

**MINUTES OF  
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
March 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, R. Holder Trumbo, Adrienne Garreau, Matthew Sheedy, John Green, Jeffrey Walker and David Pearce

**Members Absent:** Ed Moore, Vice Chairman and Tony Tedeschi

**Guests Present:** Roy Tate, VDOT; Greg Banks, VDOT; and Sergeant Mahler, Virginia State Police

**Staff Present:** Drew Draper and Meredith Meixner

**1. Approval of February 27, 2013 Committee Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION: On motion made by John Green and seconded by Holder Trumbo, it was moved to approve the February 27, 2013 Committee Meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2. Bristersburg Road**

Mr. Draper provided a description of the request in the absence of Ms. Michelle Quiroga.

Mr. Pearce indicated VDOT's traffic engineer will consider the intersection of Westwood and Old Weaversville Road with Bristersburg Road in the evaluation. He stated that a step up to 35 mph might be an option in lieu of extending the 25 mph speed limit.

**ACTION: VDOT will evaluate the section of Bristersburg Road from the end of the 25 mph speed limit to Route 618 for a possible speed reduction and report back to the committee within 90 days.**

**3. Route 28 Safety Study**

Mr. Draper briefly summarized the highlights of the study. A discussion concerning the crash statistics ensued, specifically regarding the segment between Route 29 and Route 17, and that the intersection of Oak Shade Road is a possible candidate for a roundabout.

For the section between Routes 29 and 17, Mr. Eltringham suggested implementing safety improvements beyond the Route 17/28 intersection to enhance Bealeton.

Mr. Green expressed his concern for focusing only on crash areas and strongly urged that the future needs of Route 28 should be considered.

Mr. Pearce commented that future needs will be included in VDOT's process of evaluation for federal funding.

Mr. Eltringham expressed his concern for the affects improvements will have on historic railroad towns along Route 28.

Ms. Wickham expressed her concern for how free flowing roundabouts will affect pedestrian use and suggested VDOT include safety improvements for pedestrians. She reminded the committee that Bealeton is separated into four quadrants.

Mr. Green voiced his disagreement with the use of roundabouts.

Mr. Eltringham concluded by stating the committee will discuss the resolution for the Primary Six-Year Plan at the next meeting.

#### ***4. Bridge Over Goose Creek (Route 724)***

Mr. Draper explained the bridge replacement process that will be using maintenance funds. Even though it will not be on the Six-Year Plan, VDOT needs consent from the locality in order to proceed. Mr. Draper distributed a draft resolution to the committee members.

Mr. Pearce requested the committee recommend this resolution as written.

Ms. Bolthouse inquired about possible environmental impacts during the replacement process.

Mr. Pearce replied that VDOT will obtain environmental permits to minimize impacts.

**On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Matthew Sheedy, it was moved to approve this resolution as written and forward to VDOT's Residency Administrator. The motion carried unanimously.**

#### ***5. Finalize Six-Year Plan***

Mr. Draper reviewed possible additions to the Secondary Six-Year Plan.

After discussion, committee members agreed to add Route 602 for safety and operational improvements; add Route 645 to reconstruct and surface treat as a Rural Rustic Road; and add Route 723 for a replacement bridge.

Members further agreed to not add Route 672, Blackwell Road, and review in the future once VDOT studies are complete. Mr. Draper will continue communication with VDOT regarding maintenance.

**ACTION: On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by John Green, it was moved to approve the Secondary Six-Year Plan with the addition of Route 602 for safety and operational improvements; Route 645 to reconstruct and surface treat as a Rural Rustic Road; and Route 723 for a replacement bridge. The motion carried 5-0 with Mr. Trumbo abstaining.**

#### *6. Citizens' Time*

Mr. Matt Litchfield suggested adding the unpaved section of Lunsford Road to the Six-Year Plan as a Rural Rustic Road.

#### *7. Other Items*

Mr. Draper gave an update on the public hearing for VDOT's design of the Thumb Run bridge replacement. He explained that affected property owners were strongly against the project due to the proposed 15 month timeframe for the road closure and poor conditions of the detour.

Mr. Pearce responded that the detour time could be improved along with the construction time and explained there is a 10 day extension for public comment.

Ms. Garreau commented that the bridge design should be more appropriate to the setting than what is proposed and agreed to draft a committee recommendation letter.

Mr. Eltringham requested VDOT share the comments with the committee before the engineering design is finalized. Ms. Garreau will add this request to the recommendation letter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 24, 2013.**