

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2017

Call to Order:

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present

No quorum

Others Present

None

Public Comment/Concerns

None

Discussion Items

Twilight Lane

Joe Novara a resident of Twilight Lane (Route 647) contacted the Planning Department regarding the poor condition of his (unpaved) road. Staff visited the site earlier in the week and took pictures which have been forwarded to Sean Nelson. Twilight Lane is on the Rural Rustic list which is to be hard surfaced in 2018. The Committee has requested VDOT to review the location and as an interim measure fill existing potholes, and if necessary in their judgment, grade and apply gravel. The section of concern is a one mile in length from Battise Road to the end of Twilight Lane. Staff has also contacted Mr. Cebula to make him aware of this issue.

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HISP)

Staff briefed the Committee on this federal program that includes bicycle and pedestrian safety, highway-rail grade crossing safety and motor vehicle safety. The maximum allocation is \$5,000,000 limited to five (5) projects from one locality. The application period is August through November 1st. The funding period is for 2018-2023. There is no match requirement. Projects submitted must reduce severe crashes, address a hazardous situation or upgrade non-standard features to existing federal or VDOT standards. VDOT has imposed additional requirements; no ROW required to make the improvement and projects selected must start within 12 months of obtaining funds. Staff proposed two potential projects; 1) a multi-use trail along US 1 to connect the existing trail along Spotsylvania Parkway to the Jackson Village proffered trail on US 1 and 2) a sidewalk on Smith Station Road to connect a multi-use trail along Spotsylvania Parkway to existing sidewalk on Smith Station Road. Staff is asking for additional suggestions from the Committee.

Revenue Sharing

Staff briefed the Committee on the Revenue Sharing Program. The maximum allocation has not yet been determined. Past allocations were for \$10,000,000. Eligible projects include construction, reconstruction, improvement or maintenance of roadways that are currently maintained by VDOT. Projects require a 50% match. A resolution of support must accompany the application for funding by the locality's governing body. The application period is September through November 1st. The application cycle opens in August for locality coordination with VDOT to identify eligible projects. Staff suggested the following projects; 1) Andora & Old Plank intersection improvements (cost \$2.0 - \$3.5 million), 2) Route 606 improvements west of I-95, and 3) Harrison Road widening 2.25 miles from Salem Church Road to Grainger Court. A fourth potential project -shoulder or widening improvements on Old Plank from Andora Drive to Smoke Tree was also suggested. Bonnie Jewell pointed out, *"that we would only be able to apply \$700,000 to the Route 606 improvement to west of I-95 because any more than that would exceed the \$10,000,000 limit"*.

Reports on Projects or Activities

Dan Cole updated the Committee on changes to the I-95 SB Rappahannock River Crossing project and the two Corridor Studies being conducted by JMT.

- Change to the I-95 SB Rappahannock River Crossing

"A Public hearing was held back in January on this project. Project cost was originally \$125 million dollars. The original project was going to be west of the existing I-95 general purpose lanes but the project has changed and the new lanes will be located inside the existing median. Additional information will be presented at the public hearing scheduled by VDOT later this month."

- Corridor Study Updates

Route 2 / 17 B – "Existing condition data collection is almost complete along with the corridor inventory. Remaining data is needed on cultural resources and signal timing for the study intersections. The consultant is working on SYNCRHO and VISSIM corridor models. We are discussing dates for a presentation to this committee."

Route 1 / 208 – "The project kick-off meeting was held on May 23rd. It was very well attended – VDOT staff was in attendance as well one of our BOS (Mr. Yakabouski). Mr. Yakabouski asked if the study could be expanded to include the Four Mile Fork area. The consultant is looking into adding two intersections (208 & Leavells Road and US 1, 208 & Lafayette Boulevard). Counts are under way. The consultant is aware of the start of the new funding date for Round 3 of Smart Scale. We should have good information for potential new projects between April and August 2018 to comply with the earlier Smart Scale funding date."

Announcements

1. VDOT will hold a public hearing on June 28th on changes to the I-95 SB Rappahannock River Crossing project. The meeting will be held at the Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center between 5 – 7 p.m.
2. VDOT has announced that they will open the 3rd round of Smart Scale funding on March 1, 2018 and close at the end of August 2018. The change was made to encourage early applications for new projects.

Next Meeting

The next Transportation Committee will not occur on its regular date but will occur instead on Thursday, July 20th.

Adjourn:

The Transportation Committee adjourned at 7:20 pm.