

MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
September 27, 2006
1:30 P.M. – Work Session
Site Visits

Members Present: Matthew Smith, Chairman, J. David Cubbage, Darryl Shifflett, Holder Trumbo, Harry Atherton, William Nace, and Jeffrey Walker

Members Absent: Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, Ray Graham, Sam Poles, and Erich Meding

Guests Present: Chris Conti

Staff Present: Liz Cook and Stacey Pell

1. *Broad Run Church Road (Route 600) Upgrade road from Route 29 to Route 676*

Mr. Nace stated there seems to be a lot of improvement needed but very little funds.

Mr. Shifflett stated this project would include a lot of utility movement.

Mr. Nace inquired about improving the intersection of Route 600 and Route 676 especially with the curve near the elementary school.

Mr. Cubbage stated this intersection has the possibility of becoming a future roundabout. He stated the Brookside Parkway will eventually connect to Vint Hill Road – Route 215 and that will alleviate traffic from this intersection.

Mr. Trumbo stated the reconfiguration of Riley Road at the Brookside Development was done as a traffic calming device to discourage commuters from using Riley Road as a cut-through.

2. *Dumfries Road (Route 605) Reconstruct Road – improve curves*

Mr. Cubbage advised that due to the funding, this is a project that may have to be done on a smaller scope, sections at a time.

3. *Dumfries Road (Route 605) Four-lane road from Route 29 to Route 676*

Mr. Cubbage questioned the feasibility of this project. At this point, the cost would be around \$12 million as a very conservative estimate. All other projects would either remain idle or be moved out of the plan. The existing alignment is very narrow and he questioned whether the Committee would want to keep the existing alignment or create a new one.

Mr. Trumbo stated he would like the existing alignment to remain. He also noted a lot of high school students currently drive Dumfries Road.

Mr. Cubbage noted VDOT will need to acquire right-of-way, easements, and there will need to be utility relocation.

Mr. Trumbo stated a lot of homeowners will be affected.

Mr. Cubbage advised that some people may lose their houses.

Mr. Shifflett stated four years may not cover the scope of work needed. Structures and bridges will need to be replaced.

Mr. Cubbage also stated the wetlands will need to be considered.

Mr. Atherton stated that traffic volume is a problem on this road already.

Mr. Cubbage noted there is a fairly high crash rating for Dumfries Road.

Mr. Atherton stated when the Vint Hill Parkway is complete; a lot of pressure will be removed from Route 605.

Mr. Shifflett reiterated that funding will be a major issue on this project.

Mr. Nace suggested that this project be broken down into two phases. The first phase to Route 674 and second phase from Route 674 on.

Mr. Cubbage stated this project is out of the realm of a Revenue Sharing project, due to the costs.

Mr. Shifflett inquired into the Service District and impact fees.

Mr. Atherton stated the fees were calculated on the needs. He also stated one reason Route 605 is so dangerous is the speed on the road.

Mr. Trumbo noted that taking traffic off this road will send it through the Service District. He indicated that per the Plan the future of Route 605 is four-lanes, even if it becomes necessary to lower the speed limit.

Mr. Nace suggested a few options on how to pay for the widening of Route 605. They included: tax businesses and residents in that area; tolls; finance the project and make payments.

4. *Green Road (Route 674) Shoulder Improvements – from 0.2 miles west Route 643 to 0.3 miles west Route 643*

In the field, it was not clear the exact request of the improvement needed. The shoulder at the intersection of Green Road and Miles Lane appeared to be a possibility as did the guardrail. There is a steep drop off the road and a grail over the culvert.

5. *Kines Road (Route 692) Reconstruct and surface treat road from Route 670 to end of state maintenance*

Mr. Shifflett indicated that this improvement would fall into Unpaved Road Fund.

Mr. Smith inquired if this road could be paved in place.

Mr. Shifflett said not to rule out that possibility, but there are a few issues including the curve on the road and site distance. He also noted that this road is already in the state system. Five percent of the budget is set aside for unpaved roads and only unpaved roads.

Mr. Smith stated he had no problem with paving this road.

Mr. Nace stated the roadside drainage needed to be considered.

6. *Silver Hill Road (Route 615) Reconstruct and surface treat road from Route 651 to a point north of Route 651*

Mr. Shifflett stated this road has bridge problems. He also noted that the existing barns at the intersection are in the 10 foot right-of-way, so may potentially have barns in the right-of-way. The horizontal issue as you approach the bridge needs to be corrected.

Mr. Cabbage indicated that he had spoken with Mr. Stribling regarding this project. Mr. Stribling informed Mr. Cabbage that for each resident in favor of paving there are residents against the paving project. Mr. Cabbage also noted that the bridge is narrow and curves will need to be fixed.

Mr. Atherton inquired if this road is a candidate for Rural Rustic Program.

Mr. Shifflett stated this is a through road and has issues with alignment.

Mr. Cabbage stated there are issues with making a through road as a Rural Rustic Road.

Mr. Smith asked if the Committee needed 100% of residents to sign the petition in favor of paving.

Mr. Cabbage stated no, but 100% of the right-of-way will need to be dedicated. If VDOT already has right-of-way, then VDOT does not need anything else from the homeowner.

Mr. Atherton stated that if a significant number of residents do not want the road paved, the funding should be allocated elsewhere.

ACTION:

Mrs. Cook will contact Ms. Zimbardo to request a petition from property owners along Silver Hill Road.

MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
September 27, 2006
5:00 P.M. – Regular Meeting
2nd Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building
10 Hotel Street
Warrenton, VA 20186

Members Present: Matthew Smith, Chairman, J. David Cabbage, Darryl Shifflett, Holder Trumbo, Harry Atherton, William Nace, and Sam Poles

Members Absent: Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, Ray Graham, Erich Meding, and Jeffrey Walker

Guests Present: D. W. Blake

Staff Present: Liz Cook and Stacey Pell

1. *Set Date for October 2006 Transportation Committee Meeting (Added to Agenda)*

Mr. Cabbage stated the scheduled date for the October Transportation Committee Meeting is October 25, 2006, which conflicts with the October Public Hearing on the Primary Transportation Plan to be held in Culpeper.

ACTION:

It was agreed to reschedule the October Transportation Committee Meeting. Mrs. Pell will contact Committee members about possible dates and meeting space.

2. *Consider Making a Recommendation on the Secondary Six-Year Plan Projects*

Mr. Cabbage stated the timeline for the Six-Year Plan has been revised. The Board does not need to vote on the Plan until March. Mr. Cabbage suggested having a Public Impact Session at the Board level in November, with the public hearing in February, and vote in March. Requested roads could be brought into the Six-Year Plan in November. The Input Session could also be done through the Transportation Committee.

Mr. Atherton inquired how to get the word to the public regarding the Input Session. He also questioned if someone shows up at the Input Session and wants to make an addition, will that be feasible.

Mr. Cabbage stated that if someone from the public attends the Input Session or the Public Hearing in February and brings a request to add a road to the Six-Year Plan, it would go on the next year and be added to the end of the Plan.

Mrs. Cook noted the most recent addition to the Plan was Old Culpeper Road submitted by Ms. Zopp.

ACTION:

This item was postponed until the October Transportation Committee Meeting.

3. *Citizen's Time*

Mr. Blake spoke regarding the New Baltimore Service District Plan and the preservation of the Civil War Battlefield in the Buckland Mills area. He reviewed comments written from consulting parties. The Civil War Trust had sent letters in 2004 calling for preservation of Civil War Battlefields. According to Mr. Blake there are more than ten (10) battlefields eligible for the National Historical Register. He advised that there has been no inclusion of the battlefields nor are they addressed in the New Baltimore Service District Plan. He continued that if the Plan moves ahead as it is written this wipes out the possibility of preserving this end of the County. Mr. Blake inquired if there were any other alternatives.

Mr. Nace stated the battlefields impact a lot of area.

Mr. Blake replied it is almost 3,000 acres of battlefield that will be affected. He stated Route 29 cannot go to six-lanes.

Mr. Atherton stated the Transportation Committee does not vote on the New Baltimore Service District Plan. The Planning Commission will vote on the New Baltimore Service District Plan then the Board of Supervisors will vote on it. In terms of the Battlefield, the Buckland Bypass Study has to get done in the process.

Mr. Trumbo indicated that VDOT went to the Board of Supervisors a few years ago and the Board, at that time, wanted to stay in the current alignment.

Mr. Atherton stated that unless land uses propose conflict, we are probably going forward with the New Baltimore Service District Plan.

4. *Approval of July 26, 2006 Committee Meeting Minutes (Item #1)*

ACTION:

On motion made by Mr. Trumbo and seconded by Mr. Atherton, it was moved to approve the July 26, 2006 Transportation Committee Meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

5. *Other Items (Item #4)*

Mr. Poles presented a petition from residents along Fenny Hill Road to widen and pave Fenny Hill Road (Route 816).

Mr. Atherton requested this road improvement be added to the Six-Year Plan.

Mr. Cabbage stated given the funding issues, potentially only Kines Road, Fenny Hill Road, or Silver Hill Road will be done.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.