

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

**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, Matthew Sheedy and Roy Tate

**Members Absent:** Jeffrey Walker

**Guests Present:** Dell Ennis, Planning Commission; John Giometti, VDOT; and Marilyn Doyle, Fauquier County School Transportation Department

**Staff Present:** Susan Eddy and Meredith Meixner

**1. Approval of October 31, 2012 Committee Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION: On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Ed Moore, it was moved to approve the October 31, 2012 Committee Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2. Route 28 Improvements – John Giometti (VDOT)**

Mrs. Eddy introduced Mr. John Giometti, Location Design Engineer, Culpeper District.

Mr. Giometti explained the Route 28 project listed in the FY 2013-2018 Six Year Improvement Plan was awarded \$1 million of federal highway safety improvement funds. Usually this money will be allocated to spot improvements, however CTB member Jim Rich supports full corridor length improvements. Mr. Giometti indicated it would be best to prioritize separate segments and is seeking feedback identifying the County's priorities. He stated that some of the suggestions in the Rt. 28 Safety Study might not qualify for federal funding.

Mr. Trumbo informed the group that Supervisor Stribling's first priority is the intersection at Bastable Mill Road.

Mr. Giometti provided a list of segments based on VDOT's Accident Rate Analysis of crashes, injuries and fatalities in order of highest priority:

1. Rt. 29 (James Madison Hwy) to Rt. 17 (Marsh Road)
2. Rt. 610 (Midland Road) to Rt. 649 (Germantown Road)
3. Rt. 17 (Marsh Road) to Rt. 610 (Midland Road)
4. Rt. 649 (Germantown Road) to Rt. 643 (Meetze Road)
5. Rt. 616 (Bristersburg Road)/Rt. 603 (Bastable Mill Road) to Rt. 806 (Elk Run Road)
6. Rt. 806 (Elk Run Road) to the Fauquier/Prince William County Line
7. Rt. 643 (Meetze Road) to Rt. 616 (Bristersburg Road)/Rt. 603 (Bastable Mill Road)

Mr. Giometti added that this is looking at safety only and expressed the need to consider other factors when prioritizing the segments. He noted VDOT will obtain aerial photography of Rt. 28 during the winter.

Mr. Eltringham requested staff contact the Sheriff's Department for reported accident data on Rt. 28.

Mrs. Eddy inquired when would be the appropriate time for public involvement. Mr. Trumbo replied after the scope has been narrowed down, VDOT should provide a presentation at a community meeting held at Liberty High School. He suggested VDOT set up lighted signs along Rt. 28 notifying those traveling the road about the public meeting.

**ACTION: Staff will contact the Sheriff's Department for reported accident data along the Rt. 28 corridor. VDOT agreed to provide analysis and safety data with the Transportation Committee in order to prepare for further discussion at the next meeting on January 30, 2013.**

### **3. *Halfway Road***

Mr. Eltringham summarized discussion from a previous meeting with VDOT regarding Halfway Road study results. He indicated VDOT performed a speed study and recommends reducing the speed limit to 35 mph on the section of road between Piedmont Vineyards and Route 702 (Rock Hill Mill Road). Once the signs are in place for a while, VDOT agreed to begin a safety study in order to implement further safety improvements along this road.

Transportation Committee members supported the posting of the reduced speed limit signs as soon as possible.

### **4. *Markham Rest Area***

This item was postponed until Supervisor Schwartz could be in attendance.

### **5. *Citizens' Time***

Mr. Dell Ennis spoke on behalf of citizens from the Route 28 corridor who wish to have input in VDOT's initiative for improvements. Specifically, Messick Farm is working with the Farm Bureau in order to express concerns from farmers in the area.

Mrs. Nesfeder spoke in support of opening the Markham Rest Area to alleviate some of the tractor trailer trash and waste that she helps to clean up along the Marshall exit onto I-66.

## 6. *Other Items*

Ms. Marilyn Doyle thanked the Transportation Committee for inviting her to attend their meetings. She expressed her appreciation for the focus on Route 28 improvements and noted the school buses experience issues with the same problem areas mentioned earlier in the meeting. Ms. Doyle gave the following updates on requests made to the School Transportation Department:

**Morgansburg Road** – Ms. Doyle stated VDOT school bus stop signs can be posted if there is less than 500 feet of sight distance. VDOT is currently evaluating one home that might qualify for the sign on Morgansburg Road and if so, they will proceed with having it posted.

**Cedar Lee Middle School** – Ms. Doyle stated this school does not have school zone signs with the flashing yellow lights during arrival or departure times. She explained the School Transportation Department will need to initiate a request to VDOT in order to determine where the signs can be placed, apply for the permits, and then the school system is responsible for installing and maintaining the signs. Ms. Doyle indicated that she has initiated discussion with the school system on whether or not they will proceed with this request. Mrs. Eddy agreed to provide documentation of the Transportation Committee's concerns to Ms. Doyle.

Mrs. Eddy provided a brief history of the No Through Trucks request for Zulla Road, Halfway Road and Rectortown/Atoka Road. She stated that VDOT is insisting the language of the Resolutions be revised from the jurisdictions involved prohibiting all tractor trailers. Mr. Trumbo suggested Fauquier County request legislative relief from Jill Vogel and Mike Weber.

Mr. Eltringham stated the committee needs to focus on making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Six Year Plan by the end of February. Mr. Tate agreed to find out VDOT's deadline for the County's Six Year Plan.

Mrs. Eddy gave a brief update that the Old Waterloo Road citizen meeting with VDOT will be held November 29<sup>th</sup> and VDOT agreed to hire a third party to perform the second study.

Mr. Tate stated the missing farm sign on Morgansburg Road has been re-installed.

Mrs. Eddy stated there will be no December Transportation Committee meeting.

Mrs. Eddy announced the county has hired a Transportation Planner who will start in December and will attend the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 30, 2013.**