

**MINUTES OF  
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
September 29, 2010  
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, Joel Barkman and Adrienne Garreau

**Members Absent:** William D. Nace, Sam Poles, R. Holder Trumbo, David Cubbage and Jeffrey Walker

**Guests Present:**

**Staff Present:** Susan Eddy, Kimberley Fogle, Kimberly Abe and Meredith Meixner

**1. *Route 29 Study Update – Kimberley Fogle***

Kimberley Fogle reviewed the Route 29 (North from Warrenton to Prince William County) Access Management Study, prepared by the traffic consultant Dane Ismart.

**2. *Approval of July 28, 2010 Committee Meeting Minutes***

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by Joel Barkman and seconded by Laurence Mason, it was moved to approve the July 28, 2010 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3. *Diane Selby – Traffic on Sumerduck Road (Route 651)***

Ms. Selby was unable to attend the meeting. Mrs. Eddy distributed the accident data report from VDOT showing five accidents in five years during the winter months of November to March.

Ms. Garreau suggested adding a Postponed section to the monthly agenda and wait until VDOT is in attendance.

**ACTION: Postponed the vote until VDOT is in attendance.**

**4. *Update on Farm Equipment Road Safety***

Mrs. Eddy shared the following recommendations from the September 9, 2010 Board of Supervisors work session:

- a) Avoid sign pollution;
- b) Support amber lights and strobes (Farm Bureau willing to help subsidize);

- c) Public Safety Committee could assist with some tasks;
- d) Agricultural Development Office could coordinate the fall and spring slow moving vehicle articles in local papers;
- e) Support temporary “Harvest in Progress” signs four times per year made available to the Farm Bureau;
- f) Request a few dozen temporary signs from VDOT and establish parameters;
- g) Post on cable tv and website regarding slow moving vehicles two times per year (Farm Bureau or Agricultural Development Office to lead);
- h) Pursue any grants to fund these efforts.

Mrs. Eddy stated that she has been tasked with putting together a directive of which organizations are responsible for certain suggestions. Mr. Eltringham felt that there should be a county department such as Agricultural Development, designated as responsible for coordinating these efforts and providing updates to the Board of Supervisors every six months.

Ms. Garreau suggested a temporary sign or catchy slogan be added to the county entry signs.

#### **5. *Requests to VDOT’s Highway Helpline***

The committee reviewed the Eldridge request for Pedestrian Crossing signs noting there are no sidewalks at the intersections of Maidstone Road/Rectortown Road and Atoka Road/Rectortown Road. Approval was not recommended. Ms. Garreau suggested that because of its proximity to the school, Mrs. Eldridge should attend a Pedestrian, Bicycle and Greenway Advisory Committee meeting to request Claude Thompson Elementary School become part of VDOT’s Safe Route To School program.

The committee reviewed the Duval request for a sign identifying the area “Hitch” at the intersection of Hume Road and Fiery Run Road. Due to lack of available public funds, Ms. Garreau suggested Mr. Duval have the community purchase a historic sign similar to The Plains to place on private property.

The committee reviewed the Wells request for a deer sign to be placed on Bunker Hill Road outside of Marshall Service District and decided there are no available public funds.

**ACTION: The Transportation Committee members declined the three requests from VDOT’s Highway Helpline.**

#### **6. *Citizens’ Time***

No citizens spoke at this time.

#### **7. *Other Items***

Mr. Eltringham inquired about the status of the draft form to be used for VDOT's Highway Helpline. Mrs. Eddy responded that it has not been created yet.

Mr. Eltringham suggested the committee look at the transportation impacts if Costco decides to move forward with the Cross Creek plan. Mrs. Eddy confirmed that the approved plan from 2007 is valid until 2014. Mr. Eltringham noted he would like to verify that the approved plan is consistent with the Route 29 Access Study.

Mr. Eltringham stated there are new members of the Vint Hill Development Board and suggested they attend a future Transportation Committee meeting to share any changes to Vint Hill's transportation concerns or direction.

Mrs. Eddy added that Jim Rich with the Commonwealth Transportation Board agreed to attend a Transportation Committee meeting in the near future.

Ms. Garreau stated this would be good timing for an update on the Brookside Parkway and Vint Hill Parkway. Mrs. Eddy added that Fauquier County received a revenue share grant for a portion of the parkways and said Rick Carr could provide an update. Mr. Eltringham suggested inviting the Vint Hill Development Board for the same meeting.

Ms. Garreau reminded the committee of the upcoming Marshall Southern Gateway Charrette on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mrs. Eddy stated she would forward the link to VDOT's website regarding the Opal Interchange flyover and the contract bids.

Mrs. Eddy reminded the committee of the upcoming Opal Community Meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> where Rick Carr will be presenting the Opal Study and the options of how the roads will function.

The committee meeting decided to hold their combined November/December meeting on December 1, 2010.

Mr. Barkman reiterated that the farmers need to do their part in regards to road safety.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 27, 2010.**