

**MINUTES OF  
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**May 27, 2009**

**7:00 P.M.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building*

*10 Hotel Street*

*Warrenton, VA 20186*

**Members Present:** Matthew Smith, Chairman, William D. Nace, Peter S. Eltringham, Adrienne Garreau, R. Holder Trumbo, and J. David Cabbage

**Members Absent:** Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, Sam Poles, and Jeffrey Walker

**Guests Present:** Chris Mothersead, Town of Warrenton

**Staff Present:** Rick Carr, Susan Eddy

**1. *Approval of April 29, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes***

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by R. Holder Trumbo, it was moved to approve the April 29, 2009 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2. *Consider a request for two equestrian signs on Midland Road (Cedar Run District) – Deborah Van Kleef***

Mrs. Susan Eddy indicated that Ms. Deborah Van Kleef could not attend the meeting, but she would like two signs for equestrian crossing; 1 sign before the property and the other sign after the property.

Mr. Dave Cabbage advised that Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) equestrian signs are for public trails or commercial trails that are used daily or more frequently. The equestrian signs are not intended to be indicative signs. Mr. Cabbage did not believe that the trails in the Midland Road area were public or commercial.

Chairman Matthew Smith suggested that the committee follow VDOT's criteria for any public trail.

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by Chairman Matthew Smith and seconded by R. Holder Trumbo, it was moved to follow VDOT signage criteria and not to forward this request to VDOT for action. The motion carried unanimously.**

### 3. *Schoolhouse Road Intersection Improvement Update (Lee District)*

Mr. Rick Carr indicated that Dominion Power showed a willingness to help relocate the pole.

Mr. Cabbage provided a short report that staff will forward to everyone. He suggested that we can leave the pole, move the sidewalk and three (3) anchors. Mr. Cabbage also stated that the estimated cost would be \$42,000 for this version. This version might be done as a revenue share. There is an alternative version of cost if the pole is moved by Dominion Power.

Mr. John Meadows, Planning Commissioner, who spoke to the committee last month, wanted a safe continuous sidewalk. This matter was postponed until Mr. Meadows could attend the Transportation Committee meeting.

### 4. *Route 211 - Route 17 Connector Corridor (Center and Marshall Districts)*

Mr. Rick Carr reviewed the following:

- Right-of-way 110 feet in general
- Road improvements can be staged depending on the volume
- Best to build two outer lands and later add two inner lanes

Mr. Cabbage indicated that DcDevitt Drive in Culpeper, Virginia is a good example of this road without trails.

Mr. Chris Mothersead indicated that nothing happens if it is not in the county's comprehensive plan.

Mr. Trumbo indicated that we will really need the pros and cons of the outside lane being built first.

Mr. Nace indicated that we need the corridor, the details can be resolved later..

Mr. Trumbo asked who needed the corridor. Does Fauquier County or Culpeper need the corridor?

Mr. Carr discussed lane capacity issues and the HNTB 2030 Study. He recommended 5-year updates for the TIA.

Mr. Mothersead provided further explanation of the HNTB 2030 forecast.

Mr. Chuck Medvitz asked why add this to Route 29 traffic? Why not dead end into Route 17 North in order to preserve the Fenton Farm area? Why divert traffic from in front of businesses?

Mr. Nace asked if Broadview can cope without this road?

Mr. Trumbo suggested the following issues be considered:

- Wetlands bank reconstruction
- Fenton Farm eased
- Growth prevented from creeping north
- Improvements to Bear Wallow and Route 17 intersection
- Stop sign at Bear Wallow

Mr. Trumbo indicated that he would have difficulty supporting the corridor if Fenton Farm has development potential.

Mr. Carr suggested an expansion of Rady Park in this area.

Chairman Smith indicated that it cost a lot less to do a four lane road now than it would fifteen (15) to twenty (20) years later.

Mr. Eltringham is not convinced that the numbers substantiate at this time. He has concerns with wetlands, easements, the interchange, and land use.

Mr. Cabbage suggested focusing on corridor, not on details. A discussion of the implications of federal funding took place.

This item was postponed until next month.

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

Mr. Medvitz referred to page one, item #2 of the Technical Planning Study. Mr. Medvitz believed that if Broadview failed, then less traffic will go on Route 211.

## **6. *Other Items***

Ms. Garreau attended Loudoun County Planning Commission roundtable. Eastern Loudoun is where road improvements are planned. In the east, the issue is connectivity. Even trails do not connect. Ms. Garreau also noted inter-county disagreements. Loudoun wants a grade separated interchange at Route 50, but Fairfax does not. Prince William County wants Route 15 widened into Loudoun, but Loudoun says no.

Ms. Garreau indicated that reaching out to other jurisdictions is good. Clarke County said Route 50 traffic calming puts pressure on Route 9. Loudoun would like to maintain character of winding county roads. Transit is a big part of the Loudoun plan.

Mr. Eltringham suggested asking the county legal staff to give a briefing on the legal implications of conservation easements on transportation planning. Mr. Trumbo will ask county attorney Kevin Burke to prepare a brief on the differences between conservation easements, historical easements and agriculture and forestal easements. Leslie Grayson of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) may be able to give a brief as well.

Mr. Trumbo will talk at the next meeting about speed limits.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 24, 2009.**