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Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

DRAFT Minutes, January 18, 2022

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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	x		
Charles Proctor, VDOT, Culpeper	x		
David Cook, VDOT, Lynchburg	x		
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
JM Whelan, Fluvanna County			
Kevin McDermott, Albemarle	x		
ALTERNATES		**GUESTS/PUBLIC**	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT	x		
David Benish, Albemarle County			
Stephanie Golon, Greene County			
Cindy Kings, Louisa County	x		

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Rural Technical Advisory Committee Vice Chair, Jim Frydl, 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 (MINUTE 4:02):

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 4:14):

Douglas Miles moved to approve the minutes with a second from Sara Pennington, and the motion passed with Dylan Bishop and Kevin McDermott abstaining.

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4. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DRPT TA GRANT FOR A GOVERNANCE STUDY ON TRANSIT (MINUTE 6:25):

Ms. Shannon explained the Technical Assistance Grant for a governance study associated with the Transit Vision Plan and the potential for a Regional Transit Authority. The hope is that the study will build consensus among the jurisdictions and stakeholders around the recommendations and ultimately improve transportation in the area

After some questions from and discussion between the several members, she asked for support for a resolution to be made.

Kevin McDermott made a motion to support the resolution, with a second from Douglas Miles, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. RURAL ROUND-ABOUTS (MINUTE 23:52):

Chuck Proctor presented the committee with information on roundabouts and the considerations for installing them.

6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TOPICS (MINUTE 48:25):

a. Roundtable:

Tom Egeland reported that there will be a presentation for a Smart Scale intersection application. He also reported that they are also still working on the Zion Crossroads transportation study.

Jim Frydl said they are working on a transportation study with Greene and Albemarle and have recently received recommendations from VDOT. He asked Chuck Proctor for clarification. Mr. Proctor said the recommendations will be brought to the public for their input.

He also reported that the 29/33 project has started including demolition of some of the buildings involved.

Stephen Johnson said Jaunt is in the middle of their TDP process and there will be plenty of opportunities for public engagement in the next year.

Dylan Bishop reported that are working with The Berkley Group on their comp plan update and their zoning ordinance recommendations. There will also be upcoming discussion on the route 151 corridor with potential needs assessment.

Kevin McDermott said that Albemarle is kicking off their comp plan update. It will probably take approximately three years to complete. They are looking to working with a consultant, which has not been chosen yet.

David Cook reported that their Lovingston project pipeline underway. There will be a second stakeholder meeting on January 24. He reminded the committee members to get their pre-application information ready because March is quickly approaching.

Chuck Proctor said the two pipeline projects in Albemarle Country are underway, including two stakeholder meetings. The surveys on these projects will be online at the end of January with opportunity for comments for two weeks. He also reported that VDOT is working on Smart Scale applications.

Douglas Miles said they have met with VDOT about their Smart Scale application. There is also a large rezoning case that is underway regarding the 53 corridor. The County is also getting ready to have open houses with the community in early Spring, particularly in the northwest quadrant of the Lake Monticello area.

b. Future Topics:

Mr. Egland said he would be interested in seeing Nelson County's comp plan section on the 151 corridor.

Ms. Shannon said that one of the topics mentioned at a previous meeting was utility-scale solar projects and how VDOT handles the road constructions around them.

Mr. Egland and Mr. Miles said they may speak to that at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on March 15, 2022 via Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion/Action: On a motion by Tom Egeland, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the January 18, 2022 meeting at 2:02 pm.