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Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

DRAFT Minutes, March 15, 2022

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VOTING MEMBERS		**STAFF**	
Tom Egeland, Louisa County	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x
Dan Butch, Albemarle County		Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Jim Frydl, Greene County		Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Douglas Miles, Fluvanna County	x	Isabella O'Brien, TJPDC	x
Dylan Bishop, Nelson County		Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	x
Charles Proctor, VDOT, Culpeper	x		
David Cook, VDOT, Lynchburg	x		
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
JM Whelan, Fluvanna County	x		
Kevin McDermott, Albemarle	x		
ALTERNATES		**GUESTS/PUBLIC**	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT	x	Josh Gillespie, Louisa County	x
David Benish, Albemarle County		Matt Lawless, Town of Scottsville	x
Stephanie Golon, Greene County		Wyatt Burttschell	x
Cindy Kings, Louisa County	x		

***Note**: The City of Charlottesville has declared a local 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 in the city. This meeting was held utilizing electronic virtual communication with the Zoom software application, and in accordance with virtual meeting provisions contained in Code of Virginia § 2.2-3708.2. A recording of the meeting was made available to the public on May 9, 2022 at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UFc6ZJcMtFU.*

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 (MINUTE 1:54):

a. **Comments by the Public:** None

b. **Comments provided via email, online, web site, etc.:** None

3. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM JANUARY 18, 2021 (MINUTE 2:05):

Motion/Action: Tom Egeland moved to approve the minutes with a second from Douglas Miles, and the motion passed unanimously.

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4. MEETING SCHEDULE (MINUTE 2:27):

Motion/Action: Mr. Egeland made a motion to change the July 19th meeting to July 26th due to the APA Virginia conference. Mr. Miles seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. FISCAL YEAR 2023 WORK PROGRAM (MINUTE 3:00):

Ms. Shannon presented the Work Program to the committee.

Stephen Johnson said he is excited about the Rural Needs Assessment portion of the Work Program. He said Jaunt wants to build strong relationships with those in rural communities.

Ms. Shannon reported that this Work Program will be brought to the TJPDC Board for approval at a future meeting.

Motion/Action: Mr. Egeland made a motion to approve the work program as presented. Kevin McDermott seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

6. SMART SCALE UPDATES (MINUTE 9:36):

Ms. Shackelford reminded the members of the committee to submit their applications to the TJPDC for a resolution of support to be voted on at a meeting in either May of June. She also noted that pre-applications should also be submitted by March 31 and final applications are due on August 1. Chuck Proctor said if anyone needs assistance, please reach out to him for help.

Mr. Egeland noticed he skipped something on the agenda and mentioned that the location for the July meeting needs to be discussed.

Ms. Shackelford noted that the City of Charlottesville extended their emergency order for another six months. The TJPDC may be moving to a hybrid schedule for meetings, but noted that whatever the City decides is what the TJPDC and MPO will have to abide by.

Ms. Shackelford noted that there are requirements for the board members to attend, with some exceptions, but members of the public and guests can still attend remotely. She will keep the committee posted on future meetings and any in-person requirements that may arise.

7. UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS (MINUTE 16:44):

Mr. Egeland presented on Utility-Scale Solar Projects from his experience in Louisa County.

Mr. Miles presented Utility-Scale Solar Projects from his experience in Fluvanna County.

8. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TOPICS (MINUTE 46:18):

a. Future Topics:

Mr. Proctor said perhaps it would be good to get an update on the bowtie intersection in Zion Crossroads and alternative intersections as a whole.

Ms. Shackleford said perhaps discuss an R-cut intersection proposed in Nelson County and the feedback received regarding that intersection.

Mr. Proctor noted there is a project that was just funded with intersections at I-66 and route 28 that has a roundabout on one end and an R-cut on the other. There is another with a double roundabout interchange.

b. Roundtable (49:39):
Tom Egeland reported Louisa has a new Director of Community Development, Josh Gillespie. Mr. Gillespie introduced himself to the committee members.

Kevin McDermott said they will be presenting to the Board of Supervisors about rural rustic roads and their 6-year plan tomorrow during the Board's work session. He noted that they are stockpiling their road paving money and are trying to determine what to do with it in the future. He is pleased that the MPO may be able to help with submissions for Smart Scale project applications in the County.

Stephen Johnson reported that Jaunt's TDP kicks off Friday. There will be a great deal of community and stakeholder engagement.

David Cook said their Spring public meeting will be on May 3rd at 4:00 pm at the Virginian in Lynchburg. He also reported that VDOT is working with local planning partners on Smart Scale pre-applications. He said they are also finalizing their pipeline studies, including the study in Lovinsgton.

Douglas Miles said the 600/618 intersection is about to go through more analysis. He reported that there is another project in the Fork Union area.

Chuck Proctor said he is working on Smart Scale. He said if anyone has any problems or if you need assistance, please reach out. He also said the Zion Crossroads study is underway with another potential public meeting in April. He also reported that the 29 North Corridor study is underway. Mr. Proctor went on to report that some pipeline studies are also underway and some are wrapping up.

Michael Barnes, VDOT, introduced himself to the committee and said he is looking forward to working with the committee.

Sandy Shackelford introduced Ryan Mickles and Ruth Emerick to the committee who then introduced themselves to the committee.

The next meeting will be on May 17, 2022.

Mr. Miles said they are in the latter part of the stage on studying short-term rentals. He has been talking with others about this and is looking for input. He asked if anyone has information on this topic, please contact him or Jon-Mikel Whalen directly.

Josh Gillespie said Louisa County is also looking at this issue. He said that in Orange County, the owner must be present on the property and available as a manager. He noted that Louisa is not looking at that type of ordinance.

Kevin McDermott said that Albemarle has a similar regulation as Orange County.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion/Action: On a motion by Tom Egeland, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the March 15, 2022 meeting at 2:08 pm.