

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
December 16, 2009**

7:00 P.M.

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

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

Members Absent: Sam Poles and Jeffrey Walker

Guest Present: Deirdre Clark, RRRC

Staff Present: Rick Carr, Susan Eddy and Cynthia Porter-Johnson

1. *Approval of October 28, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes*

ACTION:

On motion made by Adrienne Garreau and seconded by Laurence Mason, it was moved to approve the October 28, 2009 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

2. *Consider a reduction in the speed limit to 25 mph on Old Alexandria Turnpike (Route 693) (Scott District) – Jim Benedict*

Mr. David Cabbage summarized the speed study taken at Old Alexandria Turnpike. In 1980, the speed limit was posted at 40 mph on Old Alexandria Turnpike. There has been significant growth in the area, both residential and commercial since that posting. The roadway width and characteristics of the shoulder support a reduction of the posted speed limit to 35 mph with an advisory sign to be posted before the one lane bridge. Based on the study, the current recommendation of VDOT is 35 mph. The entire length of Old Alexandria Turnpike will be posted 35 mph. Mr. Cabbage stated that there is a speed limit of 25 mph posted before the one lane bridge heading in the direction of Old Georgetown Road (Route 674). There is no record of a speed study on file for that section of the road. The 25 mph speed limit sign will be removed.

3. *Citizens' Time*

No citizens spoke at this time.

4. *Other Items*

Ms. Garreau shared that she and Mr. Peter Eltringham are members of a new committee that has been pioneered by Citizens for Fauquier County (CFFC) to help the county with the Route 29 Corridor Overlay District. It is an advisory group and they are seeking others to join the committee. The group will come up with some recommendations for the county.

Chairman Smith recommended getting business owners on the committee and people with different opinions in order to have a diverse group.

Ms. Deirdre Clark provided copies of links for the draft of Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, the PD9 Regional Freight Study and the draft Route 29 Corridor Study.

Mr. Cabbage stated that after the first of the year, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is restructuring staff. He will be available to the committee only once a quarter or 4 times a year.

Vice-Chairman Mason presented Chairman Smith with a plaque and read the resolution of appreciation for Chairman Smith's service to the Fauquier County Transportation Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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