

Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Rural Transportation Technical Committee
March 23, 2017
Minutes

Attendees: Marshall Barron (VDOT), Salem Bush (Town of Culpeper), Kobina Gaituah (VDOT), Patrick Mauney (RRRC), Sam McLearen (Culpeper County), Dan Painter (Town of Madison), Marie Pham (Fauquier County)

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

P Mauney called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The agenda was approved as presented. The minutes from the January 26th meeting were tabled until the May meeting.

There were no comments from the public.

Smart Scale Round 2

P Mauney presented on changes to the draft funding recommendations for the second round of Smart Scale since the committee last met in January. In the Culpeper District, one project in Albemarle County that was recommended for Smart Scale funding also was recommended for funding from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). That means that additional funds are freed up in the District Grant program and may be used to fund two additional projects – one in Orange County and one in Louisa County. P Mauney also mentioned that the timeline for the next round of Smart Scale in 2018 would likely be earlier in the calendar year compared to the first two rounds.

M Pham was asked to provide an overview of the analysis she has completed relating to project scoring within each of the five factor areas versus the four scoring typologies. She has also analyzed results based on normalizing scores across all projects. Committee members discussed potential requests for changes to the Smart Scale program ahead of Round three that may come from the Regional Commission and/or local governments. There was a desire to have conversations with other rural localities or regional commissions about whether they are seeing similar issues or have similar concerns.

A copy of both presentations can be found on the Committee webpage:
<http://www.rrregion.org/trancmte.html>.

FY 2018 RRRC Rural Transportation Work Program

Copies of the proposed FY 2018 Rural Transportation Work program to be undertaken by the Regional Commission were distributed prior to the meeting for review. P Mauney reminded committee members that the FY 2018 RWP was also discussed in January and several jurisdictions requested references to planning projects for inclusion.

P Mauney reviewed the proposal and indicated that the Regional Commission would review the proposal at their meeting on April 26th.

Streetlight Insight Demonstration

P Mauney provided a brief overview of Streetlight Insight, a web-based tool available for use by the Regional Commission via a VDOT contract. Streetlight is a visualization tool that utilizes anonymized data collected from GPS devices in personal and commercial vehicles and location-based data (apps, etc.). The tool can be used for origin-destination modeling, intersection analysis, or other traffic movement studies. Training was provided in Staunton in November.

Committee members raised several questions, such as the percentages from each data source, whether it takes into account ridesharing/vanpools/carpools. Committee members also expressed interest in having a formal webinar overview from Streetlight representatives at a future committee meeting, if possible.

Other Business

Committee members provided brief updates on local planning and transportation activities.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next Rural Transportation Committee is scheduled for **May 25, 2017**.