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Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

DRAFT Minutes, November 16, 2021

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VOTING MEMBERS		STAFF	
Tom Egeland, Louisa County	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x
Dan Butch, Albemarle County	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Jim Frydl, Greene County	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Douglas Miles, Fluvanna County	x		
Dylan Bishop, Nelson County			
Charles Proctor, VDOT, Culpeper	x		
David Cook, VDOT, Lynchburg	x		
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
JM Whelan, Fluvanna County	x		
ALTERNATES		**GUESTS/PUBLIC**	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT		Linda Buckler, Louisa County	x
David Benish, Albemarle County			
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 1:00 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 NOVEMBER 16, 2021 (MINUTE 1:42):

Dan Butch said in item #5, in the last paragraph of his update, that instead of saying there is "need for traffic calming issues," that it be stated that "there tends to be a need for traffic calming regarding safety issues" and that "the County tries to implement where appropriate with VDOT."

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Tom Egeland made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes suggested. Mr. Butch seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. SMART SCALE ROUND 5 (MINUTE 4:30):

David Cook shared a VDOT presentation showing the changes to Smart Scale. He and Chuck Proctor then discussed the impacts on the potential projects.

5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TOPICS (MINUTE 39:35):

Tom Egeland said there will be a new board of supervisor coming in January. There is a work session at their County Planning Commission meeting and VDOT will be there to discuss how they review large-scale solar projects and possibly planning a new development.

Jim Frydl said they have large proposals coming through the Planning Commission with requests to transfer from "senior-restricted" to "open market." There is 140-unit glamping proposal for a location off of Route 33 near the National Park. It would require a special needs permit.

Douglas Miles said Fluvanna has completed their functional classification of changes to Route 53 and 250 from major collectors to minor arterials which was approved by the Board. JM Whelan will be submitting that information to VDOT. They are also working on large zoning case outside of Lake Monticello. Lastly, he reported that he is going to be working with Dominion Virginia on a solar project in the county.

Dan Butch shared that Albemarle County has been informed that CTB approved the County's request for a Virginia byway (Routes 810 and 240 connecting to Greene). The County is looking into a comprehensive plan update, including a multi-modal plan within the plan.

Chuck Proctor said VDOT is wrapping up the review of the initial study locations for Smart Scale and providing comments back to those who have submitted them. Regarding the pipeline, he said that VDOT has done the initial studies and is starting Phase II, the alternatives analysis. Mr. Proctor also reminded Ms. Shackelford about the need for a follow-up meeting on the Zion Crossroads study.

Lucinda Shannon noted that the Transit Vision Plan is hosting a meeting this week and she wants to include the rural areas as well. She asked the committee to share the information about the meeting with those who may be interested. For additional information, please click here: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/eba42b02fcf44a46a18d0d824b3ef911

Sandy Shackelford said there is a new planner beginning on Monday. Her name is Isabella O'Brien. TJPDC is still hiring for a new transportation planner.

David Cook reported they are completing Phase I on the pipeline in Nelson County, and the analysis study (Phase II) will begin shortly. He also noted that the newest PSI data has been updated and is located here: https://vdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=36c14ce72fde488fb2ce3ed44377588d

Chuck Proctor added that VDOT updated the safety data in VTRANS, currently posted on their website. He also noted that the Smart Portal pre-application module will begin on December 1 on the site.

Stephen said there were no major updates at Jaunt. They are expecting their new CEO to begin on December 1.

b. Next Meeting: January 18, 2022 via Zoom

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion/Action: On a motion by Tom Egeland, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the November 16, 2021 meeting at 2:01 pm.