

## Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2016

### Call to Order:

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

### Members Present

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

### Others Present

Paul Agnello (FAMPO), Wanda Parrish (Director of Planning)

### Approval of the April 14th, 2016 Minutes

Minutes were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

### Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

### Discussion Items

- **Thoroughfare Plan:** Dan Cole briefly discussed the work being done by staff on the Thoroughfare Plan. The purpose is to better position the County for future HB2 funds. *"We are not modifying the entire Comprehensive Plan but rather just updating it."* Mr. Cole passed out a listing of the revised plan with changes highlighted and a map. They included the following changes. The first change was to the I-95 Exit 126 interchange. Wording was changed to reflect a broader description of FAMPO's planning efforts and potential projects, eliminating descriptions of project phases as proposed in earlier versions. Changes were also made to Plank Road to reflect what was proposed in the *"Route 3 Arterial Management Plan"*. The Spotsylvania Parkway Extension was added and a corresponding change to Smith Station Road identified. Also added were various intersection improvements and a listing of approved and pending studies. Due to the lack of a quorum the plan was not voted on. Doug Morgan suggested, *"The plan, map and associated changes be e-mailed to members of the Committee to get their comments and feedback before sending on to the Planning Commission."* Staff to follow up on this suggestion.

### Announcements

**Committee Membership:** Dan Cole noted that all three Board members (Mr. Yakabouski, Mr. McLaughlin, and Mr. Skinner) terms on the Transportation Committee expire at the end of the month. *"New members need to be appointed or current board members terms extended."* It was later pointed

out that several district representative appointees' terms were also expiring in May. These included; James Perkins (Chancellor), Arthur Snyder (Livingston), Eric Martin (Salem), Darrell Caldwell (At Large), and Don Uppercut (Schools).

### **Informational Items**

- **FAMPO I-95 Corridor Study Update** Paul Agnello presented a power point presentation on the latest information on FAMPO's I-95 Study. The presentation included a summary of the analysis that has already been completed, additional analysis to be done, and the next steps. Additional work is being decided by an Advisory Committee. Ed Petrovitch is Spotsylvania County's representative. The purpose of Phase 1 was to evaluate the mainline from milepost 145 to milepost 125, identify potential projects, and develop smaller projects for potential HB2 consideration. An Alternative Matrix was shown and based on Advisory Committee recommendations six projects were approved for further study. These included; 1) Southbound General Purpose Lane Widening to Exit 126, 2) Bi-directional General Purpose Lane Widening to Exit 143 & Exit 133 with the exception of segments where SB & NB Rappahannock River Crossing CD lanes are proposed, 3) NB CD Lanes between Route 3 and US 17 ( NB Rappahannock River Crossing), 4) I-95 access at both Route 620 and Route 208 and the Rappahannock River Crossing project, 5) Extension of reversible express lanes to Route 3 and the Rappahannock River Crossing along with a direct connection from the Route 610 corridor to the Express Lanes, and 6) Extension of reversible express lanes to US 17 (Exit 133) and the Rappahannock River Crossing with direct connections from the 610 corridor to Express Lanes. AM and PM results were discussed. Analysis indicated that with a full interchange at Harrison Road greater benefit was at Route 17 rather than at Route 3. The analysis also showed that the Express Lanes performed better than the General Purpose Lane but that was likely due to the greater carrying capacity of multiple lanes. Other high level take-ways included; the NB Rappahannock River Crossing greatly reduced NB I-95 congestion at the Rappahannock River, and the extension of the reversible lanes showed the greatest benefits to throughput and delay. Additional analysis will be performed. This will include planning level cost estimates for potential projects and potential improvements impact on weekend traffic. It was also noted that CD lane extensions to Route 620 and Route 208 from Exit 130 created major problems which would require an expensive major interchange re-design along with Harrison Road bridge restraints. Dan Cole asked, *"If FHWA had changed their previous position on new access from I-95 to either Harrison Road or Courthouse Road?"* Mr. Agnello responded, *"That they are represented on the Advisory Committee by Elliot Moore."* Several Transportation Committee members thanked Mr. Agnello and asked that he continue to brief them on results of the I-95 Corridor Study.

### **Next Meeting**

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

### **Adjourn:**

The Transportation Committee adjourned at 7:10 pm.