

**Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission**  
**Rural Transportation Technical Committee**  
**April 1, 2015**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** John Egertson (Culpeper County), David Holtzman (PEC), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Dan Painter (VDOT), Marie Scheetz (Fauquier County), Jeff Walker, (RRRC)

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

J Egertson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes from the February 4, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by M Scheetz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D Painter.

There were no comments from the public.

***Development Tracking***

P Mauney provided the committee with rough draft maps showing pending residential developments in the region. This project is similar to a Regional Commission effort in the early 2000s to provide a tool for local planners and elected officials to track development on a regional scale. P Mauney explained that he reached out to committee members in March for a list of residential developments of more than 20 lots not yet constructed. Culpeper County and the Town of Culpeper had similar data collected due to a recent school board request and a recent Fauquier Times article provided some information for Fauquier County and the Town of Warrenton.

D Painter asked whether the developments included preliminary site plans or rezoning requests. P Mauney indicated his preference for approved subdivisions but would welcome input from the committee regarding approved or unapproved site plans. J Egertson referenced that Clevengers Village did not have an approved site plan, for instance.

P Mauney discussed graphic representations using pending lots, for example. J Egertson suggested creating a separate map for the Town of Culpeper, as there are a number of developments within town limits that would overlap when using a graduated symbol representation on a regional scale map

P Mauney will follow up at the next meeting with additional data from Fauquier County and Orange County, as well as several of the region's towns.

***HB2 Implementation Update***

P Mauney provided an overview presentation of the current status of HB2. The presentation is incorporated by reference and can be found at <http://www.rregion.org/trancmte.html>.

Regional Commission staff raised the following concerns via comments to the Secretary of Transportation's office:

- **Geographic & Project Submission constraints**  
According to the draft HB2 Implementation Policy Guide, eligible projects in the region would only come from I-66, U.S. 17, U.S. 29 or urban development areas. These constraints exclude a large part of the region.
- **Calculation of Project Benefit Score using only HB2 funds**  
The draft guidelines indicate that project benefit scores will be calculated based on HB2 funds alone. This excludes private funds, MPO Regional Surface Transportation (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds, as well as transportation tax funds available only to Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads.
- **RRRC categorization in Weighting factor 'B'**  
The Regional Commission requested at its March 4, 2015 meeting to be moved to weighting factor 'C' based on the relative importance of safety and economic development in the region
- **Favorability of factors towards urban areas**  
The accessibility, economic development and environmental quality measures appear to provide greater benefit to urban areas
- **Lack of clarity regarding HB 1887 and the Construction District grant program**  
The draft guidelines indicate that the Construction District grant program will follow the HB2 scoring process, but is unclear whether HB2 geographic constraints and funding issues discussed above will also be part of the construction district grant program

M Scheetz indicated that Fauquier County had submitted comments and shared similar concerns and raised the question of who would evaluate the process and its effectiveness after the implementation.

D Painter indicated that Culpeper District has had some initial activity related to the draft project application and that many of the checklist items will make supporting data difficult for rural areas to provide, depending upon the location of the project.

J Egertson asked that P Mauney provide copies of any future comments regarding HB2 to the committee for their use at the local level, as needed. P Mauney indicated that the comment period runs through April and suggested that comments be submitted as soon as possible.

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

J Egertson stated that Culpeper County continues to work with VDOT on potential improvements at the Route 718 (Mountain Run Lake Rd.) and Route 29 intersection.

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

P Mauney referenced the Urban Development Area technical assistance grant through the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment. The deadline was extended through August 31, 2015 and

the rules guiding required references to UDAs have also changed. P Mauney will provide a copy of the revised program following the meeting.

There will also be a webinar on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Virginia Multimodal Transportation Plan 2025 Needs Assessment for designated Urban Development Areas (UDAs) and other locally designated growth areas. The webinar will provide background on research conducted to date, insights from localities across the Commonwealth who designated UDAs, and details on the process for conducting the VMTP Needs Assessment. P Mauney will forward the information to the committee following the meeting.

The next Rural Transportation Committee is scheduled for **Thursday, June 4, 2015**. Please note the change in the normal date.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.