



## **Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2020**

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Agnello, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Mr. White, Vice Chairman, stated it was meeting of the Spotsylvania County Transportation Committee on Thursday, September 17 2020 beginning at 6 PM. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Transportation Committee elected to hold the meeting by electronic communication means using Webex with the option of participation in person in the Economic Development Conference Room at 9019 Old Battlefield Blvd. The meeting had been noticed in accordance with the required provisions of the Code of Virginia and public participation had been arranged. The meeting was recorded and was made available for review after the meeting.

Committee members were given a panelist log in and were not automatically muted. They were asked to mute yourselves to minimize background noise.

The public had access as attendees, which was automatically muted, but could speak during the public comment time by requesting in the Webex chat to the Host or by raising their hand at the appropriate time. Attendees were instructed that if they had any issues using Webex to use Webex chat or by texting the Host. The Host's phone number was given.

Votes were to be taken by roll call. Members were asked to state their name whenever they spoke.

### **Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

With no questions from members or attendees, roll of the Transportation Committee was called. Those in attendance were:

Aviv Goldsmith-present (remote), John Winkler-present, Richard Thompson-present, Alfred Durante-present (remote), David Goosman-present, Shawn Richey-present (remote), Hamza Atif-(not present), Lisa Phelps-not present (joined remotely at 6:10 PM), Gregg Newhouse-(not present), Timothy McLaughlin-(not present), David Ross-present (remote), Chris Yakabouski-present.

Mr. White noted a quorum was present.

### **Others Attending by way of Webex Call**

Kyle Bates (VDOT representative)

### **Others Present**

Paul Agnello (staff), Rodney White (staff), Wanda Parrish (staff and host of the Webex call), Leon Hughes (staff), Bonnie Jewell (staff), Donna Mayfield (staff)

### **Minutes**

Because a quorum wasn't present at the July 16, 2020, the minutes were reviewed but could not be approved. Mr. White stated that the notes taken at that meeting are considered meeting notes and not minutes. There was no meeting in August, 2020.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Business**

Mr. Agnello opened the discussion on the opportunity to use additional SSYP funding for unpaved road projects. He and Mr. White had made some site visits since the July 16, 2020 meeting to some of the projects on the Unpaved Roads project list. After viewing these sites, staff recommends moving the Confederate Cemetery to the bottom of the list. Mr. Thompson stated he was against that idea. Mr. Goosman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Thompson, to move forward with the VDOT List for Spotsylvania County Unpaved Roads Project to move forward as written. Mr. White took a roll call vote with 8 Committee Members voting to approve the motion and zero voting against. The motion moves forward approved.

### **Updating the Transportation Committee By-Laws**

Mr. Agnello stated the need to update the Transportation Committee By-Laws to allow more flexibility in the Planning Commission appointment of Transportation Committee. As written, the current by-laws only allow for the Planning Commission Chairman to be the appointee, with no flexibility to allow other Planning Commission Members to attend in that person's place. Staff recommends changing the current verbiage from the Chair of the Planning Commission to a representative from the Planning Commission to allow for more flexibility. Any changes to the by-laws have to be approved by the Transportation Committee before it goes before the Planning Commission. Ms. Phelps made a motion to approve the new verbiage to the by-laws, seconded by Mr. Yakabouski. Mr. White took a roll call vote with 9 Committee Members voting to approve the motion and zero voting against. The motion was approved.

## **Smart Scale Round 4 Candidate Projects**

Mr. Agnello went over the updates since the July meeting. In September, staff successfully submitted 7 Smart Scale Local and Regional Project applications. The Board approved the Local Project applications. October 30, 2020 is the deadline for all Smart Scale resolutions, including documentation of leveraged funding. Leveraged funding is a critical factor of the Smart Scale application. There was a 22% increase in the costs estimates for the 7 projects from the pre-application to the final application due to the estimates are for projects that won't get done for a few years. This estimates were higher than staff expected. Mr. Agnello state there is about \$4 Million in additional leverage funding through CMAQ and STBG. Only Smart Scale projects qualify for this funding. Staff recommends the Rt. 1/208: Four Mile Fork and the Exit 126 STARS (north bound ramp improvements) projects. Mr. White stated that there is also an opportunity for additional regional funding for Smart Scale projects. After discussion of Spotsylvania County's 6 Smart Scale projects, Mr. Yakabouski made a motion to move forward with the 2 projects that staff recommends for the FAMPO Funding Consideration. Mr. Winkler seconded the motion. Mr. White took a roll call vote with 8 voting in favor of the motion. Mr. Durante voted against the motion. The motion passed 8 to 1.

Mr. White went over the projects for GWRC funding consideration. He also went over the Draft Smart Scale Potential Funding Scenario handout. Staff believes the 6 Smart Scale projects on this have the highest potential to get Smart Scale Funding. Mr. White then went over Stafford County's Smart Scale Pre-Applications to show what the competition looks like. After discussion, Mr. Yakabouski made a motion to move forward with the 6 projects as shown on the Draft Smart Scale Potential Funding Scenario table. Mr. Goosman seconded the motion. Mr. White took a roll call vote with 9 voting in favor of the motion. The motion was approved.

## **Informational Items**

An updated 2020 Transportation Committee Meeting Schedule was provided at the meeting

An updated Transportation Committee Roster was provided at the meeting

## **Discussion of Potential Agenda Items for Future meetings**

Mr. Thompson asked for an update on widening of Rt. 3 between Salem Church Rd. and I-95. Mr. Agnello stated he would have an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Goosman asked for an update on the Smart Scale Tool that was voted on in February. Mr. Agnello gave an update. He stated that because of COVID, there was a freeze put on discretionary spending, so that tool was on hold, but is up for a consent vote at the next Board Meeting. Mr. Agnello stated that tool will be a great asset for Smart Scale Round 5 leverage funding.

Mr. Thompson asked if the Waverly Village drainage improvement is still on schedule to start early next year. Mr. Agnello stated they are still waiting on VDOT for engineering plans to alleviate the drainage issue. He stated that it is a priority and that funding is line up for it.

Ms. Phelps asked for an update on the Lansdowne Road/Tidewater Trail project. Mr. Agnello stated that this is a project that was approved in the last round and that it is technically in the city of Fredericksburg. It was a joint county and city effort. Mr. Agnello state the he can share an update on the timeline for this at the next meeting.

Mr. Agnello stated that staff will work with VDOT to provide a list of the funded projects at the next meeting. Mr. Bates offered to give an update on these projects.

Mr. Yakabouski asked for an update on the Leavells Rd. bridge improvement at Massaponax Creek. He would also like an update on the Galaxy Dr. and Leavells Rd. improvement, as well as, Cedar Dr. and Leavells Rd. improvement. Mr. Bates stated he will give an update on these projects at the next meeting.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting Adjourned at 7:11 PM

### **Next Meeting**

October 8, 2020