FY19 – Rural Transportation Program

Rural Technical Advisory Committee
Minutes: November 13th, 2018

Committee – Voting Members

* Dan Butch, Albemarle County
* Chuck Proctor, VDOT Culpeper District
Sandy Shackelford, Nelson County
* Jim Frydl, Greene County
* Tom Egeland, Louisa County
Jason Stewart, Fluvanna County
* David Cook, VDOT Lynchburg District
Karen Davis, JAUNT
* Kristian Zimmerman, RideShare

TJPDC Staff

Kristian Zimmerman
Wood Hudson
Jakob zumFelde

* Represents voting members present

Call to Order:
Mr. Egeland called the meeting to order at 1:18 pm.

Matters from the Public:
There were no matters from the public.

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes were motioned for approval by Mr. Egeland and seconded by Mr. Frydl.

Jefferson Area Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan:

• Mr. zumFelde introduced an overview PowerPoint of the bicycle and pedestrian plan that included
• Mr. Hudson discussed the rural portion of the plan that includes the opportunities for infrastructure
within the towns and development areas
  o In addition to these areas, Mr. Hudson mentioned the need for safety for bicyclists
   interactions with vehicles on rural roads
    ▪ Mr. Hudson mentioned the VDOT paving schedule as an opportunity for creating
     paved shoulders on rural roads
• Mr. Hudson mentioned the partnership between the TJPDC and PEC on community input for the
urban area
• Mr. Hudson provided a brief description of the chapters laid out in the plan and what they may be
comprised of
• Mr. Proctor asked if the Southwest Louisa/ Northwest Fluvanna Multimodal Corridor Study had
been looked at and considered in relation to the Jefferson Area Plan
Mr. Hudson acknowledged the importance of the study and that it will be reviewed as consideration in relation to this plan

- Mr. Hudson showed multiple maps including an overall county map, development area map, and town map
  - These maps showed the existing and planned infrastructure within these areas
- Mr. zumFelde noted that the TJPDC is asking for feedback from the counties and is willing and has met with staff for feedback in regards to the plan
- A discussion occurred between TJPDC staff and multiple committee members on the downfalls of 2004 Jefferson Area Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Greenways Plan
  - It was noted that this plan addresses those issues and is much more focused
- A discussion on the use of road diets was had among several members and some case studies were noted from other PDC area’s most notably in the Lynchburg area

**Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Phase III:**

- Mr. Zimmerman presented on the WIP Phase III noting the upcoming meetings on November 27th and December 6th
  - Mr. Zimmerman provided an overview of the WIP process including the need, reasoning, goals, and objectives of the WIP
  - Mr. Zimmerman noted that the WIP process was currently in the process of creating the programmatic action table in response to any hurdles that would keep the region from implementing its best management practices
  - Mr. Zimmerman noted that the region has been working to improve its list of BMP’s to better meet the local area planning goals set forth by DEQ
  - The final report is to be turned in to DEQ on December 14th
  - Mr. Fridyl asked if the BMP’s were site specific or regional
    - Mr. Zimmerman noted that the BMP’s are on a regional scale and are not site specific
      - It was also noted that these BMP’s are not for new construction but are for improvements to existing BMP’s
  - Mr. Zimmerman noted that for the first time there has been a statistical significance of improvement to the Chesapeake Bay
    - Plant and wildlife have been returning to the bay, showing physical signs that the bay is improving

**Staff Updates:**

- Mr. Hudson spoke to a possible Fork Union corridor plan
- Mr. Proctor spoke to a possible Zion Crossroads partnership between Louisa and Fluvanna County on a corridor study on Rt. 15
  - Discussed the growth potential and incoming development in the area
Mr. Egeland spoke to the development of mixed-uses and residential developments coming to the area

- A small discussion occurred between staff on the drinking water needs for the Zion Crossroads area
  - Mr. Egeland noted that over 200 people attended the Louisa County Comprehensive Plan Update
- Mr. Hudson and Mr. Proctor discussed the need and work needed to create a small area plan for Zion Crossroads
  - Mr. Proctor noted there are funds available for aspects of a study for analysis and engineering
  - Mr. Proctor spoke to the transportation challenges and needs of the area that a small area plan may help to identify
- Multiple localities discussed briefly the housing costs increases and affordability issues facing the region
- Mr. Egeland noted some issues of wedding venues coming to the area of accessory dwellings and barns
  - Issues are related to transportation and safety
  - Mr. Hudson noted that Greene County had similar issues and their code has addressed these issues in bringing these uses into compliance

Updates and Discussion:

- Mr. Butch noted that Albemarle County is looking to designate Route 810 and others as Scenic Byways
  - County is looking at several travel restrictions on certain roads, with some exceptions to logging trucks
  - County is looking at a quiet zone that has been requested by a small residential neighborhood in the rural area from 7:00pm-7:00am
  - Mr. Butch briefly mentioned that the county has 6 projects in its design build package
- Mr. Egeland noted that there is a lot of development coming to Zion Crossroads
  - The comprehensive plan update is continuing to move forward
- Mrs. Steele noted that Fluvanna County is working on a water line project and the bid came in under budget
  - County is tackling some low-hanging fruit in regards to updating their comprehensive plan prior to 2020
- David Cook from VDOT, acknowledged that Lynchburg was awarded $5.6 million in HSIP funds for fiscal years 2020-2025
- Jim Frydl mentioned that Greene County Board of Supervisors is determining whether to hold a vote on adopting a Scenic Byway
  - County is looking to conduct a zoning audit to bring comprehensive plan and zoning together
  - Development proposal near Lowe’s in Ruckersville
  - Would provide a local access road and potentially tie into other pieces of the network
Action items & Other Business:
There were no action items or other business to conduct.

Additional Matters from the Public:
There were no additional matters from the public.

Closing:
Mr. Egeland motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:45pm, Mr. Fridyl seconded the motion.