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Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

DRAFT Minutes, May 16, 2023

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VOTING MEMBERS		STAFF	
Tom Egeland, Louisa County	x	Sandy Shackelford, TJPDC	x
Jim Frydl, Greene County *		Lucinda Shannon, TJPDC	x
Douglas Miles, Fluvanna County		Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Dylan Bishop, Nelson County	x	Ruth Emerick, TJPDC	
Michael Barnes, VDOT, Culpeper		Ryan Mickles, TJPDC	x
David Cook, VDOT, Lynchburg		Curtis Scarpignato, TJPDC	x
Ted Reick, Jaunt			
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
Chuck Proctor, VDOT			
ALTERNATES		**GUESTS/PUBLIC**	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT		Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle County	x
JM Whalen, Fluvanna County	x	Ben Chambers, City of Charlottesville	
David Benish, Albemarle County		Rick Youngblood, VDOT	
Stephanie Golon, Greene County		Josh Gillespie, Louisa County	
Cindy King, Louisa County			
Zadie Lacy, Jaunt	x		
Carrie Shepherd, VDOT			

**** 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. Tom Egeland made a motion to allow those attending online to join the meeting virtually. Dylan Bishop seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC (:35):

a. **Comments by the Public:** None
b. **Comments provided via email, online, web site, etc.:** None

3. APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FROM JANUARY 17, 2023 (MINUTE :44):

Motion/Action: Tom Egeland noted that in the last section it should be changed from BAZO to VAZO. Dylan Bishop made a motion to approve the March minutes with the noted amended. Tom Egeland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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4. BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PRIORITIES (MINUTE 1:22):

Curtis Scarpignato presented the committee with a background of the bike/ped priorities, and numerous resources used to determine the priorities, including safety, connectivity, economic development, and equity data.

He continued by presenting the pipeline sources and showed a few examples of how to use the matrix using the data.

There was discussion about how to best use of the tool presented on projects in the more rural jurisdictions.

5. JAUNT ALTERNATIVE FUELS STUDY (MINUTE 23:15)

Zadie Lacy presented the committee with Jaunt's latest alternative fuel study for their busses conducted in conjunction with Kimley Horn.

She reported on the purpose of the analysis and Jaunt's background. She then reviewed the types of fuels they studied and included the pros and cons of each of the fuels. Those fuels include natural gas and propane autogas, battery electric, and hydrogen fuel cell.

She compared the greenhouse gas emissions and gave the short and long-term fuel-type comparisons.

She noted that the recommendation is that Jaunt should implement battery electric vehicles as the initial deployment technology on select run classes. She finished by giving the other successes and suggestions for other agencies.

6. DISCUSS RESCHEDULING RTAC'S JULY MEETING (MINUTE 42:26)

Since the Virginia APA conference overlaps the next RTAC meeting on July 18, Mr. Egeland asked the committee to reschedule the next meeting date.

It was decided that the date would be changed to July 11.

As an aside, Ms. Shackelford noted that TJPDC finalized the grant agreement with FHWA for Safe Streets for All.

7. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TOPICS (MINUTE 44:13)

Louisa County

Tom Egeland reported that Louisa County recently passed a technology overlay district. He was invited to New River Valley planning commissioner training and he presented on solar at that meeting. He also noted that they are finally fully staffed.

Albemarle County

Alberic Karina-Plun discussed the Three Notch'd Trail and the first-round draft agreement from FHWA for the grant. He also reported that Albemarle County is in Phase II of their comp plan process. He reported that Free Bridge Lane is working with VDOT on how to best block it off to cars. Lastly, he said that Route 20's shared use path planning is ongoing.

Jaunt
Zadie Lacy said Jaunt is working with Texas A&M to do internal infrastructure changes.

Nelson County
Dylan Bishop reported that Nelson's planning commission is having a work session on cluster and conservation housing in the county. She also reported that on May 17, there is a comp plan work session in the evening. She said there was a Route 151 VDOT Corridor meeting last month with good turnout. She also reported that Nelson is working on a Nellysford Area Growth Management Area (NAGMA) plan.

Fluvanna County
JM Whalen reported that Fluvanna County has not had good experience with cluster housing. He shared his experience with Dylan Bishop about pros and cons. Mr. Whalen noted that has been building apps for Fluvanna's parks system to get information out to the public.

Lastly, he said he has been working with David Cook and together they looked at Palmyra Village and found ways to upgrade.

Greene County
Jim Frydl reported that Greene County is updating their comp plan. They have completed two years of review and it is at the final public hearing for the Board. He said Greene has made recommendations to allow for ordinances to allow for cluster/conservation subdivisions. He noted that even though those recommendations have been in the comp plan for over 10 years, they haven't had any regulations that have allowed it thus far. Because of this, they have recommended allowing for ordinances for cluster/conservation housing.

He also noted that Greene has selected a County Administrator and she will be starting soon. He also reported that Greene is looking for a Water and Sewer Director.

Louisa
Josh Gillespie reported that Louisa, too, is updating their comp plan. He wants to make sure that public utilities are represented in the comp plan as they grow. He noted that there are a great deal of short-term rentals, and they have seen a great deal of inflow of population into Louisa, with Goochland and New Kent being the fastest growing in the state. Louisa is considering a policy re: short term rentals as a by-right use only in the growth areas in the County.

Dylan Bishop said that there is going to be a hearing in June to update zoning subdivision ordinances and gave some detail about the changes being proposed.

8. IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TOPICS (MINUTE 1:05:49)
Tom Egeland said he would like to hear how other jurisdictions are dealing with their comp plans with a focus on transportation.

Ms. Shackelford noted that there is a resource from the USDOT on promising public engagement practices.

Jim Frydl suggested that it is important to engage the public, but it is even more important to engage the elected officials understand the planning, zoning, capital improvement, budgeting, etc.

Mr. Gillespie said the planning for the Jack Jouett Trail is underway and said might be interesting to discuss that

project and its plans. That may have to be a little further into the future.

Ms. Shackelford said she could talk about the Long-Range Transportation Plan's public engagement.

9. Additional Matters from the Public

None.

Adjourn

Tom Egeland adjourned the meeting at 2:18 p.m.