

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
October 27, 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 (via off-site teleconference), William D. Nace, Sam Poles, R. Holder Trumbo and J. David Cabbage

Members Absent: Laurence Mason, Chairman, Adrienne Garreau, Joel Barkman and Jeffrey Walker

Guests Present: Brent Sprinkle, VDOT and Marshall Barron, VDOT

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

1. Approval of September 29, 2010 Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION:

On motion made by Holder Trumbo and seconded by William Nace, it was moved to approve the September 29, 2010 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Thelma Key Request (Route 1303 – Albrecht Lane)

Mr. Ronnie Key explained that there is a speed problem on his street due to cars using it as an alternate route to avoid the new flashing signal at the intersection of Riley Road and Dumfries Road. He shared his concerns of safety especially for the children waiting at the bus stop in the dark and added that there are no street lights or sidewalks along Albrecht Lane. Mr. Key further explained that a child riding a bicycle was clipped by a turning car and requested that speed bumps be installed.

Mr. Cabbage stated that the community could develop a traffic calming plan and get 75% of residents to sign a petition to become part of the Residential Traffic Management Program (RTMP). Possible traffic calming measures could be all-way stops, speed tables and pedestrian crosswalks. Mr. Cabbage added that they would have to identify a funding source as well.

Mrs. Key asked if the flashing light were to become a controlled stop light, would that help. Mr. Cabbage replied that there would have to be a change in conditions altering the amount of traffic and that VDOT will restudy the signal soon.

ACTION:

On motion made by William Nace and seconded by Pete Eltringham, it was moved to hold a community meeting to discuss the RTMP and get feedback from the residents along Albrecht Lane, Woodlawn Lane and Rock Springs Road. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Ron Battaglia who lives on Grays Mill Road close to Baldwin Street, requested that the speed limit be reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph because of the speed problem on both ends of the road. He described backing out of his driveway and how dangerous it is with cars speeding down the hill.

Mr. Trumbo asked Mr. Battaglia if the residents that signed the petition live only on his end and he replied no. Mr. Trumbo described Grays Mill Road as a neighborhood street, not a cut-through, and purely residential. Mr. Trumbo added that the Comprehensive Plan for New Baltimore considers this road as ingress-egress for the residents.

Mr. Cabbage responded that the traffic engineer at the time of the last study identified certain sections of the road as residential based on the state code. He agreed to obtain additional data since conditions have changed now that the construction project on Dumfries Road (Route 605) is completed and re-evaluate the study using the new traffic counts, speed and crash history.

ACTION:

On motion made by Pete Eltringham and seconded by Holder Trumbo, it was moved to request that VDOT perform a traffic study on Grays Mill Road (Route 674) between Baldwin Street and Route 605. The motion carried unanimously.

4. *Mary Judkins Request (Route 688/647 – Leeds Manor Road/Crest Hill Road)*

Mr. Sprinkle stated that based on the VDOT study performed in September 2010, the advisory sign on the west leg of Route 688 will be reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph and vegetation will be removed to improve site distance, however the intersection did not warrant a 4-way stop.

ACTION:

VDOT will increase advisory signs, add new reflective coating on stop signs and advisory signs, reduce the current 35 mph advisory sign located on Route 688 to 25 mph, remove vegetation and monitor the changes.

5. *Shepherdstown Road Request (Route 793 – Shepherdstown Road)*

Mr. Wes Kennedy believes that the current posted speed limit signs are inconsistent now that Shepherdstown Road is no longer a dead end cul-de-sac and is now a significant through street for school buses.

Mr. Trumbo suggested that he and representatives from VDOT go on a site visit to drive the road.

Mr. Sprinkle stated that based on the 2010 VDOT study the traffic has increased from 4300 to 5200 vehicles per day (vpd) since 2008 near Route 602 and Route 600. He agrees that a site visit would help get a feel for the issues and help to develop a plan of action.

ACTION:

This item has been tabled until Holder Trumbo and staff from VDOT performs a site visit in order to develop a plan of action.

6. *Reverend Leon Jackson Request (Route 643 – Meetze Road)*

Mr. Cabbage stated that a guardrail is installed to protect the traveling public and in this case the request would be to protect private property.

Mr. Trumbo suggested the transportation committee defer to VDOT to consider evaluating whether advisory signs should be installed.

ACTION:

The Transportation Committee deferred to VDOT to determine whether advisory signs should be installed.

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

Mr. Cabbage supports the findings in the VDOT study that there is a low crash volume with no obvious pattern.

ACTION:

Mrs. Eddy will report back to Diane Selby that based on VDOT's findings, there is no recommendation the Transportation Committee can make. She will ask Ms. Selby to provide any additional documentation she has on past accidents.

8. *Citizens' Time*

Mr. Fred Beaudry asked Mr. Cabbage why the Marshall and Hume area along Route 688 did not get plowed in a timely manner last winter during the back to back snowfall. He also asked if changes have been made for the upcoming Route 647/688 snow season.

Mr. Cabbage replied that the Marshall/Warrenton Headquarters line is right in that spot and with heavy back to back snowfalls, the Marshall Headquarters had to re-plow the interstate and primary roads (I-66, Route 55 and Route 17) prior to beginning on the secondary roads. He continued that VDOT's Marshall Headquarters has increased their fleet with 20 new spreaders, signed more farm tractors and a snow blower, and where last year they were only 60% staffed, they

are now 100% staffed. Mr. Cabbage added that he is happy about the improvements that have modernized and strengthened the fleet.

9. *Other Items*

Mr. Cabbage indicated that the Moreland Road study had not begun. Mrs. Eddy is to verify the bus routes before work begins.

Mrs. Eddy reminded the group that the next Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2010.

Mrs. Eddy said that Rick Carr will give an update on Brookside Parkway at the December 1st meeting.

Mrs. Eddy updated the group regarding the Farm Equipment Road Safety initiative in that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors sent a letter to the Farm Bureau and the Agricultural Development Office outlining their responsibilities. Mr. Eltringham requested that the Transportation Committee gets copied on all future updates.

Mr. Eltringham suggested that the Vint Hill Development Authority attend the December 1st meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 1, 2010.**