

**MINUTES OF
FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

November 30, 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, Sam Poles, Erich Meding

Members Absent: Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, William Downey, William Nace, and Mark Van de Water

Guests Present: 1st Sergeant Steve Haas - Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, John R. Griffin

Staff Present: Bonnie Bogert, Stacey Pell

1. Approval of October 26, 2005 Committee Meeting Minutes

ACTION:

On motion made by Mr. Trumbo and seconded by Mr. Atherton it was moved to approve the October 26, 2005 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider a Request to Improve Swains Road (Route 739) Located East of Enon School Road (Route 741) – Ron Harris

Mr. Cubbage stated VDOT has done work on Swains Road.

ACTION:

Mr. Atherton stated to take this item off the agenda and have Mr. Harris attend a Transportation meeting to identify more specific areas that need work.

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

VDOT needs a resolution from Fauquier County to place signs. Mrs. Cook will contact Chandra Signore about attending the next Transportation Meeting in January 2006 as more information is needed.

ACTION:

On motion made by Mr. Meding and seconded by Mr. Atherton it was moved to hold this item for one month. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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

ACTION:

On motion made by Mr. Poles and seconded by Mr. Atherton it was moved to hold this item for one month. The motion carried unanimously.

5. *Consider a Request for Deer Warning Signs Along Route 605 from P.B. Smith Elementary School to Riley Road (Route 676)*

Mr. Atherton stated this area is more urban and more populated and drivers may not expect to see deer in this area.

ACTION:

On motion made by Mr. Atherton and seconded by Mr. Meding it was moved to send this item to the Board of Supervisors for a Resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

6. *Consider Making a Recommendation that the Board of Supervisors Grant the Transportation Committee Oversight/Approval for Signage Requests*

Mr. Shifflett asked how this has been presented in the past with other cases. He suggested collecting that data as well.

Mr. Meding suggested Transportation Committee come up with criteria for sign requests along with guidelines for what is and what is not allowed.

ACTION:

On motion made by Mr. Trumbo and seconded by Mr. Atherton it was moved to send this item to the Board of Supervisors. The motion carried unanimously.

7. *Consider a Request to Pave Old Culpeper Road (Route 800) – Joan Zopp*

Mr. Atherton stated this project needs to be brought forward in the 6-Year Plan as it is a candidate for Rural Rustic, unpaved road funds.

ACTION:

Mrs. Cook will contact Ms. Zopp regarding more information.

8. *Receive an Update on the Request for Speed Limit Enforcement, Truck Weight Limit and Restriction, Signage, and/or Speed Limit Reductions on Atoka Road (Route 713), Zulla Road(Route 709), Rectortown Road (Route 710), Halfway Road (Route 626), and Frogtown Road (Route 702)*

Mr. Atherton spoke with Mr. Downey about possibility of a truck ban and there are many hoops to jump through. There cannot be a ban on trucks on all roads. As for the truck ban concept, the Board of Supervisors will not push too hard for a ban.

Mr. Trumbo stated a ban is not feasible as there is a need to provide alternative routes.

Mr. Atherton asked about a weight limit reduction and Mr. Cabbage replied there are no bridges to which that can be applicable.

Mr. Trumbo stated roads are being destroyed as they were not built to handle this type of traffic.

Mr. Poles agreed with that statement but inquired as to the difference between truck traffic and trailer traffic. All roads are 45 m.p.h.

Mr. Meding inquired into the possibility of dropping the speed limit to 35 m.p.h. in these areas.

Mr. Atherton stated on Halfway Road and Zulla Road there may be some spots where the speed limit can be lowered.

Sgt. Haas, Fauquier County Sheriff's Office, stated that when they have the manpower Sheriff's officer's will patrol these roads. They can patrol for speed enforcement, County stickers, dead tags, inspection stickers but there are no safe areas to pull people over.

ACTION:

Mr. Cabbage will look into possible areas where the speed limit can be lowered.

9. Consider Setting the 2006 Meeting Schedule (Item #11)

ACTION:

The Transportation Committee Meeting will be held the last Wednesday of the month.

10. Receive an Update on the Requests for Shoulder Widening Along Route 17 (Item #9)

Mr. Cabbage received an email for Mr. Filling regarding possible funding sources – revenue share option or possible Six-Year Plan or Safety funding. Mr. Cabbage stated these are not options for this stretch of highway.

It was suggested that Fauquier County Sheriff's Office could step up enforcement in this area.

ACTION:

On motion made by Mr. Atherton it was moved to recommend shoulder widening. The motion was denied 1-4 with Matthew Smith, Holder Trumbo, Erich Meding and Sam Poles being in opposition to the request.

11. Receive an Update on Route 55/709 Flashing Light (Item #10)

VDOT has agreed to put a flashing light at this intersection and target the two sides on Route 55 and none on Route 709.

Mr. Trumbo stated this probably will go to 35 m.p.h. and requested that this request wait until it is 35 m.p.h. in all four directions.

Mr. Atherton recommended that VDOT look into the possibility of reducing the speed limit to 35 m.p.h. particularly with two schools in the area as well as the upcoming Northern Fauquier Sports Complex.

Mr. Trumbo stated he would prefer to lower the speed limit in this area rather than installing a flashing light.

ACTION:

Mr. Cabbage requested that this item be placed on the March agenda to give time for VDOT to look into the possibility of lowering the speed limit. VDOT cannot revisit the site for one year after doing the study to lower the speed limit.

12. Citizens' Time

There were no citizens who wished to speak at this meeting.

13. Other Items

Mr. Cabbage stated the new traffic signal at the intersection of Route 17 and Route 806 is scheduled to go into operation.

Mr. Cabbage stated he had a good meeting last month at the Transportation Conference. A good job was done by Matthew Smith at the conference as well.

Mr. Trumbo stated the stop light in Marshall changes too quickly. He asked VDOT to check to see if there is a malfunction with that light.

Mr. Meding stated the traffic signal at the intersection of Route 600 and Route 29 needs a longer delay between the red light for Route 29 and the turn on green for Route 600. He suggested maybe elongate the 4th phase or the "AR" all red phase.

Mr. Poles requested the status of the four-way stop in Hume at the intersection of Route 688 and Route 635.

Mr. Cabbage stated this is on the horizon for VDOT and that this is not a bad location for a four-way stop.

Mr. Atherton congratulated Mr. Cabbage on engineering moving funds for the Opal Interchange from the Route 50 project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.
The next meeting will be held January 25, 2006.