

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
June 4, 2015
Minutes

Attendees: Julie Bolthouse (PEC), John Egertson (Culpeper County), Josh Frederick (Orange County), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Dan Painter (VDOT), Charles Rapp (Town of Culpeper), 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 April 1, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by M Scheetz, 2nd by D Painter.

There were no comments from the public.

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>.

Several of the concerns raised by the Regional Commission and member jurisdictions have been addressed in the most recent version of the HB2 Policy Implementation guide, including project submission guidelines, the inclusion of Fauquier County in its entirety in the Rappahannock-Rapidan region (rather than a portion of the County and Town of Warrenton included in the Northern Virginia region), RRRC's placement in category C rather than category B and the inclusion of total cost as part of the project scorecard.

However, other concerns remain unaddressed, including geographic constraints on projects and various data points proposed as part of the scoring process.

P Mauney also discussed some of the changes in the HB2 policy implementation guide between March and May, as well as a broad overview of the pilot scoring program for previously completed projects that was presented to the CTB in May. The CTB is expected to adopt the Policy Guide at its June 17th meeting. (Note: The CTB did adopt the plan.)

M Scheetz indicated that Fauquier County remained concerned about the requirement that roads fall under Level of Service E or F to qualify for congestion points under the guidelines, which will likely hinder projects in rural areas.

D Painter stated that there had been much feedback received on economic development and the methodology for awarding points and also indicated that the process would likely be revised after the first year.

D Painter also provided handouts and an overview of the process from VDOT District perspective and referenced that there would be training for local staff in late July on the project submission

and proposal process. In general, proposals will need to be detailed in terms of the proposed improvement and cost estimates will need to be provided by the applicant, though VDOT will be available to assist in the development of those estimates.

Rural Transportation Work Program Updates

P Mauney provided updates on the Regional Commission's ongoing rural transportation projects, including the unpaved road inventory and development tracking database. FY 2015 projects will be submitted to VDOT at the end of the fiscal year (June 30) and will be provided to the committee for review and comment at the August Rural Transportation Committee meeting.

For FY 2016, projects include HB2 proposal assistance (as identified and needed by member jurisdictions) and a Land Use data collection effort requested by VDOT Central Office staff.

Planning Project Updates/Roundtable

D Painter announced that there is a potential planning study on the horizon for the Route 29 corridor north of Warrenton in order to develop short-term, mid-term and long-term recommendations for the corridor. The Virginia Center for Transportation Innovation and Research (VCTIR) may be utilized to facilitate and lead the study with VDOT, Fauquier County and other stakeholders.

J Egertson provided updates on the planning efforts for the Route 29/Route 718 intersection south of the Town of Culpeper. VDOT's most recent public hearing included an RCUT design. He also indicated that the Western Outer Loop project in Culpeper County is slated to go to bid in July.

J Frederick asked about the potential of utilizing VDOT on-call consultants for an access management plan on Route 3 in Orange County. The county recently adopted its Germanna-Wilderness Area Plan and a transportation plan to build off that effort would be the next step of the planning process.

C Rapp indicated that the Town of Culpeper is exploring potential options for multi-use trail projects at various parcels in the town and would be interested in VDOT's Recreational Access funding and DCR's Recreational Trails program in order to push those projects forward.

Announcements & Other Business

The next Rural Transportation Committee is scheduled for **Thursday, August 6, 2015**.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.