

**MINUTES OF  
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
February 27, 2013**

**7:00 P.M.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building  
10 Hotel Street  
Warrenton, VA 20186*

**Members Present:** Peter S. Eltringham, Chairman, Ed Moore, Vice Chairman, R. Holder Trumbo, Adrienne Garreau, Tony Tedeschi, John Green, Jeffrey Walker and David Pearce

**Members Absent:** Matthew Sheedy

**Guests Present:** Supervisor Peter Schwartz and Greg Banks, VDOT

**Staff Present:** Susan Eddy, Drew Draper and Meredith Meixner

**1. Adoption of Schedule**

**ACTION: On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Holder Trumbo, it was moved to adopt the 2013 schedule. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2. Approval of January 30, 2013 Committee Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION: On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Ed Moore, it was moved to approve the January 30, 2013 Committee Meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Markham Rest Area**

Mrs. Eddy provided a brief history of the request.

Mr. Schwartz expressed his support for opening the rest area to trucks to resemble the Front Royal site preferably with context sensitive features including lower lighting.

Mr. Trumbo suggested VDOT add signage at the Marshall Exit ramp for emergency vehicle use only and truck rest area eight miles ahead.

Mr. Pearce agreed VDOT will review the budget and evaluate the cost of re-opening the rest area with minimal improvements.

**ACTION: On motion made by John Green and seconded by Adrienne Garreau, it was moved to recommend the Board of Supervisors pass the resolution in support of opening the VDOT rest area in Markham for use by trucks. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **4. Ongoing Business**

- **Ensors Shop Road**

Mr. Pearce explained that VDOT performed a speed study in 2001 which resulted in a speed reduction to 45 mph. He stated VDOT has determined this is still the appropriate speed limit for this road and suggests safety improvements such as chevrons at the sharp curve and advanced warning signs approaching the intersection with Elk Run Church Road.

**ACTION: VDOT will implement safety improvements such as chevrons along the sharp curve and advanced warning signs approaching the intersection with Elk Run Church Road if warranted.**

- **Morgansburg Road**

Mr. Pearce stated that VDOT recommends no additional changes after reviewing the accident data, but has begun improving the site distance by trimming vegetation. He further stated there are appropriate warning signs for school bus stops, tractors and the curve at 35 mph.

Mr. Green expressed his concern for the pedestrians and if they are considered in VDOT's studies.

Mr. Pearce agreed to discuss pedestrians with VDOT's traffic engineers and look into the completion of trimming the vegetation.

Mr. Eltringham suggested VDOT also look into possible advisory signs for the church.

**ACTION: VDOT will discuss the concerns for pedestrians with the traffic engineers, look into possible advisory signs for the church and the completion of trimming the vegetation.**

- **Blantyre Road**

Mr. Pearce explained the stop bars will be installed when the temperature becomes warm enough.

Mr. Draper noted that some citizens oppose rumble strips.

Mr. Adams voiced his concern that the 50 mph advisory sign was installed 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile before Blantyre Road, which makes it too close for vehicles to slow down prior to the intersection. He asked if warning lights are being considered.

Mr. Pearce stated that VDOT wants to evaluate the effects of changes already implemented prior to doing more.

Mr. Adams expressed further concern that the blind spot has not been addressed and strongly urged the need for warning lights. He reminded the committee that the community provided a petition containing 237 signatures.

Mr. Pearce agreed to look into whether the signs were placed too close to the intersection.

Mr. Eltringham requested VDOT review the data again to see if a stop light is possible.

Mr. Tedeschi clarified that not only the addition of stop bars was discussed for the median but also double yellow lines to help clear confusion of where vehicles need to wait while making turns.

Mr. Pearce agreed that double yellow lines would be an easy safety improvement and will have them added.

**ACTION: VDOT agreed to evaluate the placement of 50 mph warning signs, review data for the possible addition of a stop light, and have double yellow lines added to the median.**

- **O’Keefe/Oak Shade Road**

Mr. Green and Mr. Pearce agreed that a stop bar would need to be placed too far into the intersection and there is not enough room.

Mr. Pearce indicated the current route number sign is an obstacle and will have it moved, and four lane divided highway signs will be placed on the secondary roads.

**ACTION: VDOT will move the current route number sign and add four lane divided highway signs on the secondary roads.**

## 5. *New Citizens Requests*

- **Sillamon Road**

Mr. Draper reviewed the request for an advanced warning sign indicating a sharp curve, a hidden entrance sign and no littering signs.

Ms. Blackwell explained her family tree farm was established in 1895 and is also an art, nature, and wildlife center. The only entrance is near a sharp curve, which creates a hazard when commercial buses bring guests to the farm. She further explained drivers not only speed, but also leave litter along the road, and she fears for her safety when cleaning up in front of her property.

Mr. Pearce agreed to look into the additional signage requested and will report back to the committee at the April meeting.

**ACTION: VDOT will look into advanced warning signs indicating a sharp curve, hidden entrance signs and no littering signs and report back to the committee in 60 days.**

- **Kelly Road**

Mr. Draper reviewed the request for a speed reduction to 25mph at least between Timber Lane and the cul-de-sac, due to the steep nature of the road where multiple bus stops are located and cut-through traffic travels at high speeds.

Ms. McMahon-Wine explained that cut-through traffic often misses the turn on to Leland Drive and has to turn around in the cul-de-sac. She continued to explain that bus stop signs, children at play signs and right turn ahead signs have just been installed.

Mr. Pearce agreed to have VDOT perform a study and provide results by the May meeting.

Mr. Eltringham requested staff research the history of opening Leland Road.

Mr. Draper noted that one resident does not want the speed reduced to 25 mph.

**ACTION: VDOT will perform a study and report back to the committee in 90 days.**

- **Bristersburg Road**

**ACTION: Item tabled until the next meeting.**

## **6. VDOT Functional Class Revisions**

Mr. Draper gave an update on the VDOT Functional Class revisions. He indicated staff agrees with the recommendations. The County will update its Comprehensive Plan Functional Classes later this year.

## 7. *Six Year Plan*

Mr. Banks reviewed the existing Secondary Six Year Plan. He explained there is potential for addition funds which would make room for additional projects to the plan.

Mr. Pearce advised that the committee needs to come up with priority projects to add to the plan. He mentioned the possible addition of Rt. 645, Tapps Ford Road; Rt. 602, Rogues Road; and Rt. 672, Blackwell Road that have been discussed recently.

Mr. Pearce agreed VDOT will review the three additional projects.

Mr. Draper requested planning level cost estimates could be helpful.

Mr. Eltringham requested staff prepare a resolution for the next meeting and recommended the committee discuss Primary and Interstate plans at that time.

**ACTION: VDOT will review Routes 645, 602 and 672 as possible additions to the Secondary Six Year Plan and report back to the committee at the March meeting.**

## 8. *Citizens' Time*

Ms. Julie Bolthouse announced a meeting regarding the proposed outer beltway will be held by the Piedmont Environmental Council on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Scott Filling strongly urged the committee to consider the safety issues along Route 17 between Warrenton and Marshall. He distributed data from the Sheriff's Office of the number of tickets issued per year and expressed the need for double fines for tractor trailers speeding on Rt. 17. Mr. Filling would like a statement from Sherriff Fox that explains why deputies do not ticket tractor trailers and suggests the department come up with new tactics to enforce truck speeding.

Mr. Trumbo asked Mr. Filling to complete and submit a citizen request form. He suggested the committee obtain a report from the Sheriff's Department listing what types of tickets have been issued and where. Mr. Trumbo further suggested the committee could then take a comprehensive view of problem areas and discuss ongoing solutions as a corridor wide approach.

Ms. Julie Wickham inquired if the primary road list contains Bealeton roads. Mr. Eltringham explained that the primary list will be reviewed over the coming months.

Mr. Ralph Waldrip spoke in support for the addition of Tapps Ford Road into the Secondary Six Year Plan.

## **9. *Other Items***

Mr. Pearce stated the scope of the Rt. 28 Safety Study is now focusing on the section between Rt. 17 and Rt. 29, and VDOT will be meeting with staff for recommendations. Mr. Draper added that the study is complete and a draft will be forwarded to the committee members.

Mr. Pearce stated VDOT needs to discuss the options at the intersection at Lord Fairfax Community College. Mr. Trumbo replied that he will need to include Supervisor Schwartz in the meeting.

Mr. Pearce explained two bridges will need to be discussed soon; Old Waterloo Road and Old Sage Road.

Mrs. Eddy indicated the study is not complete for Waterloo Road and staff will continue to work on this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 27, 2013.**