

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
APRIL 28, 2010
7:00 P.M.**

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

Members Present: Peter S. Eltringham, Vice-Chairman, William D. Nace, Adrienne Garreau and R. Holder Trumbo

Members Absent: Laurence Mason, Chairman, Sam Poles, Jeffrey Walker and David Cubbage

Guests Present: Peter Schwartz, Board of Supervisors and Commonwealth Transportation Board

Staff Present: Susan Eddy and Meredith Meixner

1. *Approval of March 31, 2010 Committee Meeting Minutes*

ACTION:

On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by William Nace, it was moved to approve the March 31, 2010 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. *Update on the VDOT/Parsons Route 29 Study – Peter Schwartz*

Mr. Schwartz began by identifying Route 29 as one of many corridors of statewide significance within the long term strategic plan called VTrans2035, each of which is slated to undergo a process to develop a corridor management plan. The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) was not satisfied with the Route 29 Study. A CTB subcommittee was then formed to evaluate the pros and cons of the study and to salvage any work that had been done. This subcommittee approved a policy memo to recommend to the CTB at their May meeting outlining a process for all the corridor studies to follow. The memo starts with hiring a professional facilitator (not affiliated with VDOT), stresses a more collegial process involving local governments, urges consultants to do more out of the box thinking in terms of transportation solutions and specifically acknowledges the legitimacy of local access and mobility along with the Commonwealth's needs for traffic throughput. Mr. Schwartz agreed to forward the memo to the Transportation Committee members in order to receive feedback.

Mr. Schwartz explained the current draft of the Route 29 Study calls for a series of follow up exercises between VDOT and the localities to fill in details intersection by intersection. He acknowledged that Fauquier County has taken the initiative by working with Dane Ismart, PEC, CFFC and Vint Hill to begin that process of tackling individual intersections. In this way, Fauquier County is an example of what the CTB wants VDOT to do with all localities and feels that Fauquier will be well prepared for that next phase.

Mrs. Garreau inquired about VDOT's state wide Freight Study and the designation of Route 29 as a hazmat preferred route. Both Mr. Trumbo and Mrs. Garreau expressed their concern that this study should first consider fundamental federal and state expectations for the Route 29 corridor before engaging with the localities. Mr. Schwartz agreed to bring their concerns back to the CTB.

Mr. Eltringham asked what the timeline will be for the process recommendation and follow up on the study and what should the Transportation Committee be prepared to do. Mr. Schwartz replied that it would be after the June CTB meeting and it was not yet clear whether the localities would be approached at the same time or sequentially. CTB's goal is for the end product to be a detailed management plan that can be incorporated into the localities' Comprehensive Plan and the state's overall Corridor Management Plan. Mr. Schwartz continued that in the future the allocation of Secondary Six Year Plan funds and prioritization of projects will favor those consistent with the Corridor Management Plan. Mrs. Eddy asked whether Phase 1 was done or if issues still needed to be worked out. Mr. Schwartz replied that the CTB wants VDOT to meet with Prince William County and Fauquier County to resolve mobility issues regarding the Gainesville-Buckland area and will need to do the same with the Charlottesville localities in the next phase. He recommended the Transportation Committee review the current draft online to ensure previous comments were incorporated and in the event they were not to contact Charlie Rasnick and Joe Springer. Mr. Trumbo suggested the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors meet directly with Prince William County Board of Supervisors to begin working out issues prior to the implementation of phase two with VDOT. Mr. Schwartz added that it would be beneficial if Fauquier County hired a traffic consultant to help bring ideas to the table and be better prepared as phase two begins.

ACTION:

The Transportation Committee will review the CTB's subcommittee memo and provide feedback to Mr. Schwartz. The Transportation Committee requested that staff review the current draft of the Route 29 Study to ensure that Fauquier County's latest comments are included.

3. *Citizens' Time*

No citizens spoke at this time.

4. *Other Items*

Mrs. Garreau reminded the Transportation Committee about the upcoming public meeting regarding Access Management along North Route 29 hosted by Fauquier County and Piedmont Environmental Council on May 5, 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 26, 2010.**