holtzmann (Piedmont Environmental Council), Debbie Kendall (Town of Gordonsville), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Patrick Mulhern (Town of Culpeper), Chris Pettit (Fauquier County), Jeff Walker (RRRC), Gregg Zody (Orange County)

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

D Kendall called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The agenda was approved as presented following a motion by G Zody and a second by D Harris.

The minutes from the August 7th meeting were approved ayes all following a motion by G Zody and a second by C Pettit.

There were no comments from the public.

Fall Transportation Meeting Review

P Mauney provided a brief review of the Fall Transportation Meeting held on October 18th at the Daniel Technology Center in Culpeper. Speakers from the region included Debbie Kendall on behalf of the Town of Gordonsville requesting funds for the Town's High Street project and Chris Miller of Aging Together in support on the region's New Freedom-funded mobility efforts.

Multimodal Transportation Updates

Jenny Biche discussed the Foothills Area Mobility System (FAMS), a collaborative partnership involving the Regional Commission, Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services (RRCS), Virginia Regional Transit (VRT) and other human services providers in the region. The FAMS program began in 2007 as a way to develop and implement strategies to meet the transportation needs of the elderly, disabled and low-income population in the Rappahannock-Rapidan region. Of the initial five goals identified in 2007, four have been met through 2013:

- Development of Mobility Management program by RRRC and RRCS
- Provision of medical transportation via the Foothills Express route between Culpeper, Madison and Charlottesville and the dialysis transportation pilot program in Orange
- Travel Training & trip planning assistance
- Increased focus on volunteer transportation and attempts to consolidate trips to avoid duplicative trips

The FAMS committee has also collaborated with other regions in coordinating transit services, including the Charlottesville area (TJPDC) and Fredericksburg area (GWRC). In addition to the populations initially identified, FAMS and RRCS were awarded funds through the Veterans Transportation & Community Living Initiative to provide transportation facilitation and assistance for the veteran community in the region.

P Mauney provided an update on the Virginia Multimodal Freight Plan, developed by the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, and the Recreational Trails Program under the guidance of the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Multimodal Freight Plan is available for review at <http://www.vtrans.org> and is a statewide planning and policy document designed to complement the VTrans 2035 plan and other statewide planning documents.

Committee members discussed the broader trails efforts in the region, as well as the volume of record-keeping required for programs such as the Recreational Trails Program.

Planning Project Roundtable

G Zody provided an update on the Route 3 visioning process in Orange County. The county plans to hold a charrette in early 2014 to discuss many aspects of development along the corridor. At present, there are a lot of ideas in the conversation.

D Harris referenced the National Heritage Area Management Plan currently in review at the National Park Service. Along with the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Corridor Management Plan, this document would guide the efforts of JTHG in the corridor. D Harris asked how best to incorporate each plan into local comprehensive plans and committee members asked for links to both plans for initial review.

P Mulhern indicated that the Town of Culpeper's Inner Loop project was out to bid and would likely be awarded in January, assuming proposals are within budget.

C Pettit announced that Susan Eddy was departing Fauquier County's planning department to take a position with the City of Alexandria.

Culpeper and Fauquier counties each submitted revenue sharing applications in November.

Announcements & Other Business

There is a public meeting for the Quantico Joint Land Use Study on 12/11 at 6:30 in Midland.

The next Rural Transportation Committee meeting is slated for February 5, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.