

MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
June 29, 2005
7:00 P.M.
2nd Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building
10 Hotel Street
Warrenton, VA 20186

Members Present: Matthew Smith, Chairman, Harry Atherton, J. David Cubbage, Holder Trumbo, William Nace, Sam Poles and Mark Van de Water.

Members Absent: Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, William Downey, Erich Meding

Guests Present: John Miller, Boo Bennett, Mark Nesfeder, Paul Harrington

Staff Present: Liz Cook, Stacey Pell

1. *Approval of May 25, 2005 Committee Meeting Minutes.*

ACTION:

On motion made by Mr. Trumbo and seconded by Mr. Atherton it was moved to approve the May 25, 2005 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. *Receive an Update on the Speed Limit Signs Along Bear Wallow Road (Route 690) Near the Warrenton Training Center – Mark Nesfeder. (Item #4)*

Mr. Nesfeder said the signs were changed to 25 mph with a crosswalk at the Town of Warrenton boundary added. He also stated trees were cleared from around the speed limit signs as well. However, there is still a problem with excessive speeding in that area.

ACTION:

Matthew Smith suggested something be said to the Town of Warrenton Police Department.

3. *Consider a Request to Install ‘Share the Road’ Bicycle Signs – Mark Nesfeder. (Item #6)*

Mr. Nesfeder requested that ‘Share the Road’ bicycle signs be placed on the more popular roads in Fauquier County.

Mr. Smith stated that this has been talked about in the past. Mr. Cubbage suggested Mr. Nesfeder speak with Parks & Recreation regarding an overall plan for the County which is bicycle oriented. Mr. Van de Water stated that there are five routes in the Remington/Culpeper area with a Kiosk in Remington that has laminated guides to the trails

in that area. Mr. Nesfeder stated that a lot of the bicyclists on the road are those in training who prefer the more curvy and hilly roads that Fauquier County has to offer.

ACTION:

Mr. Smith suggested that Mr. Nesfeder to coordinate with Mr. Van de Water and VDOT about certain roads that seem more traveled than others that would benefit from signs.

4. *Discuss Village of Paris and Traffic Issues Regarding Speed, Volume and Safety – John Miller. (Added to Agenda)*

Mr. Miller stated that due to population increases, in the last two months there have been an increasing number of accidents at the intersection in and out of Paris, VA. He brought along photographs to show the committee. He is interested in designating this stretch of road as part of the Highway Safety Corridor, as well as raising the speed limit fine along Route 50.

Mr. Cabbage stated that there are only 3 sections of roads in Virginia that are part of the Highway Safety Corridor and all three are interstates – not primary roads. Legislation is looking at the possibility of adding primary roads and VDOT will look at this next year.

5. *Consider a Request for Paving the other Section of Lees Ridge Road – Paul Harrington. (Added to Agenda)*

Mr. Harrington started off by first thanking VDOT for paving Lees Ridge Road. There is now just a strip about 0.1 mile long right past Lover's Lane that is unpaved. VDOT has been out 3-4 times in the past 6 years patching pot holes. The road is too narrow and is very dangerous.

As to the narrowness of the road, Mr. Atherton suggested paving the ditch portion as well instead of filling with gravel.

ACTION:

Mr. Cabbage will look into this and report back.

6. *Consider a Request to Install Traffic Control Measures at the Intersection of Georgetown Road (Route 674) and Old Alexandria Pike (Route 693) – Beth Connell. (Item #2)*

Ms. Connell was not present at the meeting. Mr. Cabbage stated that there is not much to offer and requested a vote that her request be turned down.

ACTION:

Mr. Atherton made a motion to turn down the request. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Mrs. Cook will respond to Ms. Connell.

7. ***Consider a Request for South Pines Road to be Added to the State System of Highways for Maintenance – Ginger Mayhugh. (Item #3)***

Ms. Mayhugh was not present at the meeting. Mr. Cabbage stated that South Pines Road is state maintained from Route 687 to about one-quarter mile down. Mr. Atherton said that VDOT should go out and check the condition of the road. If it is in well enough condition and VDOT can bring it in at no cost, it should be considered.

ACTION:

Mr. Cabbage will check on the condition of South Pines Road and report back to the committee.

8. ***Receive an Update on a Request to Improve Forrest Court (Route 1346) – Robert Powers. (Item #5)***

Mr. Powers was not present at the meeting. Mr. Cabbage had this inspected and stated that Forrest Court had been paved earlier this year and wants to hear from Mr. Powers specifically as to what his request is. Functionally, there is nothing wrong with the street.

ACTION:

Ms. Cook will call Mr. Powers and inform him that there is no problem with the maintenance and that different roads have different standards.

9. ***Discuss the County's Rural Addition Eligibility (Item #6)***

Fauquier County is not eligible due to our large lot subdivisions being allowed on private streets. Mr. Atherton stated that he is hard pressed to change the ordinance at this time.

10. ***Discuss VDOT Standards for Shoulder Width for Various Road Classifications (Item #7)***

ACTION:

This was postponed until July 2005 meeting.

11. ***Other Items (Item #8)***

Mr. Cabbage stated that the Tapps Ford advertisement for bids closes on July 27, 2005. On November 19, 2005, he has requested up to a 2 week road closure and to have it remarked as one-way only.

Mr. Cabbage announced that the Route 668 bridge will be repaired by October 2005. It will be fixed for strength, not alignment. The new bridge will be done in 2008 and funding is not a problem for the new bridge.

Mr. Van de Water brought up the possibility of an underpass at Bealeton and if it is TEA-21 eligible for a County project.

Mr. Van de Water acknowledged that a sidewalk and bike lane under the bridge would have to connect with something. Mr. Atherton questioned safety. Mr. Poles suggested to put this item on hold until more of the public bring up the subject.

Mr. Van de Water reminded everyone of the July 13, 2005 Marshall Living Towns program.

Mr. Atherton thanked VDOT for the new bridge that was replaced at Great Run / Bear Wallow as the old one washed out a lot.

Ms. Cook brought up the Design Standards Manual.

Fauquier County needs to make our own standards mesh with VDOT more. Mr. Cabbage will get the Design Standards Manual for Albemarle County to Ms. Cook.

Mr. Smith brought up the Rt. 28 / Rt. 17 intersection, especially the left turn signal that is left unprotected.

Mr. Cabbage said that it is getting re-done in another 6 week and that there may be a need to extend the turn lanes.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.