

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2018

Call to Order:

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members Present

Tim McLaughlin (Chancellor Supervisor), Greg Benson (Livingston Supervisor), Gary Skinner (Lee Hill Representative), David Troyer (Battlefield Representative), Dan Cole (staff), Doug Morgan (staff), Bonnie Jewell (Staff)

Others Present

Ed Petrovitch (Assistant County Administrator)

Public Comment

None

Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved

New Business - Discussion Items

Transportation Committee By-Laws

Dan Cole presented information concerning changes to the Transportation Committee By-laws. County Administration wants the Transportation Committee by-laws to be uniform with other committee's by-laws. The major changes were; the election of officers and the quorum necessary to conduct formal business. Subsequently appointments to the committee were included in the discussion.

All other County Committees elect the Chair and Vice-Chair from either the BOS members on the committee or their representatives. The Transportation Committee however was originally set up with staff in these positions. Committee members present felt that the current arrangement should stay in place.

Committee members felt the by-laws were not clear on whether staff were or were not considered voting members and therefore part of the quorum. Staff pointed out the difficulty in meeting the threshold that was required in the by-laws for a quorum, if staff were not voting members on the committee.

There was additional discussion on whether Board Members could select themselves to represent their districts. This is currently a practice in some of the districts. At times there are more than two supervisors present at Transportation Committee meetings. Many members do not always indicate in

advance whether they will be able to attend the scheduled meeting so it isn't always possible to know how many board of supervisors will be present at a meeting at a given date and time.

It was resolved that these issues need further clarification.

FRED Ex Funding / NB Rappahannock River Crossing

Dan Cole informed the Transportation Committee about a potential new funding source. There is \$130 million dollars available for the NB Rappahannock River Crossing. Approximately \$85 million dollars will come from the Atlantic Gateway Project for FY-2016 and another \$45 million dollars from Transurban in FY-2019. Additionally Transurban will give the State \$232 million when FRED Ex opens in 2022. FAMPO is seeking to shift \$2 million dollars in RSTP and CMAQ funds allocated to the NB Rappahannock River Crossing to other regional priorities. Some of the savings is the result of a scaled down River Crossing Project. However, scope, design and estimate for the NB Rappahannock River Crossing have yet to be developed. The State has asked FAMPO to provide input on the use of the FRED Ex money. FAMPO is planning to submit an initial letter of support on how to use this funding.

There are some restrictions on use of these funds. Funding is to be used on I-95/395 projects in Virginia between Spotsylvania County and DC which has been further identified to be between Exit 126 and Exit 160. Funding can be used for Highway, Transit and/or TDM improvements. Stand-alone Bike/Pedestrian projects are not eligible. The CTB will ultimately decide where the money gets spent

The County is proposing two projects for consideration; the bridge widening project on Harrison Road and the Super Ramp which was included in the IMR completed for FHWA in 2015. Staff has put together a resolution for this project and is seeking the Committee's approval to get it on the next BOS meeting. The resolution will be forwarded to FAMPO and then to the CTB. FAMPO has expressed support for both projects.

The Transportation Committee voted to unanimously support the two projects and move the resolution forward to the Board of Supervisors for their approval at the February 13th meeting.

Old Business

Campers World

The Committee briefly discussed the Campers World vacation of a portion of Mallard Road. It was noted that the southern portion of the roadway would be graded to increase visibility. The County is waiting on a formal request from the applicant before formal action is taken.

Announcements

None

Next Meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be on March 8th, 2018.

Adjourn:

The Transportation Committee adjourned at 7:05 pm.