

**Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission**  
**Rural Transportation Technical Committee**  
**October 1, 2014**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** John Cooley (Town of Orange), John Egertson (Culpeper County), Josh Frederick (Orange County), David Holtzmann (PEC), Debbie Kendall (Town of Gordonsville), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Dan Painter (VDOT), 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 on a motion by D Painter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Kendall.

The minutes from the August 6, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by M Scheetz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Kendall.

There were no comments from the public.

***Local Project Priorities***

P Mauney provided an overview of the request for local project priorities as part of the FY 2015 Rural Transportation Work program at the Regional Commission. VDOT has asked for each Regional Commission to provide a list of priorities, along with methodology, to be submitted by November 30, 2014 for potential incorporation into the FY 2016-2021 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP).

As of the October meeting, priorities were received from Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison and Orange counties and the towns of Culpeper, Gordonsville, Orange and Warrenton. P Mauney provided the committee the current project list grouped into two tiers:

- **Regional Impact:** Projects that meet all or some of the House Bill 2 criteria and are readily implementable.
- **Regional Support:** Projects with regional support, but due to scale or readiness, are not at the regional impact level.

P Mauney indicated that the Regional Commission will consider the final project list at its next meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. If adopted, staff will provide a copy of the adopted projects and the development process to VDOT in advance of FY 2016-2021 SYIP drafting in early 2015.

D Painter asked if a copy of the list and a map might be displayed at the upcoming VDOT Fall Transportation meeting. P Mauney indicated that he would prepare both items for the meeting.

D Painter asked about the local process for submitting projects. Committee members indicated that the projects submitted were reviewed with their respective Boards, Councils or transportation committees. P Mauney indicated that this process seemed to work well as a first step and RRRC staff would recommend a similar process in future years.

The committee voted ayes all to provide the tiered project lists with its recommendations to the Regional Commission for adoption on a motion by J Cooley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Painter.

### ***Review of Revised FY 2015-2020 Six-Year Improvement Program***

The committee held an extended discussion of the revised FY 2015-2020 Six-Year Improvement Program. P Mauney provided a summary of the changes from the SYIP adopted in June versus the revised SYIP. There were few changes for projects in this region based on initial VDOT review in response to the House Bill 2 legislation.

M Scheetz indicated that Fauquier County was concerned about allocation changes relating to the proposed interchange at the southern gateway to the Town of Warrenton. Construction funding was reduced in the original FY 2015-2020 SYIP and the revised SYIP also reduced some preliminary engineering funds. This is the county's top priority and seems to meet the requirements set forth in House Bill 2.

Other committee members questioned specifics of certain listed projects, including the Gordonsville Sidewalk Extension (UPC 81767 - possibly the streetscape project) and the Brandy Station Enhancement project (UPC 87016).

J Cooley indicated that several projects listed for the Town of Orange were completed and/or removed, including the May-Fray project (UPC 76684) and various street projects (UPCs 104156, 104157, 104158, 104762, 104763, 104764).

J Egertson asked about the Culpeper County western outer loop project (UPC 67769), which is not listed on the revised SYIP.

### ***Planning Project Updates/Roundtable***

D Painter provided information on a number of ongoing projects and programs at VDOT:

- The Route 29 Solutions project in Charlottesville and Albemarle County is underway. Details and additional information are at <http://www.route29solutions.org>.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian accommodations and planning are expected to be a focus of federal transportation initiatives, to include improved bicycle corridors, FHWA road diet guidelines and a bike lane design guide
- Mr. Painter is involved with VDOT's Performance Measure workgroup and outreach on those policies is forthcoming.
- VTrans 2040 is underway with a survey available at <http://www.vtrans2040.com>

J Cooley announced that the Town of Orange's Railroad Avenue project was completed and construction has begun on the Byrd Street improvements, in what is expected to be a ten-month project. The Town also expects to advertise its Main Street streetscape RFP in October or November.

D Kendall indicated that the Town of Gordonsville has pushed its streetscape project back to a January 2015 start date. This will reduce the impact on town businesses during their busiest seasons.

J Egertson stated that the Western Outer Loop in Culpeper appears to be back on track and the county will be able to apply for additional revenue sharing funds to cover additional costs beyond original VDOT estimates.

***Announcements & Other Business***

RRRC will host its annual meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Culpeper Center in Downtown Culpeper. The keynote speaker is Andy Edmunds with the Virginia Film Office.

VDOT is hosting a Fall Transportation meeting and revised SYIP public hearing on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Daniel Technology Center in Culpeper. A local officials briefing begins at 5pm with open house and public hearing to follow.

The next Rural Transportation Committee will be December 3, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.