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Rural Transportation Advisory Committee
Minutes, May 18th, 2021

VOTING MEMBERS		STAFF	
Tom Egeland, Louisa County	x	Nick Morrison, TJPDC	x
Dan Butch, Albemarle County	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Jim Frydl, Greene County		David Blount, TJPDC	x
Douglas Miles, Fluvanna County	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x
Dylan Bishop, Nelson County	x	GRETCHEN THOMAS, TJPDC	
Charles Proctor, VDOT, Culpeper	x		
David Cook, VDOT, Lynchburg	x		
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x		
Sarah Pennington, Rideshare	x		
ALTERNATES		**GUESTS/PUBLIC**	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT	x		
David Benish, Albemarle County			
Stephanie Golon, Greene County			

***Note**: The Governor has declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the nature of this declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe for the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission to assemble in a single location. This meeting was held utilizing electronic virtual communication with the Zoom software application, and in accordance with virtual meeting procedures and policies as outlined in Item 4.0-01 of the Virginia state budget (HB29), as effective April 24, 2020.*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Rural Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Tom Egeland, presided and called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Nick Morrison read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol, took attendance by roll call, and certified that a quorum was present.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:

a. **Comments by the Public:** None
b. **Comments provided via email, online, web site, etc.:** None

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3. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM JANUARY 19TH, 2021 (MINUTE 2:05)

Tom Egeland noted two errors in the March meeting minutes. His last name was spelled incorrectly and Douglas' name was listed as Doug.

Pending those revisions, Tom Egeland provided a motion to approve the minutes, Dan Butch provided a second, and the minutes were passed unanimously.

4. STAFF UPDATES & DISCUSSION:

a. Legislative Update (Minute 2:50): David Blount provided the committee with an update on legislative initiatives including an overview of regional broadband.

b. VDOT Project Initiatives Update (Minute 18:00): Chuck Proctor provided an update on on-going studies- the Zion Crossroads Area Study and the North 29 Corridor Study. Preparations are underway for the next round of Smart Scale and applications will be due next spring. David Cook with the Lynchburg District provided an update on pending Nelson County study at Route 29 & Front Street.

5. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION (MINUTE 25:00):

a. **Roundtable Discussion by Jurisdiction/Organization:** Each committee member was invited to share updates from their jurisdictions/organizations.

Mr. Egeland reported that Louisa County is busy, particularly with solar developments.

Ms. Bishop reported that $50,000 was approved for an update to Comprehensive Plan and that Nelson County will partner with the TJPDC for two upcoming TAP grant applications.

Mr. Miles said Fluvanna is busy with on-going projects. The County has been working with VDOT on two TAP process applications. He also noted that funding from Dominion will provide water upgrades.

Ms. Shannon told attendees that the Regional Housing Partnership will hold an upcoming webinar on affordable housing and its connection to transportation.

Ms. Shackelford reported Smart Scale discussions have begun with the MPO and noted that if localities need assistance from the PDC to please reach out as soon as possible. A draft of the Zion Crossroads Corridor Study is forthcoming.

Mr. Johnson did not have any major updates for JAUNT but was prepared to discuss rural transportation topics with the committee.

Mr. Butch said that the Albemarle County is preparing to submit an update to the functional classification of several roads for evaluation to be upgraded to arterial status. An upcoming public meeting will be held for an update of the Secondary Six Year Plan.

Ms. Pennington noted that May is Bike Month and has been marketing that. End of fiscal year work is wrapping up and one last park and ride inventory will occur next month.

Mr. Cook shared that for next meeting a discussion about economic development and Smart Scale would be a good future topic.

Committee members then shared specific ideas for upcoming meetings related to rural transportation/transit for Mr. Johnson to share at a future date.

b. Next Meeting: July 20, 2021

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion/Action: On a motion by Tom Egeland, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the May 18th, 2021 meeting at 1:57 pm.