

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2019

Call to Order:

Doug Morgan called the Transportation Committee to order at 6:05 pm. A quorum was confirmed.

Members Present

Greg Benton (Livingston Supervisor), David Ross (Cortland Supervisor), Greg Bell (Lee Hill District Representative), Lolita Daniels (Salem District Representative), Lisa Phelps (Spotsylvania Schools Representative)

Others Present

Lynne Keenan (VDOT), Cathy Coffee (VDOT), Dan Cole (staff), Doug Morgan (staff), Paul Agnello (FAMPO)

Minutes

The minutes from the January 17th meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Benton and seconded by Ms. Phelps. The minutes were approved 6-0 by the Transportation Committee with Mr. Ross abstaining

Public Comment

None. No members of the public were present.

New Business

2019 Transportation Committee Meetings – The committee received a written request from Gregg Newhouse (Planning Commission Representative) to change the time of the meeting to 7:00 PM. There was a brief discussion concerning the change. Mr. Benton indicated that he was fine with the current time. Mr. Ross said he would like to discuss the issue first with Mr. McLaughlin. An additional concern arose regarding the permissible number of representatives each district could have. Doug Morgan agreed to table these issues until the next meeting in May.

Secondary Six Year Plan FY2020 – FY 2026 - A copy of the SSYP was included in the agenda. Mr. Morgan reported that the list would go to the BOS in April and the 2020 funding of \$500,000 was almost the same as last year. He indicated that the plan is to complete the existing projects that are currently on the list. It was noted that Bloomsbury would be included on the list. Mr. Benton made a motion to support the project list, Ms. Philips seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved unanimously.

VDOT 2019 Paving Schedule – a list of roads to be paved in 2019, weather permitting, was also included in the agenda. Mr. Cole noted that Thornton Rolling Road was not on the list and the County had previously received a petition of over 100 signatures which was presented to VDOT at the January Transportation Committee meeting. Ms. Keenan reported that VDOT had limited funds and there was not enough money programmed in the budget to do all the paving requests that they receive. Mr. Bell also noted that Jim Morris Road should be included because it was in bad shape also.

Old Business

Smart Scale – Round 3 Applications/Scoring – Paul Agnello gave a brief presentation on Smart Scale. The Fredericksburg District received 6.94% of all available funding for a total of \$39,826,465 dollars. These funds went to ten (10) projects. Three (3) of the projects were in the City of Fredericksburg, one (1) was in Stafford County, two (2) were in King George

County and the others were FRED or GWRC projects. No projects were recommended for Spotsylvania County. One of the problems with this year was that a significant amount of funds was allocated to the Hampton Road bridge tunnel. Areas with regional funding authorities have a huge advantage because of their ability to contribute funds. The common denominator was that all of the projects selected had some local funding assigned to them. The highest ranked project that was submitted by Spotsylvania County was the Harrison Road & Salem Church Road intersection project. There may be additional Smart Scale project funding available as a result of an undesired commuter lot on Route 3 in southeast Stafford that was originally approved as part of the NB Rappahannock River Crossing project. FAMPO and the City of Fredericksburg has endorsed three projects to obtain this additional money. They are; 1) U.S. Route 1 & Enon Road improvements (Stafford County), 2) NB I-95/Route 3 ramp improvements (City of Fredericksburg) and 3) Harrison Road & Salem Church Road improvements (Spotsylvania County). An additional \$1.2 to \$2.2 million dollars are needed to fund these three projects. The additional money is anticipated to come from FAMPO CMAQ/RSTP allocations with a small amount of additional State funding. FAMPO needs local and regional concurrence for this deal to work with CTB and SYIP schedules. Resolutions of support are planned from FAMPO, Stafford, and the City of Fredericksburg which support dropping the commuter lot and adding the three (3) new projects. Complicating the issue is that a CTB member has not been appointed to replace Hap Conner. FAMPO will need to engage Greg Yates (CTB at-large representative) to advocate for us at the April or May CTB meetings.

Following the presentation there were some additional questions. Mr. Ross wanted to know; *“What level of additional involvement was needed – Senator level?”* Mr. Agnello’s response was; *“No, but the exact process is not yet known”*. Mr. Ross; *“Do we need a resolution of support?”* Mr. Agnello, *“That would be helpful”*. Concerning the Harrison Road Widening Project, Mr. Agnello stated; *“A pedestrian trail along Harrison Road would help this future project score better”*. Staff replied that a multiuse trail is part of the proposed project. Mr. Ross then asked; *“If the (Harrison Road) bridge needed to be widened.”* Mr. Agnello’s response was; *“Yes”*.

Announcements

Mr. Morgan announced that there is no meeting scheduled for the month of April.

Ms. Keenan announced that there is an interim plan proposed for the Thornburg Interchange/Mudd Tavern improvement. VDOT is offering the opportunity for any members of the BOS to tour the new interchange in the coming weeks. If board members are interested, they should contact her office and VDOT will provide a van and coordinate a tour.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9th, 2019.