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Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

DRAFT Minutes, November 15, 2022

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VOTING MEMBERS		STAFF	
Tom Egeland, Louisa County	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x
Jim Frydl, Greene County	x	Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Douglas Miles, Fluvanna County	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Dylan Bishop, Nelson County *	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	
Michael Barnes, VDOT, Culpeper	x	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	x
David Cook, VDOT, Lynchburg	x		
Zadie Lacy, Jaunt	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare			
Kevin McDermott, Albemarle	x		
Chuck Proctor, VDOT *	x		
ALTERNATES		**GUESTS/PUBLIC**	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT *		Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle County	x
JM Whalen, Fluvanna County *	x		
David Benish, Albemarle County			
Stephanie Golon, Greene County			
Cindy King, Louisa County			
Zadie Lacy, Jaunt	x		
Carrie Shepherd, VDOT	x		

**** attended online via Zoom.***

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Rural Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Tom Egeland, presided and called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

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 JULY 26, 2022 (MINUTE :00):

Motion/Action: There were numerous updates to the minutes provided to the committee via email. Mr. Egland also requested that the word "approximately" be changed to "about" in the number of units in his update. Mr. Egeland made motion to approve minutes with the corrections. Mr. Frydl seconded to motion and the motion passed unanimously.

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4. LYNCHBURG REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY STUDY (MINUTE 1:53):

David Cook presented the committee with the Lynchburg Regional Connectivity Study. He recapped the project purpose stating that the overall purpose is to strengthen the regional economy. There is a focus on linking local economies and transportation.

The project elements included the economy, role of connectivity, key issues, potential improvements, and strategies & recommendations. Mr. Cook expounded on each of these elements, and included best practices and potential economic gains.

5. REGIONAL TRANSIT VISION PLAN (MINUTE 52:49):

Lucinda Shannon presented the committee with the latest from the Regional Transit Vision Plan. She explained the plan and how data was gathered for the recommendations for both the constrained and unconstrained networks. She went on to explain how the network might serve the rural areas. She also reported that the final plan will be available at the end of November.

6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TOPICS (MINUTE 1:04:57):

VDOT – Mr. Cook said they are moving forward with their ongoing 151 study. There will an in-person public meeting and an online survey about this effort in the future. He also noted that Smart Scale applications are currently being scored.

Town of Scottsville – Matt Lawless reported that they are working on rural transit and transportation projects. There was mostly positive feedback except for the that there would be a loss of some parking spaces.

Albemarle County - Kevin McDermott reported the County is now into Phase II of their Comp Plan. He noted that there will be potential impacts on rural areas with that plan. He said they got approved for a FLAP (federal lands access program) grant in the Sugar Hollow area. That project will improve parking and trailhead access management.

Fluvanna County - Douglas Miles reported that Fluvanna is in Stage III of their Comp Plan. He also noted that their water master plan was approved. He continued by reporting that their economic development and strategic plan was also approved. He noted that there has been some interest in rezoning for starting new businesses in the area.

Louisa County – Mr. Egeland said they are in the next stage of their Comp Plan. The planning commission approved 723 units at the Zion Town Center, up from 599 units. That final decision will go to the Board of Supervisors in the month of December. He also noted that Lake Anna resort was approved by the planning commission. That project will go in front of the board in December as well. Transportation has become a focus of the planning commission because of these two projects. Lastly, he noted that there is a small solar project starting on approximately 100 acres.

Greene County – Jim Frydl said their comp plan will be reviewed by the planning commission soon. He noted that Greene's focus has been on applying for planning grants to find pedestrian grants for the County, with a focus on economic development and recreation access.

Jaunt - Zadie Lacy reported that they are wrapping up their TDP. They are also wrapping up their alternative fuel feasibility study.

Nelson County - Dylan Bishop reported that they submitted a small area plan grant for Nellysford for bike and pedestrian lanes to include in their Comp Plan update. Nelson also got direction to have the planning commission restructure their cluster development ordinance.

VDOT – Chuck Proctor reported that VDOT is still flushing out Smart Scale scoring. They are also looking to consider what to do for Round 6 of Smart Scale to reduce the number of applications.

Douglas Miles reported that one of Fluvanna's planning commissioners, Gequetta Murray-Key, passed away in October. The planning commission is working to find a replacement for her.

Kevin McDermott noted that his position is changing slightly, so his replacement on the committee will be Alberic Karina-Plun. Mr. Miles also noted that his position, too, will be changing, and his replacement on the committee will be Jon-Michael Whelan.

Sandy Shackelford noted that there were 120 comments from the public on the Zion Crossroads project.

7. ADDITIONAL MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (MINUTE 1:29:15):

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion/Action: On a motion by Tom Egeland, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the November 15, 2022 meeting at 2:36 p.m.