

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
March 4th, 2009
Minutes

Attendees: James Arrington (Madison County Board of Supervisors), Joshua Bateman (Town of Orange Planning), Rick Carr (Fauquier County Planning), Deirdre Clark (RRRC), John Cooley (Culpeper County Planning), John Egertson – *Chair* (Culpeper County Planning), Sue Hromyak (RRRC), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Greg McGowan (Virginia Regional Transit), Ray Parks (RRCSB-AAA), Jeff Walker (RRRC), Cathy Zielinski (RRRC)

Guests & Speakers: Joe Springer (Parsons), Cecil Nile (Parsons)

Welcome and Introductions, Agenda, Minutes, Matters from the Public

J Egertson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

J Arrington moved, with a second from J Cooley, to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented.

J Arrington moved, with a second from J Cooley, to approve minutes from the February 4th meeting. The minutes were approved as is, ayes all.

Review of Preliminary Regional Hot Spot Analysis

J Springer led a discussion amongst the committee members of Parsons' initial analysis of the previously identified hot spot intersections in the region. Parsons' analysis to date has included working with the VDOT-provided Statewide Planning System database for level of service data and crash total data as well as detailed traffic counts and timing issues at the various intersections. J Springer provided handouts detailing each intersection, along with some initial recommendations for improvements, as applicable, as well as handouts for each county including photos of each intersection, as well as other data collected by the team. Recommendations are divided into short-term, mid-term and long-term projects.

J Springer gave an overview of the findings for the intersections in Culpeper County. Committee members noticed a couple of duplications and provided some additional local knowledge to be included in the final analysis. Other jurisdictions were also reviewed and committee members were asked to provide feedback to Parsons and the Regional Commission by the mid-March in preparation for the final review at the April Rural Transportation Committee meeting.

Several questions were raised on specific intersections, including:

J Arrington asked about the intersection of Route 29 and Route 662 (Shelby Rd.) in Madison not being included. J Springer indicated that this was not included in the locally identified list given to Parsons, but he will follow up with Marshall Barron at VDOT on Friday to determine if it should be studied as part of this process.

J Cooley asked that intersections be identified as having a regional impact, as well as a local impact.

J Bateman asked about road segments being part of this process, rather than just intersections. J Springer responded that Parsons had studied mostly intersections, in response to the locally-identified list, but that recommendations could be broadened to road segments, provided several intersections within proximity of each other were studied, as was the case in the Town of Orange.

J Walker requested that Parsons leave additional hard copies at the Regional Commission for dissemination to absentee committee members and also requested digital copies to be made available via e-mail or ftp.

VTrans 2035 Update

J Walker provided an update on the VTrans 2035 Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan. Several background handouts and informational packets have been distributed to the committee members via e-mail and a work plan has been developed to guide the process forward.

J Walker also stated that several draft white papers will be made available soon and would eventually find way into the final document and urged committee members to submit comments and questions once they've had a chance to review those position papers. Additional information is available at <http://www.vtrans.org>.

Announcements and Other Business

J Bateman requested that information on the specifics behind the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act/Stimulus Package be shared amongst the group. J Walker responded that the Commission has been tracking several potential funding streams related to ARRA and would be able to disseminate information and/or discuss potential projects in the coming weeks.

Upcoming meeting announcements included:

- March 19th at the VDOT Culpeper District Auditorium to discuss the impact of the cut backs to VDOT services due to budget cuts
- March 31st at the Daniel Technology Center in Culpeper: The Route 29 Corridor Study Regional Leadership Planning Forum will be held from 2 to 5:30 pm.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Rural Transportation Committee will be Wednesday, April 1st at 10am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.