

**Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission**  
**Rural Transportation Technical Committee**  
**April 9, 2014**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** John Egertson (Culpeper County), Debbie Kendall (Town of Gordonsville), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Patrick Mulhern (Town of Culpeper), Marie Scheetz (Fauquier County)

***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.

The minutes from the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved ayes all following a motion by D Kendall and a second by P Mulhern.

There were no comments from the public.

***FY'15 Rural Transportation Work Program***

P Mauney discussed the draft FY'15 Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Work program that will be submitted to VDOT by April 18. The primary regional projects that are included are:

- Prioritization and recommendation of regional projects for Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) inclusion;
- Update of Town of Orange Small Urban Area plan;
- Regional Corridor or Intersection analysis; and
- Rural Unpaved road prioritization and methodology development.

The Regional Commission has also identified funds to provide basic technical services to member jurisdictions, in the form of data collection, GIS, comprehensive plan review and grantwriting. Localities are encouraged to contact P Mauney or RRRC Executive Director Jeff Walker to discuss locally-identified needs.

J Egertson asked about the inclusion of the regional prioritization and methodology for the SYIP. P Mauney indicated that this process would likely mirror the same process from Spring 2013 with each jurisdiction identifying 3 to 5 priority projects. Discussions with other PDC transportation planners throughout Virginia indicate that this is the most-common method of submitting projects to VDOT from a regional level and few, if any, PDCs are ranking projects prior to submittal to VDOT.

P Mauney also referenced House Bill 2 (<http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?141+ful+HB2ER+pdf>), which provides for the development of a statewide prioritization process for projects funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. D Kendall asked if localities would be expected to fund any sort of analyses for future road projects as part of this process. P Mauney indicated that the CTB and VDOT would develop the process and would more than likely handle the costs, at least at the outset of the prioritization process.

Any project with fund allocated in the SYIP, beginning with FY2017-2022, will be run through the prioritization methodology.

### ***Planning Project Roundtable***

P Mauney provided an overview of the materials provided prior to the meeting, including articles about Orange County's Route 3 planning charette held on March 30-April 1.

P Mulhern asked committee members if there was interest in providing feedback to the Route 29 Advisory panel, which is currently reviewing potential options in the Charlottesville/Albemarle County area following the announcement that the western bypass would not move forward. Town of Culpeper mayor and RRRC commissioner Chip Coleman, as well as Town of Warrenton council member and RRRC commissioner Powell Duggan, are serving on the advisory panel. The committee had no specific comments, but members are encouraged to contact P Mauney or RRRC Executive Director Jeff Walker with comments or questions.

J Egertson provided an update on the Culpeper County 'Outer Loop' project, which would connect Ira Hoffman Lane with Route 522 northwest of the Town of Culpeper. The County has previously committed funds via VDOT's revenue sharing program for the project. In March, VDOT officials stated that their estimates were nearly \$8 million short and all work on the project has stopped for the time being. VDOT has asked for time to review the estimates and report back to the Board of Supervisors in May. P Mulhern stated that the Town's inner loop project underwent a redesign in order to defray some of the costs associated with cut and fill and that the County should look at those possibilities, as well.

D Kendall stated that the Town of Gordonsville was planning to apply for a TIGER grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation for the High Street improvements that were identified through a study in 2013. In addition, the Town plans to begin its Main Street streetscape project in late summer/early fall of 2014 and will likely phase the project in order to minimize impact on Main Street businesses.

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

The Regional Commission will host a Census Data Access training workshop on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

VDOT will have a public hearing for comments related to the draft FY 2015-2020 Six-Year Improvement Program and tentative Transportation Alternatives grants on May 14, 2014 beginning at 6pm at the Daniel Technology Center in Culpeper.

P Mauney provided committee members with a memo from Denise Harris indicating that she was taking a position with the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and would, as a result, no longer be able to attend committee meetings on behalf of Journey Through Hallowed Ground.

The next Rural Transportation Committee meeting is slated for June 4, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.