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Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

DRAFT Minutes, September 21st, 2021

The video of the meeting can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqAjRXNpQpg

VOTING MEMBERS		STAFF	
Tom Egeland, Louisa County	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Dan Butch, Albemarle County	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Jim Frydl, Greene County	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x
Douglas Miles, Fluvanna County	x		
Dylan Bishop, Nelson County	x		
Charles Proctor, VDOT, Culpeper	x		
David Cook, VDOT, Lynchburg			
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt			
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
ALTERNATES		**GUESTS/PUBLIC**	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT		JM Whelan, Fluvanna County	x
David Benish, Albemarle County		Kobina Gaituah	
Stephanie Golon, Greene County			

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Rural Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Tom Egeland, presided and called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. Lucinda Shannon read the Notice of Electronic Meeting and Commissioner and Public Protocol.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC:

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

3. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM MARCH 16, 2021:

On the second page, Dan Butch asked to make changes on his comments in the roundtable discussion. Tom Egeland made a motion to approve the minute as amended, Jim Frydl seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

4. REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

Sandy Shackelford reminded the committee that the next meeting will be in person because it will be required by state law. If the City of Charlottesville extends the state of emergency, that may change.

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5. PRIVATE STREET IN SUBDIVISIONS DISCUSSION:

Jim Frydl explained the ordinance in Greene County. The County supports the right to live on a private street, but makes certain that everyone who does so knows what that means for the street itself, including requiring every house on the road have a private road maintenance agreement.

Dan Butch said in the rural areas of Albemarle County, the roads have to be built to VDOT standards and have a private maintenance agreement. There are access and interconnectivity requirements as well.

Chuck Proctor said that most secondary roads are county owned roads. VDOT basically maintains it for the County.

Douglas Miles introduced Jon-Michel Whelan to the committee. By ordinance they require a 20 ft right of way. Haven't done many new private roads in awhile because of new development. Work with VDOT to get land use entrance requirements in the past. Their requirements are similar to Louisa and Nelson.

Many people who move into the area have no idea that they have to maintain their own roads.

Sandy Shackelford asked if that is a mandatory disclosure on a real estate contract. Jim Frydl said most banks are requiring it, but not necessarily mandated by the local jurisdictions.

Dan Butch said after a development is completed, there is need for traffic-calming issues. Albemarle County is trying to implement, where appropriate, within road plans where those would be acceptable.

5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AND ID OF FUTURE DISCUSSIONS (MINUTE):

Mr. Egeland asked about ideas for future discussions. The general consensus was to discuss roundabouts.

Dylan Bishop said she would like to have more information on Smart Scale applications in the future.

Tom Egeland said Louisa County's leadership is changing and is looking for an Administrative Assistant. There is an election on November 2, so there may be a change in leadership.

Dylan Bishop did not have anything else to add.

Jim Frydl said there were no big updates from Greene.

Douglas Miles said Fluvanna is meeting with Allen & Bethel to start their Round 5 preliminary work for Smart Scale. They are also working on rezoning outside of Lake Monticello.

Dan Butch said Albemarle County has the North 29 Corridor study going on. There is also a Rio Road Corridor study with a great deal of public engagement ongoing. Smart Scale discussions have begun with the Board and the MPO. There is also a lot of rezoning going on as well.

Sandy said TJPDC is working with Nelson on a couple of grants.

Lucinda Shannon said they are working with Albemarle County on the North 29 Corridor study. There is a survey available until the end of the month for public comment. The Transit Vision plan is for the entire Region 10 area. There is a stakeholder meeting on October 7 for invitees only. The Albemarle County Transit Expansion Study has had a great deal of public engagement thus far and will be available for additional comments in the future.

Dan Butch also said there are two applications for revenue sharing projects for Albemarle County. They are 50% match with a $10mil cap ($5mil a year for a two-year cycle).

Mr. Egeland added that he would like to add a topic re: construction of solar projects and their impact on roads and transportation.

Mr. Miles said they have four or five projects coming in and would like some info on this as well.

b. Next Meeting: November 16, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion/Action: On a motion by Tom Egeland, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the September 21, 2021 meeting at 1:55 pm.