

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Transportation Technical Committee
June 13, 2007
Minutes

Attendees: Fritz Alderman (Town of Culpeper Engineering), Mike Anderson (Warrenton Fauquier Airport), James Arrington (Madison County Board of Supervisors), Michael Barnes (VRTA), Mike Collins (Town of Orange Planning), Chris Conti (RRRC), John Cooley (Culpeper County Planning), Rosemary Damewood (Town of Remington), John Egertson – *Vice-Chairperson* (Culpeper County Planning), Larry Fanton (VDOT –Culpeper Residency), John Giometti (VDOT – Culpeper District), Cynthia Porter-Johnson (Fauquier County Planning), Debbie Kendall (Orange County Planning), Mark McGuire (Culpeper Regional Airport), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Peggy Miles (Orange County Airport), Chris Mothersead - *Chairperson* (Town of Warrenton Planning), Ray Parks (Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services Board), John Shelburne (VDOT Transportation Mobility & Planning Division –Richmond), Jeff Walker (RRRC), Tanya Woodward (Culpeper Regional Airport)

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

Mr. Mothersead brought the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Members and staff of the Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) Rural Technical Committee (RTC) introduced themselves.

The RTC approved the agenda for the June 13, 2007 meeting.

Mr. Parks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fanton to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

No members of the public were present.

Presentation Regarding Warrenton-Fauquier Airport and Culpeper Regional Airport, Identified Priorities, Multi-Modal Linkages and Regional Opportunities

Mr. Anderson, Airport Manager, presented on behalf of the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport. Mr. Anderson's discussion included the history of the airport, recent improvements (taxiways, runway, drainage and sewage facilities, land acquisition, hangars, fuel storage facilities), funding mechanisms, site maintenance, future construction goals (new terminal, hangars, new entrance to the facility), planning initiatives and current and projected tenant levels. Mr. Anderson also mentioned the surrounding road network with the airport located adjacent to Route 28, the difficulty of accessing the airport during the morning and afternoon peak driving times, and future road improvements for this area contained in the Fauquier County Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Woodward, Assistant Manager, presented on behalf of Culpeper Regional Airport. Ms. Woodward's discussion included the history of the airport, on-going mitigation of historic resources located on-site, recent improvements (runway, hangars, parallel taxi-ways), the county master plan for the airport, increasing popularity/demand on the airport, particularly after September 11, 2001, future construction goals (new terminal, hangars), light-jet market, increased interest for on-demand travel, after-hour service and new security arrangements, links to local business and industry, safety issues with wildlife, multi-modal connections, and potential future impacts on the airport by the proposed Willow Run development adjoining the airport. Mr.

McGuire provided a three-dimensional computer simulation of air travel above and around the airport.

Following the airport presentations, the committee briefly discussed local land-use control regarding the growth of and related development adjacent to the airports.

Review of Revised Freight Generator Map and Methodology Notes and Expanded Disabled and Elderly Population Maps

Mr. Mauney presented the revised freight generator and disabled/elderly population maps. These maps were revised based on comments received from the RTC at their May 2 meeting. Mr. Mauney also presented his methodology for revising the freight generator map. Mr. Parks suggested overlaying the disabled and elderly population maps with existing transit routes in the region. Mr. Mauney indicated this activity would be undertaken during Phase II of the Regional Long Range Plan.

Status Update from Regional Priority Mapping Subcommittee, Potential Tie-In/Replicable Methodology from On-going UVA Route 29 Risk-Based Study

Mr. Conti, in response to inquiries from Mr. Collins, indicated the mapping exercise would coincide with Regional Long Range Plan activities and timetables. Example terminology and mapping was provided to the committee. Mr. Walker indicated methodology used to identify “at-risk” parcels for development during the UVA Route 29 Risk-Based Study might also be applicable to this exercise. Mr. Mothersead suggested another meeting of the sub-committee and indicated his desire to attend.

Report on 5/10 Fauquier County/Potomac & Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) Information Briefing

This item was deferred until such time as Mr. Carr, Director of Fauquier County Planning, was available to discuss the topic with the committee.

Presentation of 2007 Travel Time Study

Mr. Conti presented the 2007 RRRC Travel Time Survey to the RTC. As discussed at a prior RTC meeting, the initial study was to target three segments of the Route 29 corridor. These segments were located in Culpeper, Fauquier and Madison Counties and totaled approximately thirty miles in length. The study collected benchmark data with regard to a number of important measures; namely, operating speed, elapsed travel time and duration and frequency of delays on key segments of identified regional thoroughfares. The collection of benchmark travel time data, ideally, as envisioned, should be a regular, recurring part of RRRC’s annual work plan, focusing on a different regional corridor each year, and in so doing, ultimately providing the Commission and member localities with useful trend data as to the evolving performance of these roadways over time.

Mr. Collins suggested developing a capacity as to be able to quantify regional impacts from local land-use decisions, particularly with regard to major re-zonings.

Announcements and Other Business

Mr. Walker referenced the upcoming July 24 VML/VACo 2007 Transportation Act Symposium, July 25-27 VAPA Annual Conference, and availability of the VDOT-TMPD Competitive On-Call Consultant Planning funding, for which applications are due by July 13. He also referenced the ongoing National Capital Region (NCR)'s Evacuation and Sheltering Plan initiative that is coming to a conclusion, with a briefing for area chief administrative officers and emergency coordinators by VDEM Region 7 Coordinator, Bruce Hopkins, to be provided at the Commission offices on June 15.

Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, with a presentation by UVA-CRMES Professor James Lambert on the findings thus far of the ongoing Rt. 29 Risk-Based Study. The meeting will be held at the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission offices. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.