



Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2020

Call to Order

Mr. Agnello called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. A quorum was confirmed.

Voting Members Present

Alfred Durante (Lee Hill District Representative), Chris Yakabouski (Battlefield District Representative), John Winkler (Chancellor District Representative), Timothy McLaughlin (Chancellor District Representative), Richard Thompson (Courtland District Representative), Shawn Richey (Salem District Representative)

Others Present

Paul Agnello (staff), Rodney White (staff), Jacob Pastwik (staff), Donna Mayfield (staff)

Minutes

The minutes from February 13, 2020 were reviewed. Mr. Richey made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Durante seconded the motion. The February minutes were approved.

Public Comment

Business

Update to Transportation Portion of the Comprehensive Plan - Mr. Agnello gave a brief overview of the Comprehensive Plan Update. An update needs to occur at least once every 5 years to satisfy State Chapter 729 Requirements. Smart Scale requires that projects be included in the Transportation portion of the Comprehensive Plan to be eligible for funding. There is an August 1st deadline for Smart Scale consideration. There are several elements of the Transportation portion of the Comprehensive plan. There are 5 Comprehensive Plan Community Meetings scheduled for this Spring. VDOT is requiring more detail than with past updates. Some Smart Scale Round 4 candidate projects will be added to the Comprehensive Plan. Updates are being made to make the Plan consistent with the latest State plans for the I-95 Corridor. Other highway improvements being added to the Plan are the SW Quadrant of the Outer Connector: Rte 3 to Spotsylvania Pkwy/Rte 1, Chancellor Rd Extension to Rte 3, widening of Massaponax Church Rd to 4 lanes to Brock Rd and Connector Rd near Exit 118. Mr. Pastwik explained the Thoroughfare portion of the Comprehensive Plan is meant to be a County wide view of all of the road improvements. He said the Thoroughfare Plan Map correspond with GIS Map layers that are available online so that you can zoom in and interpret this map on a smaller scale. For more detailed information, there's a corresponding Excel file table that details each project. There are

other maps within the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Pastwik explained what some of the details of the maps mean.

Draft Thoroughfare Plan - Mr. Pastwick described what the Thoroughfare Map is. It is a County wide view of all the road improvements. There is a corresponding Excel file that shows the costs and details of all the projects. Pertaining to an Outer Connector, Mr. Agnello stated that more studies would need to be done if it is going to be a consideration. He stated that if any project isn't in the Comprehensive Plan, VDOT studies or the project can't be done. If a project is even a consideration, it should be in the Comprehensive Plan. The Outer Connector would take pressure off of Rt. 3 and I-95. Members discussed some different options for an Outer Connector. Potentially, the work can be done in stages.

Draft Trailways Plan - Mr. Pastwick gave a brief overview of the Trailways Plan. He stated it was a standalone plan and not on the same update timeline as the Comprehensive Plan, including Transportation opportunities to pair bike/ped improvements with planned road widening projects. The Trailways Plan dusts off the 2011 Trailways Masterplan which includes Parks and Rec Greenway Plans, which helps address the Parks and Rec level of service standards and aligns the greenways with road improvements. The goal is to abandon the old plan and roll it into the Comprehensive Plan so that it's all consistent and contained in one document. The Draft Comprehensive Plan is almost complete.

Transportation Funding Update - Mr. Agnello gave an update on Mrs. Jewell's Updated Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) handout. He stated that the CIP allocations are for FY2021 – FY2025. Smart Scale goes through FY 2027. That could allow for more leverage funding towards FY2026 – FY2027. He briefly went through the projects that are listed on the handout. On the state side of Transportation Funding, the Governor has a bill that is now in the General Assembly, and if it passes, there could be a significant increase in the gas tax over a period of a couple of years. It could cause gas to go up by a dime. Richmond has gotten approval to have a Regional Transportation Authority which will put us at a disadvantage in the future.

Smart Scale Round 4 Update – Mr. Agnello stated that we received feedback from VDOT and FAMPO on local and regional projects for Smart Scale. Due to this, some changes were made to the projects that we have planned which are underlined below.

Spotsylvania Local Projects:

1. Rte 2/17: Widen 2 to 4 Lanes from City Line to Joseph's Mill Drive/Bowman Center and from 1 to 2 lanes SB to Shannon Airport with Multimodal Improvements ~ \$30 Million
2. Rte 2/17: Widen 2 to 4 Lanes from City Line to Shannon Airport (South) with Multimodal Improvements~ \$40 Million
3. Harrison Road Shared Use Path: Harrison Road Park to Hazelwild ~ \$7 Million (includes TAP project)
 - Announcement on TAP project (\$313K) expected on 3/27
4. Rte 1/208: Four Mile Fork Intersection and Rte 1 Revitalization Improvements with Multimodal Improvements ~ \$14 Million
5. Rte 1/208: Four Mile Fork Intersection Improvements and Rte 208 Operational Improvements from VDOT Study with Multimodal Improvements \$20 Million

FAMPO Regional Projects:

#1: Exit 130 to Exit 126 SB Widening from 3 to 4 lanes with 5th deceleration lane at Exit 126

#2: Exit 126 STARS Study with Multimodal Improvements \$31 Million

#3: Rte 208 Operational Improvements from VDOT Study plus 3rd Lane WB to Leavells Rd with Multimodal Improvements \$14 Million

#4: Joint with City - Lafayette Blvd Multimodal Improvements – Transit/Bike/Ped Only \$5 Million

Mr. Agnello went over the changes that came about as a result of VDOT's comments on February 24th.

CMAQ Funding Opportunity - Mr. Agnello gave a brief overview of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program. There are 3 slots available for this program which has \$3 Million available. If this is approved at the Policy Committee Meeting on March 16, then FAMPO would score the projects and funds would be available in May or June. The proposal is to let every jurisdiction, Stafford, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania, submit one Smart Scale project and have those be eligible for Smart Scale funding. There are some restrictions. CMAQ funding cannot be used on standalone sidewalks, road widening or new roadway projects. Staff recommends the following Spotsylvania Local projects that are eligible for CMAQ funding:

1. Rt. 1/208: Four Mile Fork Intersection and Rt. 1 Revitalization Improvements with Multimodal Improvements - \$14 Million.
2. Rt. 1/208: Four Mile Fork Intersection Improvements and Rt. 208 Operational Improvements from VDOT Study with Multimodal Improvements - \$20 Million

The committee supported submitting the first project for Rt/208 Four Mile Fork Intersection and Rt. 1 Revitalization Improvements for CMAQ funding consideration.

Build Grant Discussion – Mr. Agnello gave a brief overview of the Build Grant. It is a rebrand of a Federal grant formerly called TIGER. It provides about \$1 Billion dollars annually. It favors construction projects, multimodal projects and projects with significant leverage funding with a 20% match for urban areas. Submission deadline is May 18th with awards announced in September for FY21. Staff met with County Admin and came up with the following projects:

1. Rte 606 widening to 4 lanes – Construction funding
 - Total project cost is \$21.25 Million
 - Planned Request: \$2,925,020 for remaining County share of project (14% of total project cost)
2. Rte 2/17 widening to 4 lanes to Shannon Airport (South) – PE Funding
 - PE estimated in range of \$3 to \$4 Million (VDOT estimate pending for Smart Scale Round 4)
3. Germanna Point Drive Extension to Spotsylvania Avenue – PE Funding
 - PE estimated at \$2.6 Million (Smart Scale Round 3)

Mr. Agnello states that staff is planning on going after #1 from the list. The County is hiring our on-call, JMT, to do a cost analysis that is required.

Informational Items

Mr. Agnello reminded the committee to report any problems with roads to staff. They will report them to VDOT. It was suggested that the committee get with Don Upperco from the County Schools to come up with a list of roads that the bus drivers have reported having issues with, such as potholes.

Mr. Agnello informed the committee that he has compiled a list of State Transportation Updates that he had a handout for. He went over the items on that list.

Mr. Agnello informed the committee of the changes to the upcoming April meeting due to a conflict with the Board of Supervisors Meeting.

An updated Transportation Committee Roster was provided at the meeting.

Discussion of Potential Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Mr. Agnello states that committee will discuss the Rural Secondary Road needs. Some rural roads are getting into disrepair.

Mr. Agnello states that he wants to discuss the Secondary Six Year Plan. He'd like committee members input on what projects should be on that.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Next Meeting

April 16, 2020