

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
February 27, 2008**

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, R. Holder Trumbo, Adrienne Garreau, Jeffrey Walker, and J. David Cabbage

Members Absent: Sam Poles, Peter S. Eltringham, William Nace

Guests Present: Darrell Shiflett (VDOT)

Staff Present: Susan Eddy and Meredith Meixner

Chairman Smith presented the resolution of appreciation to Harry Atherton which was approved by the Transportation Committee on January 30, 2008.

1. Approval of January 30, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION:

On motion made by Mr. Trumbo and seconded by Mr. Mason, it was moved to approve the January 30, 2008 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Receive an Update on the Request to add 0.4 miles of McRaes Road (Route 695) to the State Road System (Scott District) – Rick Pfeifer, Pleasant Estates HOA

Mrs. Eddy stated that Dave Cabbage was looking into the VDOT perspective and she traced the history of Pleasant Estates. She also stated the subdivision was approved in 1976 where the issue of state maintenance was mentioned during the Planning Commission meeting, but was then discussed in closed sessions.

Mr. Cabbage stated the brief history about McRaes Road and how this was one in a series of discontinuances in 1965 which remained a public road with all right-of-ways in place but not with VDOT maintenance. The right-of-way belongs to the county and any public interest in the road goes to the county. The responsibility beyond 27 miles or 35-4/10's between where the state maintained ends and the subdivision begins is public road not in the VDOT system.

Mr. Trumbo stated that the Planning Commission most likely determined during those closed sessions that the maintenance would be the responsibility of the HOA and has been historically.

Mr. Cabbage replied that he was only aware of the citizens having the work done beyond the state maintenance.

Mr. Pfeifer confirmed that the citizens have done it with no alternative and no longer have the funds to continue.

Mr. Cabbage stated that VDOT would like to maintain the road up to the existing cul-de-sac however it is not built to VDOT standards and cannot use state funds. He further stated that if the road is brought up to 18 feet of travel way, 2 feet of shoulder and 40 feet of right-of-way, VDOT could accept into the system as a no cost rule addition.

Mr. Trumbo asked if the right-of-way needed to be obtained.

Mr. Cabbage replied that he would have to defer to the County Attorney.

Mr. Trumbo asked what the action should be this evening.

Mrs. Eddy stated that the hope is for the Transportation Committee to pass a resolution to move it up to the Board level because this committee cannot make decisions regarding funding and Mr. Cabbage found out today that VDOT funds were not an option. Mrs. Eddy distributed a draft resolution to the members and concerned citizens.

ACTION:

On motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Trumbo, it was moved to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to consider this resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

3. *Consider making a recommendation on the FY2008/2009 through FY2013/2014 Secondary Six Year Plan*

Mr. Trumbo stated that during the last meeting, there was discussion about removing Washwright Road from the Secondary Six Year Plan for paving and it is now a zero priority on the list. He further stated that he has received feedback regarding this issue and hopes to receive a letter with signatures in opposition.

Ms. Gillman stated she met with the neighbors, has a list of names and then submitted the letter to the committee requesting removal from the Six Year Plan.

Mr. Trumbo stated that he has spoken to some citizens on the list, Mr. Poles the Marshall District representative, and Supervisor Schwartz and confirmed they are in agreement in removing this item from the list.

Mr. Cabbage clarified that if an item is removed from the list; it will remain in a file, but will never be deleted in the event it should come up again.

Mr. Trumbo asked Ms. Gillman and her neighbors to obtain original signatures on the draft letter in order to have something to submit for the record to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Mason stated that a right-of-way would need to be obtained if it were to be widened.

Mr. Trumbo stated that the road was in very good condition when he drove it earlier that day.

Ms. Garreau explained that the citizens would have another opportunity to speak during the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mrs. Eddy replied that assuming this was made a motion and recommended to the Board of Supervisors, it could be heard at the public hearing in March and a decision would likely be made in April.

Mr. Cabbage asked that the committee review a few more items before making a motion. He continued that #9 (Route 605) reflects the scope of work conditions more in line with #3 (Route 605) and #4 (Route 605) including the widening of turn lane and shoulder work. He then stated that changes were made to Route 734 (Washwright Road) based on the committee's recommendation last month and raised the priorities of #12 (Route 688) and #16 (Route 800), now to items #11 and #15 which reflects the changes made to the spreadsheet submitted this month.

Mr. Trumbo stated that the Transportation Committee and VDOT have done an outstanding job and feels the Secondary Six Year Plan represents reality. He then stated he is comfortable in recommending approval to the Board of Supervisors.

ACTION:

On motion made by Mr. Trumbo and seconded by Ms. Garreau, it was moved to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for approval of the Secondary Six Year Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

4. *Role of the Transportation Committee in long-range planning*

Mr. Trumbo stated this committee has spent the majority of time addressing neighborhood signs and minor issues and would like to broaden the issues that are taken on. He then stated this is a great working group with a lot of talent that is an un-mined resource. Mr. Trumbo asked the committee to bring up issues that they would like addressed.

Mr. Walker replied that the timing is ideal and read aloud #5 of the Resolution Establishing the County Transportation Committee. "The County Transportation Committee would work to place the County's transportation planning efforts within a regional context to ensure that the County plans are compatible with surrounding jurisdictions." He stated that this is in line with what the Rural Transportation Technical Committee has been requested to do by VDOT and is in its second phase, meeting monthly in Culpeper. Mr. Walker then stated the Planning Directors and agency representatives could come and share their expertise and are seeking to promote linkages to identify the area's priorities. He further stated that it will be a regional voice with this collective list regarding Department of Rail, Transportation, DMV, Aviation; a convergence of all these different modes.

Mr. Trumbo asked if we could have a presentation next month and would like to receive updates.

Mr. Smith replied that another issue is the Gainesville and Route 29 interchange and if a new road to Haymarket/Route 66 exit would be needed. He stated there are multiple studies done by surrounding counties that need to be looked at.

Mr. Trumbo stated there is a huge challenge with Vint Hill and what to do with Route 215, which this committee will be responsible for making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Smith stated that Fauquier County has done a wonderful job at keeping growth down at 18% compared to Culpeper County at 32%, however Route 29 runs right through the County.

Mrs. Eddy asked Mr. Walker to give an introduction on the Commission's study of hot spots so this committee is aware of what is going on.

Mr. Walker replied that he would be happy to provide the presentation of the development regarding the regional long range plan and how the linkages are made. He stated that PD9 has been requested to identify areas that have safety and congestion issues that are amenable to quicker fixes and that have not been included in prior studies. Mr. Walker distributed an updated list and explained that it gives a sense of where other jurisdictions' focuses are where it will be looked at with a regional perspective next meeting and prioritized per importance. He further explained that a draft list will be out within the next 14 – 18 months and over time will be refined.

Mr. Cubbage confirmed that VDOT is still responsible for prioritizing the road, however PD9 is establishing recommendations of candidate projects.

Mr. Smith asked if Fauquier County's priority is set.

Mrs. Eddy replied that the primary and interstate priority has not been revisited since 2005.

Mr. Trumbo asked if there was a set plan for the Opal interchange.

Mr. Cubbage replied that as of 2/11/08 the advertising date is June of 2009 due to the time allocated for allowing utilities to relocate, not a funding issue.

Mr. Walker added that there will be a VDOT On-Call Consultant, currently in the contracting phase, which will provide assistance on the regional level across the state. He then distributed a bulletin to the committee members titled Regional Long Range Plan Consultant Assistance Overview.

Mr. Cubbage asked how the funding sources will be determined.

Mr. Walker replied that in the context of construction projects, a corridor study should be completed and available on an annual basis to be eligible for that assistance.

Mr. Cubbage stated that the most recent Route 29 Corridor study is on the web now and spans from Lynchburg to Route 66.

Ms. Garreau asked if the Rural Transportation Technical Committee has a mechanism or a way to outreach to Transportation Committees in other jurisdictions.

Mr. Walker replied that RTTC works with other jurisdictions directly with staff and a 20 member regional commission that meets every other month that is comprised of elected

officials, staff, Town Managers, County Administrators from our 5 County, 7 Town region. He stated that Chester Stribling is Fauquier County's representative.

Mr. Cabbage stated that there is not a committee like this in every county, so it is beneficial to have an association with other counties, Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors.

5. *Citizens' Time*

No citizens spoke at this time.

6. *Other Items*

No other items at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.
The next meeting will be held March 26, 2008.