

**MINUTES OF  
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**May 28, 2008**

**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, R. Holder Trumbo, Peter S. Eltringham, William Nace, Sam Poles, Adrienne Garreau, and Jeffrey Walker

***Members Absent:*** Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, and J. David Cubbage

***Special Guests Present:*** Joseph Springer, and Stephen Walter of The Parsons Transportation Group

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***Staff Present:*** Susan Eddy, Rick Carr, Tammy Fore, and Stacey Pell

***1. Approval of April 30, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes***

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by Mr. Poles and seconded by Ms. Garreau, it was moved to approve the April 30, 2008 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

***2. Proclamation of Appreciation presented to Stacey Pell***

Mr. Smith, Chairman presented Mrs. Pell with a signed Proclamation of Appreciation from the Transportation Committee for her excellence.

***3. Transportation Planning: Regional, Countywide, Local – Stephen Walter, VP & Joseph Springer, The Parsons Transportation Group***

Mr. Nace introduced Mr. Walter, V.P. and Mr. Springer of The Parsons Transportation Group. Both special guests then gave a PowerPoint presentation, a hard copy of which is attached to, and made part of, the official minutes.

During the presentation, members and guests asked the following questions and brought up the following points:

Mr. Eltringham asked Mr. Springer to give examples of guidance vs. directive approaches.

Mr. Springer replied that a guidance approach is coming up with requirements and is an ordinance type of approach which looks out for future conditions and long range plans. A directive approach is a more current approach.

Mr. Trumbo asked about velocity as opposed to straight speed of mobility.

Mr. Springer discussed the relationship of access to overall speed. For example, when speeds get higher and there is tapping of the breaks, then major issues occur.

Mr. Poles asked how common in rural areas are bike paths becoming.

Mr. Springer replied that it is more common and that VDOT now has a regulation for new plans that pedestrian accommodation has to at least be considered.

Ms. Garreau asked if there is a lot of right of way existing for bike lanes.

Mr. Springer replied that in some cases yes, but there is still a cost where right of way doesn't exist and you have to purchase land.

Mr. Walker indicated it was common for people to question the necessity of bike lanes, saying they never see people riding and labeling that as a lack of demand, when in reality there are often no riders because without the lanes it is simply too dangerous to ride.

Ms. Garreau questioned if that importance falls on the citizens.

Mr. Poles stated that the importance of bike lanes is growing.

Mr. Eltringham expressed the importance of traffic calming.

Ms. Garreau asked Mr. Springer and Mr. Walter if traffic calming is a growing part of the industry.

Mr. Springer and Mr. Walter stated that traffic calming is indeed a growing part of their industry and is important.

Mr. Trumbo stated that traffic calming requests generate from citizens to localities to state entities, then federal entities. He also stated that he would like more of a joint effort with set solutions between local, state and federal agencies.

Mr. Smith commented on, and noted the importance of, changes being made at the interchange of Rt. 215/29.

Mr. Schwartz noted that the state has an upcoming Route 29 corridor study and he is very hopeful of solutions.

Mr. Carr asked Mr. Springer and Mr. Walter their opinions on solutions to road issues in Bealeton on Route 17. He noted that in the past there were plans set forth for by-pass solutions, however there are not enough funds. Things must be done to slow traffic trying to get to Interstate 95 from Opal.

Mrs. Eddy also added to Mr. Carr's original question by asking how things can be done with limited funds and how do you get both sides of Route 17 to work together?

Mr. Springer responded that you must not divert traffic, but make it behave by slowing it down.

Mr. Carr added that possibly town limits can be created and that any option would have to allow local traffic to get through and out of town traffic to flow through.

Mr. Walter commented that to resolve the traffic issues in Bealeton, solutions and implementations are far beyond just transportation. There are also land use solutions.

Mr. Walter closed the presentation by stating that lack of funds is a real problem, however this is an opportunity for local agencies to catch up and start the processes to get projects to a point where they can be further processed by higher agencies.

Mrs. Eddy stated that VDOT is developing new standards for secondary road street acceptance which affect cul-de-sacs. VDOT wants roads to be linked together whereas in years past cul-de-sacs were standard. She questioned what can be done to make this process easier.

Mr. Walter stated that a traffic analysis can be conducted in such areas which will give accurate traffic numbers.

Mr. Carr agreed that traffic impact analysis' are a good idea and that they can be processed by service district or beyond.

#### *4. Citizens' Time*

No citizens spoke at this time.

#### *5. Other Items*

Mr. Trumbo informed members that the Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) has asked the Board of Supervisors to entertain the adoption of a resolution to be submitted before the special session of the State Legislature. The resolution should include ideas of what the county and Board believes should be done on their roads and what they want to be the outcome of the special session meeting. Mr. Trumbo added that in light of the short notice, the Board will act on this request on the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and noted for any members to please provide opinions and information for submittal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.  
The next meeting will be held June 25, 2008.