



Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2020

Call to Order

Mr. Agnello, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Mr. White, Vice Chairman, stated it was meeting of the Spotsylvania County Transportation Committee on Thursday, October 8, 2020 beginning at 6 PM. Due to the 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 Community Development Conference Room at 9019 Old Battlefield Blvd, Spotsylvania, Virginia, 3rd Floor. 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 themselves 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. 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:

Alfred Durante-present (joined remotely at 7:10 PM), Aviv Goldsmith-present (remote) David Goosman-present, David Ross-present (remote), John Winkler-present (joined meeting at 6:22 PM) Lisa Phelps-present (joined remotely at 6:57 PM), Shawn Richey-present (remote), Timothy McLaughlin-present.

After Mr. Bates gave his VDOT Update presentation (see below), Mr. Agnello stated a quorum was present when Ms. Phelps joined the meeting.

Others Present



Paul Agnello (staff), Rodney White (staff), Wanda Parrish (staff and host of the Webex call), Kyle Bates (VDOT resident engineer), Richard Spurlock (VDOT project engineer), Donna Mayfield (staff)

Minutes

With Ms. Phelps logging in remotely to the meeting, it was determined that a quorum was present. Mr. White then gave a quick overview of the May 14, 2020 and the September 17, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Goosman noted that on the May 14, 2020 minutes there was a statement regarding the broken flashing sign at the pedestrian crossing on Spotsylvania Pkwy that said “replace the flashing signs”, but should’ve said “remove the flashing signs”. Mr. White stated that would be corrected. Mr. Winkler made a motion to approve the May 14, 2020 and September 17, 2020 meeting minutes. That was seconded by Mr. Goosman. The motion passed with the condition that the May 14, 2020 minutes would have the above correction made.

Public Comment

None

Business

Update on VDOT Projects

Mr. Bates, VDOT Resident Engineer, gave an update on the Spotsylvania Transportation Projects. Mr. Bates stated first that VDOT has a new slogan that he wanted to share; Virginia is for Lovers, Not Litter, due to all of the litter that is out in abundance on the roads and highways that VDOT cleans up before all of the mowing that is necessary, not to mention the drainage issues that the litter causes. Mr. Bates then went over the current projects VDOT is working on in the county, as well as, the Rural Rustic Unpaved Roads projects. The projects he went over were the:

- I-95 South Bound River Crossing (UPC 101595)
- I-95 North Bound River Crossing (UPC 105510)
- I-95 Exit 126, Rte 1 South Bound onto Southpoint Pkwy (UPC 110914) Preliminary Stages
- Rte 711, Southpoint Pkwy Crossover Conversion (UPC 109516) Preliminary Stages
- Lafayette Blvd Turn Lane Extension at Harrison Rd (UPC 110913) Preliminary Stages
- Rte 636, Hood Dr/208 Intersection Improvements (UPC 110987) Preliminary Stages
- Rte 606, Mudd Tavern Rd Improvements West of I-95 (UPC 105464) Preliminary Stages
- Rte 620 – Harrison Rd Reconstruction (UPC 107141) Preliminary Stages



Rte 610 – Old Plank Rd/Ashleigh Park Blvd Offset Turn Lane (UPC 110898) Preliminary Stages

Rte 3 Operational Improvements (UPC 113172) Preliminary Stages

Rte 17 Bridge Over the CSX (UPC 115729) Preliminary Stages

Rte 17 Bridge Over I-95 and Roadway Widening (UPC 107140) Preliminary Stages

New Commuter Parking Lot, Rte 1 at Commonwealth Dr (UPC 109474) Preliminary Stages

Rte 1 and Market St Intersection Improvements (UPC 115614) Preliminary Stages

Mr. Bates also gave a brief update on the status of the Rural Rustic Unpaved Roads and the 2020 Paving (Resurfacing) Operations. He provided some options for paving and road widening.

Update on the Rte 606 West and the Connector Rd Project

Mr. Agnello gave a brief overview of Rte 606 West and the Connector Rd and possible funding options. He stated that the slide that was showing on the screen and also on the Webex call, showed 4 sections; 606 West, a red section, a green section and a blue section. The Board voted earlier this year to move forward with the 606 West portion and the green portion. Mr. Agnello stated that County Administrator, Ed Petrovich, asked for a recommendation for the Board of Supervisors from Committee Members on the red and blue portions with possible alternative funding sources. Mr. Goldsmith stated that it seemed like traffic wouldn't benefit from this project, but that the landowners would benefit from it. He believes that the landowners should pay for a portion of this project. Mr. McLaughlin stated that he believes the Committee should move forward with the concept and find funding for it in the future. Mr. Bates stated that if you only support part of the project, it will inhibit getting back out to I-95. Ms. Phelps made a motion to move forward with the red and blue portions. Mr. McLaughlin seconded the motion. Mr. Goldsmith voted against the motion. The motion passed 5 to 1 with Mr. Durante abstaining from voting.

Smart Scale Updates

Mr. Agnello went over the updates since the September meeting including the Board approving the contract for the helpful, predictive Smart Scale Tool and that Spotsylvania County was chosen as the site for the new VA Clinic. Upcoming deadlines are:

October 13, 2020 - Request for BOS support for Smart Scale Leveraged Funding based on Transportation Committee recommendation.



October 30, 2020 – Deadline for all Smart Scale Resolutions including documentation of Leveraged Funding.

October 30, 2020 – Target Deadline for State Validation of Smart Scale Applications.

Mr. Agnello went over the projects that were submitted for Smart Scale Round 4 consideration.

Regional under FAMPO:

- 1) Rte 208 Operational and Multimodal Improvements
- 2) Exit 126 STARS (Northbound Ramp Improvements)
- 3) Lafayette Blvd Study Multimodal Improvements (City portion is about 55% of project)

Local under Spotsylvania:

- 1) Rte 2/17 Widening
- 2) Harrison Rd Shared Use Path
- 3) Rte 1/208: Four Mile Fork Intersection Improvements
- 4) Rte 1/208: Four Mile Fork Intersection Improvements and Rte 1 Revitalization Improvements (includes #3)

Mr. Agnello stated that the Leveraged Funding would be used for number 1 and 2 from Regional under FAMPO and numbers 1 through 4 from Local under Spotsylvania.

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. Winkler asked if something could be done about an overgrown fence on a curve that obstructs the view on Ashby Rd. Mr. Bates stated that it is a private fence and they cannot cut the grass or weeds there without the owner's consent.

Adjourn

The meeting Adjourned at 7:26 PM

Next Meeting

November 19, 2020