

**MINUTES OF  
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
December 10, 2014**

**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, Adrienne Garreau, Tony Tedeschi, and Mark Nesbit

**Guests Present:** Ben Davison, Nathan Umberger, and Roy Tate, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Ray Acors, Lieutenant, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office  
Julie Bolthouse, Piedmont Environmental Council

**Staff Present:** Holly Meade, Andrew Hopewell, Marie Scheetz, Ben Holt, and Maureen Williamson

**1. Approval of September 24, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION: On a motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Ed Moore, it was moved to approve the September 24, 2014 Committee meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2. October, November, and December 2014 – VDOT Monthly Reports**

Mr. Nesbit gave a brief overview of the October, November, and December 2014 reports.

The Committee inquired about the Waterloo Bridge rehabilitation. Mr. Nesbit reported that Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is currently reviewing the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC) engineering study as well as an independent study performed by a consultant on behalf of VDOT. Once review is complete, VDOT will share its findings with County staff. **Ask Marie if there are three studies?**

Ms. Scheetz reported that the County Administrator, Paul McCulla, is in receipt of the PEC engineering study and he said that it will be shared with this Committee once VDOT shares its analysis with the County.

**Mr. Eltringham would like to see staff plan on this.**

The citizen request to add stop bars at the intersection of Kennedy Road and Aiken Drive (specifically to add stop bars to Aiken Drive) was received 5/6/2014 and a review made by Roy Tate, Assistant Residency Administrator, at the Warrenton Residency. It was determined during the review that motorists were stopping at the intersection and no stop bars are needed.

### 3. *Citizen's Time*

- **Mountjoy Road – Joseph Guite, Jr.**

Mountjoy Road (Route 720) is located between Free State Road (Route 721) and Crest Hill Road (Route 647) via Elihu Hill Road (Route 722). A portion of Mountjoy Road is in the state system. Mr. Joseph Guite, Jr. has sought assistance from this Committee to have the entire length of Mountjoy Road taken into the state system for maintenance and a turnaround provided for “lost” large vehicles.

In an attempt to assist Mr. Guite with his request, Ms. Scheetz reported that County staff has researched the deeds, agreements, and plats that Fauquier County has on record for the portion of the road in question. Mr. Guite, citing a letter received from County staff related to his request, asked how the county determined that Mountjoy Road was only eight tenths of a mile long when the Byrd Act went into effect in 1932. Ms. Scheetz responded by saying that there is a map on file in the Fauquier County Record Room that shows what roads were taken into the state system as a result of the Byrd Act in 1932.

Ms. Scheetz stated that County Chief of Planning, Holly Meade, and County Attorney, Kevin Burke, have been briefed on this issue and it has been determined that the County has no legal jurisdiction over the road. She added that in a private subdivisions such as this, the residents of the subdivision are responsible for maintaining the road. She continued to say that if the residents want the road maintained by VDOT, the residents would have to have the road brought up to state standards and then request that the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors pass a resolution to add it to the state system.

Mr. Eltringham asked that it be noted in the minutes that according to County Staff, there is nothing further the Transportation Committee we recognize the citizens’ concerns County has no legal

Mr. Guite and Ms. Ellen Mitchell asked Ray Acors, Lieutenant, Fauquier County Sheriff’s Office, how to enforce private road standards. One person gives trespassing. on their private roads and in the case of Ms. Mitchell, using her property her property, as well.

Ms. Julie Bolthouse would like to encourage VDOT to respond to the Waterloo Bridge engineering studies as the anniversary of the bridge’s closing is January 15, 2015. She noted that the longer the bridge is closed the more deterioration and the less valid each engineering study will be. Once VDOT analysis is published, this Committee will receive a copy.

### 4. *Old Business*

- ***Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan***

Mr. Hopewell brought to the Committee an outline of the major sections and content of the Comprehensive Plan's Transportation Chapter. He explained that the outline shows what work will be underway each month for the next ten months and when staff plans to present information to this Committee. Mr. Hopewell noted that this is a fairly aggressive timeline to complete, but it allows staff to meet their goal to have the completed chapter to VDOT for review by October 2015. This then will allow staff to address VDOT's comments and present the final draft to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors in early 2016.

Mr. Hopewell noted that per state code, the Planning Commission are the authors of the Comprehensive Plan and their current priority is Chapter 1, the Vision Chapter, which will set the tone for the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission has not been briefed on the Transportation Chapter and it is not yet known if they will choose to author the Transportation Chapter or delegate it to the Transportation Committee.

The existing goals for the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan were discussed. Mrs. Garreau noted that the goals should reflect public transportation. She feels we should articulate a plan or a willingness to support a public transportation aspect within the goals. Mr. Tedeschi noticed the absence of the word safety in the goals.

After a brief discussion, the Committee agreed that the following should be within the goals of the chapter:

- Safety
- Overall transportation to enable development and growth in our service districts while preserving our way of life
- A need to ensure public transportation
- County transportation dynamic model
- Most desired lexicon

## 5. *Staff Updates*

- **Hopewell Road**

Ms. Scheetz reported that Route 15 in Prince William County currently has a truck restriction on it prohibiting trucks in excess of sixty-five feet in length from using this road. This restriction would need to be lifted to provide an alternate truck route using Route 15 and facilitate the through truck restriction on Hopewell Road. The Gainesville District Supervisor in Prince William County does not support lifting the existing truck restriction on Route 15 and therefore will not support the through truck restriction on Hopewell/Waterfall Road (Route 601).

- **Rogues Road and Academic Avenue (Kettle Run High School)**

Ms. Scheetz distributed a memo from VDOT regarding the signal operations at the entrance of Kettle Run High School at Rogues Road. VDOT does have recommendations for changes and Nathan Umberger, VDOT Area Traffic Engineer, spoke about for purposes of improving the traffic flow and safety, VDOT supports the extension of the right turn lane, improvement of the radius, and installation of a right

turn overlap as soon as funding and scheduling may allow. Ms. Scheetz reports that staff is working with VDOT related to funding and timing for this project and will advise Committee of their findings.

- **Opal Interchange Signage**

Ms. Scheetz reported that VDOT is waiting to receive additional signage to be added to the overhead signs for the William S. Shacklette Bypass to clarify that the exit is on the right side of the road.

- **Tapps Ford Road**

In October, a public meeting was held with the residents of Tapps Ford Road. Twenty five residents attended the meeting and about two thirds of the residents responded to the survey that they do not want the road paved. Staff will continue to work with Supervisor Schwartz to determine how the Board of Supervisors (BOS) will respond to this.

- **Transportation Planning Board**

- **Route 17 (Marshall to Warrenton) Traffic Calming – Scott Filing Request**

A report was forwarded to Mr. Scott Filing related to his requests for traffic calming measures.

ACTION: Ms. Scheetz to email the report to

- **VDOT Revenue Sharing Application  
Vint Hill Public Street Network**

This application would help fund the construction of the proposed public road network in Vint Hill between Aiken Drive and the future extension of Vint Hill Parkway.

## 6. *Member Comments*

Mr. Sheedy appreciates the new staff summary format, as it is helpful when constituents have questions related to Transportation Committee activity.

Mr. Walker invited Committee members to the next meeting of the Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission on Thursday, October 2, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:3000 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January, 2014.**