

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
March 28, 2012**

7:00 P.M.

*2nd 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, John Green, Tony Tedeschi and J. David Cabbage

Members Absent: Jeffrey Walker

Guests Present: Dan Painter, VDOT, Greg Banks, VDOT, Crystal Hale, VDOT, and Deputy Wines, Sheriff's Office

Staff Present: Rick Carr, Susan Eddy, Meredith Meixner and Harvey Clark

1. Elections

ACTION:

On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Ed Moore, it was moved to elect Peter Eltringham as Chairman. On motion made by Peter Eltringham and seconded by Adrienne Garreau, it was moved to elect Ed Moore as Vice Chairman. The motions carried unanimously.

2. Approval of February 29, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION:

On motion made by Holder Trumbo and seconded by John Green, it was moved to approve the February 29, 2012 Committee meeting minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Secondary Six-Year Plan

Mr. Banks reviewed the worksession packet provided by VDOT, explaining the telecommunication fees and how they are allocated over the next six years. Funds available for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 are \$178,640 and increases to \$196,616 for the subsequent five years.

Mr. Eltringham stated that the 2010 Rogues Road annual automobile daily traffic (AADT) counts have increased significantly since the 2001 counts. With the addition of the schools and this road as a collector for the New Baltimore Service District, he recommended adding Rogues Road (Route 602) to the six year plan for safety improvements along the segment from Route 605 to the Prince William County line. Other committee members suggested adding Rogues Road to the Future Secondary Project List.

Mr. Cabbage recommended keeping the principles discussed at the last meeting by not adding new projects to the list, determining if there are cost-savings related to the projects underway, and developing a phased plan over the coming year. In that way, we will know how much money will be required to allocate towards the project in future years. If Rogues Road is added to the future list, VDOT can begin developing goals and objectives. He further agreed to proceed with a traffic study in three segments while school is in session.

ACTION:

On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Ed Moore, it was moved to add Rogues Road (Route 602) to the Future Secondary Project List and approve the Secondary Six-Year Plan as listed. The motion carried 5-0 with Mr. Trumbo abstaining.

4. *Weaversville Road – Ashley Babb & Richard White*

Mr. White described this road as having a steep hill with a quick drop off to the bottom of the hill where buses stop for children, residents cross to their mailboxes and at least 4 residents walk to the store. This creates a blind spot for cars that have been traveling this road with excessive speeds, as there is no posted speed limit. Cars use Weaversville Road as a cut through to bypass Route 29 and at times have used it for drag racing. Additionally, VDOT has used it as a detour.

Mr. White is requesting a speed study, hidden driveway and school bus stop signs, and near the intersection of Weaversville Road and Covingtons Corner, he would like the centerline and shoulders marked.

Mrs. Babb added her concern that her 3 year old, special needs child gets on/off the bus at the bottom of that hill. He requires assistance to get on/off the bus and this takes more time than typical bus riders. She also is paying for a P.O. Box to avoid having to cross the road to a mail box.

Mr. Cabbage suggested he review the previous speed study with crash history, evaluate pavement markings and signage, and report back to the committee in 45-60 days. He stated that any school related signs need to be requested by the school board.

Deputy Wines confirmed there have been drag races on this road and a recent accident when a bus was stopped for children at the bottom of the hill. He offered to have a deputy assigned to that road in the morning and afternoon for a three day period to document speed.

ACTION: On motion made by John Green and seconded by Ed Moore, it was moved to request Staff contact the School Transportation Division to have a school bus stop sign added near Ashley Babb's driveway, and VDOT review the previous speed study with crash history, evaluate pavement markings and signage, and report back to the committee at the May meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5. *Corridors of Statewide Significance – Dan Painter (VDOT)*

Dan Painter explained that in 2009 the state adopted a bill establishing the Corridors of Statewide Significance (CoSS). The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) designated the corridors and is currently developing criteria for prioritizing environmental studies along these corridors. The Office of Intermodal Planning & Investment and the CTB are to perform a comprehensive review of immediate and future highway, rail and transit needs within these corridors. Local jurisdictions are to include the CoSS in their comprehensive plans. There will be a minimum of two studies conducted per year, depending on funding.

Staff requested clarification on whether the CTB's adopted version of the CoSS map designates Route 17 ending at Route 66 or if it is to continue north to Winchester. Mr. Painter agreed to have the CTB minutes checked for clarification.

Mr. Green asked how the Journey Thru Hallowed Ground and the CoSS will work together. Mr. Painter replied that the JTHG will be established along Route 15 and the proposal should not conflict with the CoSS plans even where it is joined with Route 29. Mr. Green shared his concern of the Route 29 businesses if trees are added every few feet on both sides of the road. Mr. Painter responded that trees will be pushed back to the edge of clear zones and in some cases will be planted on private property. VDOT has shared its concerns with Journey Thru Hallowed Ground and suggested that JTHG staff speak with private property owners.

Mrs. Eddy agreed to email VDOT's presentation to the committee members and will include it on the Transportation Committee webpage.

Mrs. Eddy added that in May of 2011, the CTB passed a resolution adding a North-South Corridor in the Northern Virginia Region connecting links between Loudoun and Prince William Counties.

6. *Citizens' Time*

Julie Wickham thanked Mr. Painter for acknowledging Bealeton's desire for connecting its community along Route 17.

Mark Nesfeder and his wife have Adopted the Highway section from the on ramp to Route 66 from Route 17. They collect litter there. He described the excessive litter and unbelievable

amount of bottles of human waste deposited along the wide shoulder of the exit there in Marshall. Much of it is from truck traffic pulling over. Mr. Trumbo stated that this is a VDOT and enforcement issue. The committee agreed to add discussion of this issue to the May agenda when VDOT will be in attendance. Staff will report back to Mark Nesfeder of the results.

7. *Other Items*

There were no other items at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 25, 2012.**