

**MINUTES OF**  
**FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**January 25, 2006**  
**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, Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, Harry Atherton, J. David Cabbage, Holder Trumbo, William Nace, Ray Graham, and Mark Van de Water

**Members Absent:** Sam Poles and Erich Meding

**Guests Present:** John Griffin, Dana Horvath, Bill Weber, Dave Mailler, Chandra Signore, Ed Cornell

**Staff Present:** Liz Cook, Stacey Pell

*1. Election of Officers*

**ACTION: Mr. Atherton nominated Matthew Smith for Chairman and was seconded by Mr. Trumbo. Being no other nominations, the vote passed unanimously.**

**Mr. Atherton nominated Laurence Mason for Vice Chairman and was seconded by Mr. Trumbo. Being no other nominations, the vote passed unanimously.**

*2. Approval of November 30, 2005 Committee Meeting Minutes*

It was noted by Mr. Trumbo that although there were citizens at the November meeting, none wished to speak at 'Citizen's Time.'

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by Mr. Atherton and seconded by Mr. Trumbo it was moved to approve the November 30, 2005 Committee meeting minutes, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.**

*3. Consider a Request for "Watch For Children" Signs Along Chestnut Oak Lane (Route 1306) – Chandra Signore*

Ms. Signore explained her request. There was discussion about the Committee having the authority to request warning signage placement rather than the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cabbage indicated that VDOT needs a resolution from Fauquier County to place signs. Mrs. Cook will provide a resolution prior to the next Board of Supervisors Meeting to grant

the Transportation Committee the authority to approve warning signs, i.e. “Watch for Children”; animal crossing; and agriculture warning signs.

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by Mr. Trumbo and seconded by Mr. Atherton this sign placement was approved contingent upon Fauquier County Board of Supervisors approval of the resolution granting the Committee authority to make these requests. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Cubbage noted the even with the resolution VDOT has the right to deny Warning signs.**

4. *Consider a Request for “Watch For Children” Signs Along Baldwin Street (Route 673) – Pat Freeman*

Mr. Cubbage stated as this road is classified as a collector road, it would not be the best candidate for a “Watch for Children” sign. Due to through traffic and commuter traffic on this road, the sign would provide a false sense of security to the residents along this road.

**ACTION:**

**Mrs. Cook will contact Pat Freeman about attending the next Transportation Meeting in February 2006 as more information is needed about this area.**

5. *Consider a Request for “Watch For Children” Signs Along Pilgrims Rest Road East (Route 625) – David Mailler*

Mr. Mailler stated the speed limit on this road is 35 m.p.h. but most cars exceed that speed. During sunrise and sunset, the sunlight limits visibility on this road and makes it difficult to see oncoming traffic as well as pedestrians.

Mr. Cubbage stated the “Watch for Children” signs are not intended to be for traffic calming measures. This road would not be the best candidate for such a sign. He suggested greater reflectivity speed limit signs, which generally receive more notice.

6. *Consider a Request for “Watch For Children” Signs at the Intersection of Stonehurst Court (Route 1320) and Graystone Road (Route 1317) – Shelli Anderson*

Mrs. Cook will contact Shelli Anderson about attending the next Transportation Meeting in February 2006 as more information is needed about this area.

**ACTION:**

**This item will be held until the February 2006 meeting.**

7. *Consider a Request for 3-Way Stop Signs at the Intersection of Maidstone Road (Route 713) and Rectortown Road (Route 710) – Kareen McGhee*

Mr. Atherton stated this road is as good a candidate as any in this County.

Mr. Cubbage stated that VDOT is trying to get traffic counts for this road.

**ACTION:**

**This item will be held until the February 2006 meeting, giving VDOT time to collect additional information.**

8. *Citizen's Time (Item #11)*

Ms. Horvath and Mr. Weber were both in attendance at this meeting regarding Bear Wallow Road. They indicated that there is construction being done at the Warrenton Training Center located around the 8000 block of Bear Wallow Road. There is mud and water from the construction site flooding the ditches into the roadway. Ms. Horvath indicated that this makes it impossible for drivers to differentiate between the edge of the road and the ditch especially after a heavy rain.

Another issue is the lack of a stop sign for traffic entering Bear Wallow Road from the Warrenton Training Center. The general rule is traffic entering a main road should stop and yield to traffic already traveling the main road.

Ms. Horvath spoke with Randy Norris at VDOT and was informed this is a federal versus state issue.

Mr. Atherton suggested that this may be a good candidate for a three-way stop at the entrance from the training center and Bear Wallow Road. He also stated that he has noticed where the construction and construction vehicles have destroyed the road.

Mr. Graham suggested that a letter be written regarding all issues, including installing a three-way stop sign at the entrance.

Mr. Cabbage stated there are two issues: All way stop at the entrance; and mud on the road. If a vehicle is licensed in Virginia then it must comply with road carrier laws and is up to law enforcement to enforce.

**ACTION:**

**Mr. Atherton will send a letter to John Warner or Frank Wolf. Ms. Cook copy Ms. Horvath and Mr. Weber.**

9. *Consider a Request to Mitigate Speeding and Road Conditions on Greenwich Road (Route 603) in the Vicinity of Kennedy Road (Route 652) (Item #8)*

Mrs. Cook informed the committee that the traffic on these roads will be increasing as there are two subdivisions proposed for this area.

Mr. Graham stated there is already a lot of traffic in this area due to construction traffic, Vint Hill, and delivery trucks. The Sheriff's Office has been sent to this area but is unable to be a constant presence. There will a new school coming to the area with increased traffic.

Mr. Trumbo inquired into the hazardous conditions. Mr. Graham replied there is bad visibility, especially at intersections. The current speed limit is 45 m.p.h.

Mr. Cabbage stated that as this is a collector road it is eligible for federal funds or the Six-Year Plan. These road conditions may need turn lanes for the intersections.

Mr. Nace inquired into the possibility of flashing lights. Mr. Cabbage replied these are most effective after dark. He also stated that this road needs to be posted at 45 m.p.h. appropriately.

Mr. Smith inquired into the existence of "Intersection Ahead" signs. There are presently none there but they are a possibility according to Mr. Cabbage.

Mr. Graham stated the goal is to avoid accident not work retroactively.

Mr. Cabbage stated he will looking into having warning signs put up and will have a traffic count taken. This intersection probably does not warrant an all way stop.

Mrs. Cook stated that the 50 or so houses are proposed with new subdivisions.

Mr. Cabbage stated this may provide candidacy for Revenue Sharing funds.

Mr. Trumbo hears on a regular basis the increase of commuter traffic on county roads. The committee should work on what will be an obvious problem before it happens.

**ACTION:**

**Mr. Cabbage will report back after doing a study for 60 days.**

**10. Consider a Request for Signalization at the Intersection of Route 28 and Bastable Mill Road (Route 603)/Bristersburg Road (Route 616) (Item #9)**

Mr. Cabbage stated that VDOT is in the process of having traffic counts taken and needs a few weeks to finish and process the data.

**ACTION:**

**This item will be held over until the February meeting.**

**11. Consider a Request for Signalization at the Intersection of Route 28 and Meetze Road (Route 643) (Item #10)**

Mr. Cabbage stated that VDOT will need 60 days to have traffic counts taken and to process the data.

**ACTION:**

**This item will be held over until the March meeting.**

**12. Citizen's Time (Item #11)**

Ms. Signore inquired whether the Transportation Committee had any influence over lighting in subdivisions.

Mr. Atherton responded to her that no, the Committee does not.

**13. Other Items (Item #12)**

Mr. Van de Water brought up the subject of the change of speed limit leaving Warrenton on Broadview Avenue just past Highland School. The speed limit goes from 35 m.p.h. to 55 m.p.h. 50 feet from the school entrance. He suggested maybe extending the 35 m.p.h speed limit beyond the overpass.

Mr. Cabbage stated this area falls into a gray area on whether it is in the Town of Warrenton or Fauquier County.

Mr. Atherton stated he will speak with the Town of Warrenton.

Mr. Cabbage stated that if Highland School wishes, the school can go to VDOT for a permit for school signs.

**ACTION: Mrs. Cook will notify Highland School about the possibility of installing School Zone signs for the arrival and departure of students. The school may or may not choose to install the signs.**

Mr. Mason inquired into the Savannah Branch Bridge project completion.

Mr. Cabbage stated the super structure works. The actual bridge project is still in the Six-Year Plan for around 2009-2010.

Mr. Cabbage stated the speed limit has been dropped from 55 m.p.h. to 45 m.p.h on Route 617, Route 678, and Route 616.

Mr. Cabbage stated Route 673, Baldwin Street, speed can be reduced to 35 m.p.h.

Mr. Cabbage stated there are speed zones in the Route 603 /Route 28 area that may tie to signal warrants.

Mr. Cabbage stated at the intersection of Route 29 and Route 651 VDOT will be doing upgrades to the flasher and plans to change to a signal in the spring or summer.

Mr. Cabbage has been working with DMV to install wireless monitoring devices for trucks in the Opal area. This will act as an early warning to the Weigh Station as it will monitor trucks to be pulled over at the Weigh Station on Route 29.

Mr. Graham stated he was pleased to be in attendance at this meeting and future meetings.

Mr. Nace stated the Transportation Committee spends so much of their time on speed issues which seems to be human nature. The speed limits have been going up and up for the past 40 years. With the personnel of the committee, they should be able to come up with a good solution. Increasing law enforcement triggers a money issue. Mr. Nace stated the monitoring devices that measure a vehicle's speed and mail the ticket may be a possible option.

Mr. Atherton spent three hours in Richmond attending a Counties, Cities and Towns meeting. A high point of the visit was Fauquier County and Spotsylvania County were included with Stafford County and will be able to extract impact fees.

Mrs. Cook had handouts for the Committee which included a VDOT guide for the Supervisors.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Cabbage to contact him about three issues in Midland.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.  
The next meeting will be held February 22, 2006.