

**MINUTES OF  
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
June 29, 2011**

**7:00 P.M.**

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

**Members Present:** Laurence Mason, Chairman, Peter S. Eltringham, Vice-Chairman, William D. Nace, Ann McCarty, Adrienne Garreau, R. Holder Trumbo and J. David Cabbage

**Members Absent:** Joel Barkman and Jeffrey Walker

**Guests Present:** Jim Stone, Planning Commission, Marshall Barron, VDOT, Dane Ismart, the Louis Berger Group, Ike Broaddus, Vint Hill Economic Development Authority, Captain Charles Bopp, Sheriff's Office and Ray Acors, Sheriff's Office

**Staff Present:** Rick Carr, Kimberley Fogle, and Meredith Meixner

**1. *Approval of May 25, 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes***

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by Peter Eltringham and seconded by Bill Nace, it was moved to approve the May 25, 2011 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2. *Speed Reduction on Lucky Hill Road (Route 655) – Multiple Citizens Request***

Mr. Cabbage stated that as a result of the latest study in 2008 and Transportation Committee action, the speed had been reduced from 45 to 35 mph on this section of Lucky Hill Road. He indicated that VDOT stands by the study and feels this is the appropriate speed limit based on the mixed commercial and residential nature of the road.

Mr. Cabbage also gave an update on the bridge replacement over Tinpot Run Lane (Route 655) which is scheduled for public hearing later this year, with construction beginning in the 2013 timeframe. During the 12-18 month construction period, the bridge will be closed for approximately 6 months with the detour taking traffic onto Sumerduck Road. Once complete, Tinpot Run Lane will have a free flow curve where it connects to Lucky Hill Road.

Residents were given the opportunity to speak and expressed their concerns for excessive speeding by what they feel is 90% local traffic.

Mr. Mason indicated that when he drove this section of Lucky Hill Road towards Tinpot Run Lane there is a speed limit sign, but coming in the opposite direction there is none. Mr. Cubbage agreed to review the location of signs, including step-down signage to assist with traffic calming.

Mr. Trumbo asked Captain Bopp for more enforcement in the area when possible. Mr. Cubbage added that he will work with the Sheriff's Office if the bridge replacement project results in speed and safety issues.

**ACTION:**

**VDOT will review this section of Lucky Hill Road to ensure speed reduction signage has been placed in the appropriate locations in both directions.**

**3. *Speed Reduction on Grays Mill Road (Route 674) – Ron Battaglia Request***

Mr. Trumbo summarized the history of this request and explained that he drove the road with Dave Cubbage who agreed to study the entire length of Grays Mill Road.

Residents provided examples of speeding and the dangerous conditions that they feel necessitate the reduction of speed to 25 mph. A few included continued replacement of mailboxes, pets that have been struck by speeding vehicles, accidents and the use of the road as a cut-through for morning and evening traffic between Route 29 and Route 605.

Mr. Trumbo and Mr. Eltringham requested the speed be reduced to 25 mph in the northern section where there are multiple driveways, a curve and where the crashes have taken place.

Mr. Cubbage expressed that he stands by VDOT's latest study that 35 mph is the appropriate speed and feels that it is now an enforcement issue. He agreed to increase the size of the signs, improve reflectivity, increase the amount of signs and will look into advance warning signs. He also agreed to review the situation in a few years after these changes have been made.

**ACTION:**

**VDOT agreed to increase the size of the signs, improve reflectivity, increase the amount of signs, look into advance warning signs and evaluate the situation in the future.**

**4. *Speed Reduction on Vint Hill Road (Route 215) – David Blake Request***

Mr. Blake described the dangerous conditions along the 50 mph and 35 mph sections of Route 215 and requested the speed be reduced to 25 mph from Route 29 to beyond the curve at Route 600.

Mr. Cubbage explained that the last study was done when the Army base was operational in Vint Hill and agrees that a new study is needed based on the fatal accidents and the change in

conditions. He indicated there are missing advisory signs and reminded everyone that Route 215 is classified as a primary road. Therefore, a study performed based on the current standards does not guarantee speed reductions. Mr. Cabbage agreed to do the study when school is back in session for Route 215 within Fauquier County, and the Village of Greenwich, and report back to the Transportation Committee within 90 – 120 days.

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by Holder Trumbo and seconded by Adrienne Garreau, it was moved to request a traffic study on the section of Route 215 within Fauquier County, address missing signage and report back to the Transportation Committee with 90 – 120 days. The motion carried unanimously.**

**5. *Dane Ismart – Route 29 Briefing***

Mr. Ismart began his presentation of the Route 29 North Corridor, Phase 2, but was unable to finish due to the time. The Transportation Committee members agreed to invite Mr. Ismart back to the September meeting, giving the members time to review the study as well.

**6. *Citizens' Time***

Laurel Crooks asked for a citizen request form for issues with Hartsmill Road, Route 688.

Frank Fuerst asked for a citizen request form for issues with Rogues Road between Route 605 and Route 215.

**7. *Other Items***

The Transportation Committee requested to schedule presentations on different meeting dates than citizen requests.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 27, 2011.**