Agenda

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee
Tuesday September 20, 2022
1:00 PM
Location: Water Street Center, 407 East Water St, Charlottesville, VA

Item	Time	Description
1.	1:00-1:05	**Matters from the Public:** Limit of 3-minutes per speaker •*Members of the Public are welcome to provide comment on any public-interest, transportation-related topic, including the items listed on this agenda*
2.	1:05-1:10	**Approval of Draft Minutes*** •July 26th meeting
3.	1:10-2:10	**Paving Rural Roads** (Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council)
4.	2:10-2:20	**OIPI Growth and Accessibility Planning Technical Assistance Grant** (Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC)
5.	2:20-2:25	**RTAC Workplan** (Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC)
6.	2:25-2:45	**Round Table Discussion & Identification of Future Topics** •Committee members are invited to share updates and topics of interest with the group
7.	2:45-2:50	**Additional Matters from the Public** •*Members of the Public are welcome to provide comment (limit of 3 minutes per speaker)*
8.	2:50	**Adjourn**

* Items requiring committee action.

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DRAFT Minutes, July 26, 2022

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VOTING MEMBERS		STAFF	
Tom Egeland, Louisa County	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	
Jim Frydl, Greene County	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Douglas Miles, Fluvanna County	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Dylan Bishop, Nelson County		Isabella O'Brien, TJPDC	x
Charles Proctor, VDOT, Culpeper	x	Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	x
David Cook, VDOT, Lynchburg	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Stephen Johnson, Jaunt	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
Kevin McDermott, Albemarle	x		
Michael Barnes, VDOT	x		
ALTERNATES		**GUESTS/PUBLIC**	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT		Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle County	x
JM Whelan, Fluvanna County		Wyatt Burttschell	x
David Benish, Albemarle County			
Stephanie Golon, Greene County			
Cindy Kings, Louisa County			

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Rural Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Tom Egeland, presided and called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm. Lucinda Shannon called the roll.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:00):

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 1:10):

Motion/Action: Tom Egeland moved to approve the minutes with the changes from Douglas Miles sent in a previous email, with a second from Jim Frydl, and the motion passed unanimously. The changes to the minutes are below.

Page One – Move JM WHALEN, Fluvanna County to the Alternates Box.

Page Two – Mr. Miles suggested to reach out to Goochland and Hanover County (delete Tuckahoe, etc) in addition to the outreach that has already been done (add) as they are in the adjoining PLAN RVA PDC district.

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4. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS (MINUTE 1:52):

Motion/Action: Mr. Egeland said he would gladly continue as Chair. Kevin McDermott made a motion to have Mr. Egeland remain as Chair. Jim Frydl seconded the motion. Mr. Egeland made a motion for Jim Frydl to remain Vice Chair. Kevin McDermott seconded the motion.

Both motions passed unanimously.

Christine Jacobs asked that participants in the Water Street Center location project their voices so that those online can hear them – particularly if wearing a mask.

Kevin McDermott introduced Alberic Karina-Plun as the new Transportation Planner for Albemarle County.

5. NEW FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES: SAFE ROADS AND STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT PROGRAM (MINUTE 6:19):

David Cook presented the committee with the Safe Streets for All grant program, a new federal grogram for the US Department of Transportation. The name of the legislation is called the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) or infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The funding supports local initiatives to prevent deaths and serious injury on roads and streets commonly referred to as "Vision Zero." He presented an overview of the program's focus, including Vision Zero, towards zero deaths, Complete Streets, proven safety strategies, countermeasure that work, and innovative practices and technologies.

He explained program eligibility, funding (80/20 Federal/Local) and cycle. The deadline for submission is September 15, 2022. Regional applications are encouraged, with each locality only allowed one application. There will be no more than 15% of funds awarded to a single state per round.

He described the program grant types, either action plan grant or an implementation grant. He shared examples of the types of grants and the requirements for both.

There was discussion to get clarification about the types of grants and the requirements and how the rural communities might be competitive.

6. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT OF SCOTTSVILLE AND STANARDSVILLE (MINUTE 1:02:03):

Isabella O'Brien presented the committee the assessment of the bike/ped infrastructure that she has been working on for the past six months. She shared the purpose, timeline, the scope, challenges, and optimization and benefit categories.

Ms. O'Brien also shared overall recommendations and specific recommendations for both Scottsville and for Stanardsville. There was discussion about how these recommendations may impact the localities.

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (MINUTE 1:24:30):

Tom Egeland is looking forward to wrapping up Smart Scale.

Kevin McDermott reported on a couple of the Smart Scale projects and also that they are continuing to work on their six-year plan. He is looking forward to hearing Peter Krebs' presentation on paving rural roads.

Douglas Miles reported a brief synopsis about information they have received from their public open houses. He also said that VDOT helped them get their first TAP grant in a long while. He also said they are working on rezoning Route 618 near the main gate of Lake Monticello, where they are planning a shopping area with restaurant and a medical center. He finished by reporting that they finalized the Fork Union Business Park, a new office complex.

David Cook said they are kicking off the Route 151 study. He noted that the last time that happened was 10 years ago. There will be outreach to stakeholders and the public soon.

Stephen Johnson reported that Jaunt has two positions open and are currently accepting applications. Jaunt is in the Transit Development Plan (TDP) development process and is looking forward to having folks engage in that process.

8. FUTURE TOPICS (MINUTE 1:50:17):

Tom Egeland said he would like to see a Regional Bike Trail update. He said that perhaps the committee could reach out to the local colleges in the area to see what projects they are working on for rural areas. The project could be something they are already working on, or it could be a request from the localities to help with a project.

Stephen Johnson recommended that someone take the comprehensive plans and compare them and see where there are areas to collaborate or get creative.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion/Action: On a motion by Tom Egeland, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the July 26, 2022 meeting at 3:05 p.m.