

**MINUTES OF  
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**JUNE 28, 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, Harry F. Atherton, J. David Cabbage, William D. Nace, Sam Poles, and Holder Trumbo

**Members Absent:** Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, Raymond E. Graham, Erich Medding, and Jeffrey Walker

**Guests Present:** Bill Weber, John Griffin, Mike Remington, John Spencer, and Scott Filling

**Staff Present:** Liz Cook

**1. Consider a Request for a Speed Limit Reduction in the Village of Turnbull-Randy Plank (Item #2)**

Mr. Cabbage stated that the Committee looked into the matter in 2003, and at that time no changes were recommended. There has been more growth in the area which may need to be assessed.

Mr. Atherton will visit with Ms. Plank.

**ACTION: Mr. Atherton will visit with Ms. Plank and consider whether the area needs further assessment.**

**2. Consider a Request for Intersection Improvements at Route 29 and Lord Farifax Road (Route 880) (Item #3)**

Mr. Cabbage stated that there was an email received that outlined the request.

Mr. Nace inquired if there could be separate turning and through lanes at the intersection.

Mr. Cabbage stated that there would have to be modifications to the hedge in order to change the lane.

Mrs. Cook stated that there was follow up message stating that VDOT is looking at the issue.

Mr. Cabbage advised that VDOT would add a split phase to the signal. VDOT is working on options, with timing modifications to the signal as a quick fix. As they get money in the New Year, they will look at adding an arm to the signal.

There was discussion as to whether the proposed changes would slow down Route 29.

Mr. Cabbage advised that VDOT will work on it and report back.

**ACTION: VDOT will continue to work on options and report back on the issue.**

**3. *Receive an Update on a Request for a Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Route 17 and Route 245 (Old Tavern Road) (Item #4)***

Mr. Cabbage advised that they had the written report and pointed out the highlights of the report.

There is a short band of time with a delay (4:45 p.m.), but does not warrant a 24-hour signal.

Mr. Spencer, a citizen, advised that he agreed that signal was not really needed.

Mr. Smith asked how the Committee would follow up with Mr. Arundel.

Mr. Atherton advised to get him the information and he will get Mr. Graham to sign a letter.

**ACTION: Mrs. Cook and Mr. Cabbage will gather information for review with Mr. Atherton.**

**4. *Approval of May 31, 2006 Committee Meeting Minutes (Item #1)***

Mr. Trumbo moved to approve the minutes as submitted.

Mr. Poles seconded the motion.

**ACTION: The minutes were approved.**

**5. *Receive an Update on the Request to Lower the Speed Limit on Belvoir Road (Route 709)***

Mr. Cabbage stated that it was not recommended, based on a speed analysis, traffic counts, and low crash rate. The existing 45 MPH is sufficient for the road.

Mr. Trumbo asked if speed tracking occurred.

Mr. Cabbage stated that in a study from April 11, 2006 and revisited between May 17 and 18, 2006 showed that the 56th percentile traveled at 46 mph, 85th percentile at 53 mph, with an ADT at 1,915 cars.

Mr. Filling stated that a year ago, Mr. Federer had the speed limit reduced on the overpass.

Mr. Atherton said that the difference is that there are less people turning out of driveways here.

Mr. Filling stated that the road's curviness may be problematic.

Mr. Atherton stated that he empathizes, but the results of the study do not merit change.

Mr. Cabbage will get Mr. Filling a copy of the summary of the study.

There was discussion of the study.

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Cabbage for VDOT's efforts.

**ACTION: The results of the study do not merit change.**

**6. *Receive an Update on the Request for All-Way Stop Signs at Bear Wallow Road (Route 690) and the Warrenton Training Center***

Mr. Cabbage stated that VDOT performed a complete all-way stop analysis, which did not justify an all-way stop. However, the study indicated that the stop sign should remain and the Committee should request that the Training Center post a stop sign and advance warning signs on the Training Center Property.

He advised that as the first 100 feet of road are in the state system, VDOT could install a sign. However, there is concern about need for advance warning markings on Training Center property, which they cannot control.

Discussion about intersection and how advanced warning signs could be installed ensued.

Mr. Atherton advised that he would contact the Training Center.

Mr. Cabbage advised that VDOT would help with the installation.

Mr. Cabbage advised that Richmond VDOT advises that if there is a crash, then the Training Center is liable.

Mr. Spencer asked why the Federal Government did not have to file for permits. Mr. Spencer advised the Committee that he is concerned about the speed limit in the curve near his house on Filly Lane.

Mr. Atherton suggested allowing time to see how the stop sign at the Training Center impacts the situation.

Mr. Cabbage advised the Committee will revisit the issue when Cannonball Gate Road is paved, because it may impact the warrants.

There was discussion about Mr. Spencer's concerns with lowering the speed limit in his area and what VDOT has done.

**ACTION: The Committee will revisit the issue when Cannonball Gate Road is paved.**

*7. Discuss the Virginia Department of Transportation Secondary Six-Year Plan*

Mr. Cabbage advised that ideally the public hearing should be in October with a vote in November.

Mr. Cabbage has asked for one month to exclusively address Six-Year plan on Committee's agenda and to hold other items.

A project was added to the plan: a bridge over Thumb Run, on Rt. 688, which gives a federal match.

*8. Consider Scheduling a Site Visit to Review the Secondary Six-Year Plan Projects.*

Mr. Atherton suggested the Committee go on a site visit during the July meeting.

**ACTION: The Committee scheduled a site visit for the July 26 meeting.**

*9. Citizens' Time*

Mr. Weber asked VDOT if there is a list of all the roads that were impacted by the recent heavy rains.

Mr. Cabbage advised that they were working with County staff, and that Route 735 is still closed and will be for an additional 2 weeks. VDOT was working on the road, which was impacted due to the rain.

Mr. Smith asked Deputy Remington about speed enforcement on Route 17. Deputy Remington advised that County has acquired a speed board that will take readings on problem roads. They also have a new hand-held speed detector. He asked the Committee to advise the Sheriff of problem areas and they will work on them.

Mr. Filling advised the Committee that the Sheriff set out an unmarked car with tinted windows on Route 17, and advised that it made a difference in speed.

Deputy Remington indicated he appreciated the feedback.

Mr. Spencer again expressed his concerns about the speeds on Bear Wallow Road that he believes are a safety issue.

Mr. Filling asked about amnesty at the landfill.

There was some discussion about tipping fees and the landfill.

Mr. Atherton advised that the County could come and pick up large trash items if there is a problem area.

#### *10. Other Items*

Mr. Smith asked about the County joining PRTC. Mr. Atherton indicated there was no response from PRTC, and advised that some Board of Supervisors members are looking at an option to create our own Transportation Commission. It would allow Committee to impose the fuel tax and to use the funds for transportation improvements.

#### *11. Adjournment*