



## **Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2020**

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Agnello called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. A quorum was not present. The members decided to review the agenda items knowing that no action can be taken at this meeting. These minutes provide meeting notes and are for information only.

### **Voting Members Present**

David Goosman (Livingston District Representative), John Winkler (Chancellor District Representative)

### **Others Attending by Way of WebEx Call**

Alfred Durante (Lee Hill District Representative), Aviv Goldsmith (Berkeley District Representative), David Ross (Board Representative), Lisa Phelps (School District Representative), Kyle Bates (VDOT Representative)

### **Others Present**

Paul Agnello (staff), Rodney White (staff), Wanda Parrish (staff), Bonnie Jewell (staff), Donna Mayfield (staff)

### **Minutes**

Because a quorum wasn't present, the minutes could not be reviewed and approved.

Mr. Goosman noted that the date of the next meeting on the June minutes was incorrect and needs to be changed to July 9, 2020.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Business**

#### **Recommendation to BOS to amend bylaws to change Planning Commission Representative from Chairman to any member of the Planning Commission**

Mr. Agnello stated that according to the bylaws, a quorum can only be determined by those that are present at a meeting. And because Mr. Newhouse, the Chairman of the Transportation Committee, can't be at meetings due to a conflict in his work schedule, another member of the Planning Commission, Mr. Lane, has been identified as wanting to join the Transportation

Committee. The bylaws state that it must be the Chairman of the committee and not other members of the Planning Commission that join the Transportation Committee. Members agreed that it should be any member of the Planning Commission that can join the Transportation Committee. Changes to the bylaws have to be made by the Board of Supervisors and the earliest that can happen is in August. Mr. Agnello stated that there are 11 members on the committee, and that 6 members physically present make up a quorum. Members concurred that virtual call-in members attending should count towards a quorum. It was stated that other committees in the county are allowing virtual call-in members to count towards a quorum, especially in an emergency such as a pandemic. Mr. Agnello is going to reach out to the county attorney to see if this would be allowed. Ms. Jewell stated that it may not be a good idea to change the bylaws, but instead to have a county wide remote meeting policy.

### **Opportunity to Use Additional SSYP Funding for Unpaved Road Projects**

Mr. Agnello stated that there is about \$500,000 of funding available for Rustic Rural Road projects. Funding is near term and through FY22. Mr. Agnello and Mr. White went out into the field to look at all of the different locations from the list and discovered that the list should be updated from what they saw. VDOT shared a more updated list with staff and additional information was added from Mr. Agnello and Mr. White's field work. Some of the road projects from the list had been completed, but not removed from the list. Some were deemed unnecessary. The list was updated with the appropriate information. VDOT's information stated that the cost estimate of projects is \$300,000 per mile. The cost for all of the remaining projects on the Unpaved Road Projects list is \$1.4 Million. The amount of funding that is available is \$497,000. The top 3 project's cost is estimated at \$483,000. Mr. Bates, VDOT resident engineer, stated that all of the roads on the list are state maintained roads and that all of them will be upgraded. The list is complete. It's just a matter of the Transportation Committee prioritizing the projects on the list. He also stated that this is a good way for the county to utilize state funding. Money allocated for Unpaved Roads has to go towards Rustic Rural Roads that the state maintains. Mr. Agnello stated that the county gets a large allotment of funding for Unpaved Road Projects relative to other parts of the state. He stated that list was prioritized by how many residences and businesses were affected. Ms. Parrish stated that a lot of gravel roads in the county are privately owned and maintained and therefore, not eligible for this funding. Mr. Goldsmith asked why we don't use the Board approved list of roads. Mr. Agnello stated that the VDOT list is more accurate. He stated that if the committee were to reprioritize the list, it would have to go before the Board of Supervisors at their next meeting. Mr. Agnello stated that any leftover funds from this year will roll over into next year's funds. Mr. Ross asked if this is time sensitive. Mr. Agnello stated that it's time sensitive in that VDOT is waiting on a decision from the committee and the longer we wait to decide, the more delayed the projects will be. Mr. Bates stated that there are projects currently in the works. It was decided to revisit this in September at the next meeting.

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

Mr. Agnello stated there had been updates to the Rte. 2/17 widening project because of feedback at the last Transportation Committee meeting. Staff reached out to FRED and developed a proposal to increase the F4 service in combination with new VRE service from Fredericksburg VRE/Amtrak train station to River Club creating 3 additional stops; Upper Spotsy Redevelopment (Bowman Center), Fieldhouse PNR lot and River Club. Mr. Agnello stated that

the main part of this project is widening the road from 2 to 4 lanes from the city line to Shannon Airport. It has a bus component that might be critical in getting the project funded. The bus component is made up of two parts. The first part is an existing FRED transit line that goes down the Rte. 2/17 corridor from the city to River Club. Staff proposed increasing the service between River Club and the FRED Central Transit Center. It would go by the VRE/Amtrak station. The second part of the bus component is a new commuter bus that would go from River Club to Fieldhouse PNR lot then on to Upper Spotsy Redevelopment (Bowman Center). Upper Spotsy Redevelopment has the potential for redevelopment with 525 apartments planned, as well as commercial. The two new components, the increase of the F4 service along with the two new stops of the commuter bus, will increase service to this area on weekdays. The Smart Scale cost of these transit improvements is \$490,000. The cost of the highway improvements is \$35-\$38 Million. The transit cost is a small percentage of the overall cost. The target timeframe for this service is 2026. With Smart Scale, multi-modal project score ten times higher than highway projects. This projects gives us a competitive edge over the competition.

#### Existing priority Projects

1. UPC 105464-Rte. 606 West: \$100K in previous SSYP funding
2. UPC 114897-Spotsylvania Pkwy./Hospital Blvd.: \$189K in FY-23 funding
3. UPC 99962-Countywide Engineering & Survey (Ongoing): Pays for small, low cost projects: a) FY-20 allocation: \$98K, b) FY-20 expenditures: \$56K with about \$42K in previous funding available, surplus will carry over to FY-21, c)FY-21 proposed: \$50K (not including FY-20 carry over) and d) FY-22 to FY-26 proposed: \$70K
4. UPC 99747-Countywide Traffic Services (Ongoing): Pays for traffic counts and small study requests: a) FY-20 allocation: \$73K, b) FY-20 expenditures: \$38K with about \$35K available, surplus will carry over to FY-21, c) FY-21 proposed: \$45K (not including carry over) and d) FY-22 to FY-26 proposed: \$60K

Recommendations to help Mitigate Capitol Budget Needs – Staff identified about \$1.6 Million in previous SSYP Funding from completed projects for Rte. 1/Harrison Rd. and Rte. 606 East. Staff recommends using these funds towards the following projects which would free up funds to use on other projects:

1. UPC 105464-Route 606 West: Widening to 4 lanes between I-95 and US Rte. 1 – replace \$1.2 Million in previous revenue sharing with SSYP funding
2. UPC 114897-Spotsylvania Pkwy./Hospital Blvd. – replace \$621K in FY-23 local funding with SSYP funding to make project entirely SSYP funded at \$810K
3. Andora Dr. Roundabout – replace \$600K in FY-21 local funding with SSYP funding

#### New Candidate Projects:

1. Waverly Village Drainage Improvements: needs about \$409K in funding for \$600K estimated total project cost
2. River Road Safety Edge (Trench Widening) Improvements: \$250K
3. Hood Drive Improvements/Widening: \$5.15 Million
4. Germanna Pointe Drive Improvements/Widening (existing roadway only): \$31 Million

5. Harrison Road Widening: Salem Church Rd. to US Rte. 1 (Smart Scale Candidate Project): \$8 Million

Committee members agreed that their first choice is number 1 and their second choice is number 2 from the New Candidate Projects list with extra funds going to the Andora Dr. roundabout.

Discussion of the Rte. 606 Project and the Connector Road – Mr. Agnello gave an overview of the changes proposed by VDOT to the Rte. 606 Project and the Connector Road. VDOT requested that the work being done on this project be stopped so that the County could re-evaluate options. This project will be discussed at the Board Meeting on May 26th. Members chose to table re-evaluating this project until after the Board Meeting.

### **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. Agnello states that committee will need to decide which 4 final applications will move forward on the next Smart Scale Round.

Mr. Agnello stated that there is a Comprehensive Plan Update that is being worked on. It requires that all of the Smart Scale Projects be in it as well as any other transportation priorities. The Updated Comp Plan will go before the Planning Commission and then on to the Board of Supervisors in July.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

### **Next Meeting**

June 11, 2020