

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2017

Call to Order:

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

Members Present

David Ross (Courtland Supervisor), Greg Cebula (Berkeley Supervisor), Robert Fogg (Battlefield Representative), Arthur Snyder (Livingston District), James Perkins (Chancellor District), Sean Nelson (VDOT), Darrell Caldwell (At Large Representative), Dan Cole (staff), Doug Morgan (staff), Bonnie Jewell (staff)

Others Present

Mrs. Cebula, Mrs. Perkins

Public Comment

None

New Business

- **Changes to Committee Membership & By-Laws:** Changes were unanimously approved by the Committee concerning membership and by-laws. A representative from the Planning Commission was added serve on the Transportation Committee and the by-laws were changed regarding meetings. In order to conduct formal business at a meeting the by-laws were revised to replace quorum requirements from nine (9) members to a majority of the appointed membership.
- **Time & Date of Future Meetings:** A brief discussion ensued about the time & date of future meetings. Committee members present did not have an issue with continuing holding committee meetings beginning at 6:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Staff will send out an e-mail to get concurrence or suggestions from members not present about alternative date & times.

Discussion Item(s)

- **Miscellaneous Items:** David Ross brought up numerous miscellaneous issues including markings at the intersection of Bragg Road & Waverly Drive, Bump Outs on Route 3 near Bragg Road and Phase II of a FAMPO study of Harrison Road.
 - **Waverly Drive;** Sean Nelson, *“indicated that he thought a stop bar on Waverly Drive had been installed but he would follow up on it.”* Mr. Ross said, *“He went through the intersection at night but didn’t notice it.”* Mr. Fogg said, *“it was possible that the*

stop bar did not have the glass reflective beads and might not be visible at night.”
Sean Nelson/County staff to follow up.

- **Bump Outs on Route 3;** Sean Nelson indicated, *“There is some cost involved in removing the bump outs which would require moving some traffic signals on the east end of Route 3. VDOT is working on an estimate.”* Bonnie Jewell indicated, *“That the money to complete the project could be obtained from the Ely’s Ford Bond Project”* (that project can’t be done due to issue with the NPS).
 - **Phase II, Harrison Road Study;** A concern was raised whether this study is still going to be conducted by FAMPO. Mr. Snyder indicated, *“He attended the Policy Committee meeting and it was never mentioned”*. Sean Nelson pointed out that the NB Rappahannock River Crossing Project would have to be completed before a project involving Harrison Road could be done. Staff to contact FAMPO to determine the status of this study.
- **Secondary Six Year Plan (SSYP):** Doug Morgan updated the Committee on the SSYP. He noted that the funding would likely be less than \$400,000 and gave a brief description of the difference between Rural Rustic and Rural Additions. He pointed out the limitation to Rural Addition projects – five year deed restrictions and no funding currently available for roads that fall under this category. His recommendation was that SSYP funds go towards the remaining “unpaved roads”. There was a brief discussion about the roads on a list in the Agenda packet. It was noted by staff that this was not a complete list. The *“prioritized unpaved roads list”* included only those roads that were rated as *“poor or fair”*. Bonnie Jewell indicated, *“She could provide the entire list of unpaved roads.”* It was pointed out that the list was prioritized in 2007 and perhaps a new evaluation should be done. Sean Nelson indicated the exact amount of money available would be determined in the next few weeks.

Old Business – Family Dollar Right-In/Right Out Entrance; Dan Cole gave a brief presentation to the Committee on the history of this problem. The Committee felt the County’s hands were tied in this matter. David Ross indicated he considered the issue closed.

Reports of Projects & Activities

Dan Cole updated the Committee on the following;

- **Smart Scale Scoring;** Four projects made the initial cut. These included, *“Lafayette & Harrison Road, Route 208 & Hood Drive, Route 208 & Breckinridge Drive, and I-95 Exit 126, Route 1 SB onto Southpoint Parkway. The draft SYIP will be done in April/May with CTB adoption in June. There is still another \$40,000,000-\$50,000,000 available. The region did not fare well but Spotsylvania County did very well.”* Sean Nelson indicated, *“There may have been a scoring mistake on the Route 208 & Breckinridge project which could drop this project from the approved list.”*

- **Southbound Rappahannock River Crossing;** *“This project was approved under Smart Scale/HB2 in 2015. The cost is \$125,000,000. VDOT held a public hearing on January 25th. Both Doug Morgan and Dan Cole attended. The project is going to advertisement in Spring, 2017, RoW in Spring, 2018, and Construction in Summer, 2018.”*
- **Route 606 East Design;** *“No schedule yet on the public hearing for this project. VDOT still studying the design”*
- **Revenue Sharing Projects;** *“Both the Route 2 / 17B and the Route 1 / Route 208 projects moving forward. The Scope of Work for the Route 2 / 17B project is going to the BOS on February 14th for approval. Some additional work needs to be completed for the Route 1 / Route 208 contract. It has lagged behind a little due to uncertainty with the Smart Scale project submission for the I-95 Exit 126, Route 1 SB onto Southpoint Parkway. This project will continue to address capacity issues on Route 1. Part of the study will focus on the Spotsylvania Avenue – Germanna Point connector.”* Mr. Cebula commented; *“That he was pleased to see the connector being studied and felt that this project would really benefit citizens who lived in Spotsylvania and it was good to focus on the County’s Secondary Roads.”*
- **Interactive Transportation Map;** Doug Morgan updated the Committee on the Map. He explained that it was still a work-in-progress and is working with IS to make it better. He indicated the Planning Department would like to expand the map to include construction plans. Mr. Ross applauded the work and said; *“he felt it would be very helpful.”*

New Business

- **Andora Drive / Old Plank Roundabout;** Dan Cole presented two concept designs for the proposed roundabout. Sean Nelson indicated that there was a third design for the intersection which involved adding turn lanes only. VDOT is evaluating the new design proposal.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled Transportation Committee Meeting is Thursday, March 9th.

Adjourn:

The Transportation Committee adjourned at 8:15 pm.