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Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes, January 17, 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		Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Dylan Bishop, Nelson County *	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	x
Michael Barnes, VDOT, Culpeper	x	Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	x
David Cook, VDOT, Lynchburg	x		
Ted Reick, Jaunt	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare *			
Kevin McDermott, Albemarle			
Chuck Proctor, VDOT *	x		
ALTERNATES		**GUESTS/PUBLIC**	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT		Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle County	x
JM Whalen, Fluvanna County	x	Matt Lawless, town of Scottsville *	x
David Benish, Albemarle County		Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville	x
Stephanie Golon, Greene County			
Cindy King, Louisa County			
Zadie Lacy, Jaunt			
Carrie Shepherd, VDOT			

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dylan Bishop made a motion to allow Jim Frydl and Tom Egeland to join the meeting virtually. The Rural Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Tom Egeland, presided and called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (:017):

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 :33):

Motion/Action: Tom Egeland gave changes to Lucinda Shannon. Tom made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes given previously. Jim Frydl seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. CULPEPER AND LYNCHBURG TRANSPORTATION UPDATE (MINUTE :55):

David Cook presented the committee with an update on the long-term performance of the Culpeper district on their project development goals and delivery. He noted they are under their goal for the secondary pavement conditions, but everything else on their list is on track.

Mr. Cook reported that 27% of VDOT employees are eligible to retire in 5 years, so there will be an increase in need of employees in the relatively near future.

Michael Barnes reviewed the 2022 Culpeper District Transportation Update, a report that was recently distributed throughout the district. In addition to the general update, there is a listing of all the projects in the Charlottesville and Albemarle area and also other localities.

There was a short discussion about the Smart Scale "recommended for funding" projects that were being discussed by the CTB at a concurrent meeting.

5. GOVERNANCE STUDY UPDATE (MINUTE 19:54):

Due to a technical issue, this item was moved up on the agenda. Ms. Shannon had a handout from AECOM with suggestions for the Governance Study currently under way. There are suggestions in the memo that will help with building a set up objectives for consideration and how to move forward well. Ms. Shannon said she would email the handout to the committee for review.

6. JAUNT UPDATE (MINUTE 23:24):

Ted Reick, Director of Jaunt, presented the committee with an overview of the organization, including stockholders and the areas it serves. He noted that Jaunt supports independent living/aging in place issues, contributing to healthy outcomes, and is an "investment with great returns," and helps to promote equity.

Mr. Reick reported on some of their previous challenges and current initiatives. He reviewed the use of funds and the organizations with which it contracts. He presented the use of rural funds and the capital funding challenges that come with it.

He went on to discuss the vehicle capital needs. He noted the average age of the fleet is 4.2 years, but they are only replacing them every 5 years. There are more mechanical issues as the vehicles age.

Mr. Reick continued by presenting Jaunt's challenges due to shifts in funding.

He continued to discuss their alternative fuel study and micro-transit opportunities. He noted they are currently wrapping up their Transit Development Plan (TDP).

There is a commercial that is currently being showed on TV and Ms. Shannon said she would link it on the website after the meeting.

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TOPICS (MINUTE 51:45):

David Cook did not have any major updates. He said VDOT is still working on the 151 study. They are looking at the safety analysis in the field. He noted that the last study that was done 10 years ago had 100 comments. He expects that there will be at least that many for this new study.

Alberic Karina-Plun said Albemarle County is working on their six-year updates. He noted that there is a study on either a one-way or a promenade from Darden to Pantops.

JM Whalen said Fluvanna County is working on their comp plan and many solar projects.

Dylan Bishop noted Nelson County is still working on their comp plan and have a meeting tomorrow night about it.

Ben Chambers did not have anything to share re: rural transportation, but did say that CAT is working on the micro-transit with Jaunt.

Michael Barnes said VDOT is working on a project selection process and mentioned that it will take some time to make it more precise, but it is being continually improved.

Sandy Shackelford shared a little more info on the "recommended for funding" projects from Smart Scale. She noted that these projects will probably not be started for about 5 years. She also reported there is a new transportation planner starting at the TJPDC on Monday, January 23.

Ms. Shackelford also said the Safe Streets for All grant decision will be made in the next month or two. If selected, Staff will work with VDOT on gathering crash data.

Jim Frydl thanked the Culpeper VDOT engineering staff for their help on an intersection concern in Greene. They are working with the local board to help create a safer solution.

Tom Egeland said the Lake Anna project will go in front of the Board tonight.

Matt Lawless did not have any updates to share.

Topics for the next meeting:
Lucinda Shannon suggested discussing the Project Selection Process from VDOT. David Cook suggested presenting on the changes in the urbanized boundaries.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion/Action: On a motion by Tom Egeland, and seconded by Dylan Bishop, the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the January 17, 2023 meeting at 2:13 p.m.