

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

DRAFT Minutes October 15, 2024

The video of the meeting can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpxFH1BHcMY>

VOTING MEMBERS		STAFF	
Tom Egeland, Louisa County *	x	Gretchen Thomas, TJPDC	x
Jim Frydl, Greene County	x	Christine Jacobs, TJPDC	
Todd Fortune, Fluvanna County *	x	Sarah Simba, TJPDC	x
Dylan Bishop, Nelson County *	x	Gorjan Gjorgjievski, TJPDC	x
Sandy Shackelford, VDOT, Culpeper	x		
Carson Eckhardt, VDOT, Lynchburg *	x		
Jason Espie, Jaunt	x		
Sara Pennington, Rideshare	x		
Alberic Karina-Plun, Albemarle County	x		
ALTERNATES		GUESTS/PUBLIC	
Rick Youngblood, VDOT, Lynchburg *	x		
Stephanie Golon, Greene County			
Cindy King, Louisa County *	x		
Carrie Shepherd, VDOT			
Trey Walton, Fluvanna County *	x		
Emily Hjulstrom, Nelson County			
Vacant, Albemarle County			
Chuck Proctor, VDOT, Culpeper *	x		
Vacant, Jaunt			

*** attended online via Zoom.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Rural Technical Advisory Committee Chair, Tom Egeland, presided and called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. It was determined that there was not an in-person quorum when the meeting started.

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 MAY 21, 2024

Approval of draft minutes was tabled due to a lack of quorum. It was noted that since there is no quorum, there will be no official minutes for this meeting, only notes, and the official May and August minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

Sara Pennington noted that the December meeting will be on December 17 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.



4. JAUNT RURAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (MINUTE 2:25)

Jason Espie presented the committee the Jaunt Rural Transit Needs Assessment. The Study Overview he shared reported that they gathered population and demographic profiles, existing transit service levels, service gaps, recommendations, and conclusions.

He continued with the details of the total trips per capita in FY23, the service gaps, and county-level ridership deficits and the goals for the future. He continued with recommendations for each of the counties included in the study: Albemarle, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Nelson, and (western) Goochland counties.

He noted that if you have questions, please contact Jeremy Mattson at Jeremy.w.mattson@ndsu.edu.

There was a question-and-answer session after the presentation with some suggestions from VDOT.

5. SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL UPDATE (MINUTE 43:36)

Gorjan Gjorgjievski introduced himself and Sarah Simba to the committee. He gave a brief background and overview of the project. He gave an overview of the specific comprehensive safety action plan components and funding opportunities. He continued with the process overview and the steps that have been taken for the process thus far. They have held six in-person public meetings and one virtual meeting. They have also been 21 pop-up events across the TJPDC region.

He continued with an overview of the 300+ survey responses, noting that driver behavior is the one of the greatest concerns. Round Two will continue with site visits and public engagement.

Mr. Gjorgjievski explained the High Injury Network (HIN) methodology and the criteria options for it. He continued with specifics for Albemarle, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson.

He gave a brief overview of the plan and the development process.

Dylan Bishop left the meeting.

6. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION & IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE TOPICS (MINUTE 1:04:06)

TJPDC

Mr. Gjorgjievski said there will be more pop-up events for SS4A instead of virtual meetings for the public.

Louisa County

Tom Egeland said the planning commission is focusing on growth areas for the land use map. They are working on some ordinance clean up.

Greene County

Jim Frydl said they have a Round 2 Smart Scale project that Greene is going to locally administer. They are working with VDOT and a firm with experience with this type of project. He said locally administering this project gives them a lot more control over what is happening with the project.

Albemarle County

Alberic Karina-Plun said they are waiting for AC44. They went to the Planning Commission re: land use. Three Notch'd will release who the consultant will be in the very near future.

Fluvanna County

Todd Fortune introduced Trey Walton to the committee. He said they recently adopted and update of their 2024 comprehensive plan which is basically their 2015 plan. They are about to go into a full update of their comprehensive plan and has been in touch with TJPDC staff and VDOT about transportation requirements. There are public hearings scheduled for getting rid of rural cluster subdivisions. He said they are looking at a couple of possible TAP grant submissions for Fork Union and Palymra Village.

Rideshare

Sara Pennington said the first full draft of the CAP Strategic Plan will be ready in the next month or so. Rideshare is working with DRPT on Connecting Communities and “Fall into a New Commute” campaigns.

VDOT

Sandy Shackelford said they are starting their next round of STARS and Pipeline studies mostly focused in the urbanized areas because they are the places that have the highest safety concerns. They are also looking at putting in a Park and Ride at Exit 118 which would provide support to rural commuters. She said VDOT is offering help with application development for TAP and revenue sharing grants.

VDOT – Lynchburg

Carson Eckhardt reported that they got a project for Nelson submitted to Smartscale (Route 151 and Tanbark roundabout) He also reported that VDOT got the final report of the 151 corridor study and should be wrapping that up soon.

Nelson County

There was no report.

7. Additional Matters from the Public (MINUTE 1:14:15)

None.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting is in person December 17, 2024 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Water Street Center, 407 E Water Street, Charlottesville, VA.