

Rural Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes: January 17th, 2017

Committee – Voting Members

Kevin McDermott, *Albemarle County*
Chuck Proctor, *VDOT Culpeper District*
Bart Svoboda, *Greene County, Vice-Chair*
Jason Stewart, *Fluvanna County, Chair*
Sara Pennington, *Rideshare*
David Cook, *VDOT Lynchburg District*

TJPDC Staff

Chip Boyles
Will Cockrell
Nick Morrison
Wood Hudson

Guests

David Jackson, Cambridge Systematics
Sean Sawyer, Cambridge Systematics
Mathew Luke, Cambridge Systematics

Call to Order:

Mr. Stewart called the meeting to order.

Matters from the Public:

There were no matters from the public.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Stewart asked if there were any comments on the draft meeting minutes. There were no comments. Mr. Svoboda made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Pennington provided a second. The Committee approved the minutes, 6-0.

Updates and Discussions:

Ms. Pennington discussed outreach for the guaranteed ride home program.

Mr. Svoboda said that Greene County completed work on its Comprehensive Plan and is working on updating the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). Staff will also begin work on the Stanardsville Comprehensive Plan and CIP. The County is working with VDOT on projects in Stanardsville, waiting on the Smart Scale results.

Mr. Cook said the Smart Scale results would soon be released. He was wrapping up work on the US 29 study. The Lockn' study is still underway.

Mr. Stewart discussed zoning in the former Town of Columbia. Fluvanna was also working on their CIP. Mr. Stewart also mentioned recent issues with subdivision and road bonds.

Mr. McDermott discussed the results of a STARS study on US 250 West. There was a design meeting on Ivy/US 250. The public decided to close the road for two weeks, rather than closing one lane for three months. Construction would occur during the Summer of 2018. The County is giving more focus to transit on US 29, along with bike and pedestrian work.

Mr. Proctor said he was waiting on the Smart Scale results. He mentioned that Dan Painter was retiring. He attended a recent Transportation Research Board (TRB) conference and came back with a lot of ideas.

VTRANS 2025 Multimodal Transportation Plan:

Mr. Proctor opened this discussion and introduced the consultant team. Cambridge Systematics provided a short presentation on the initial draft Multimodal Transportation Plan 2025 (VMTP 2025) recommendations. There were no immediate comments on the recommendations.

RLRP, Local Project Lists:

Mr. Cockrell said that the RLRP process was delayed because of turnover on staff, with Luke Juday leaving for Waynesboro, as well as other priority projects that consumed staff time. He provided a brief overview of the road projects lists in the counties.

Mr. Cockrell said that he would bring a more completed list of projects to the March meeting.

Virginia Statewide Rail Plan:

Mr. Cockrell said that he attended the Virginia Rail Plan Committee meeting. There was discussion with Amtrak to provide a cross-commonwealth service, which would include a line between Charlottesville and Richmond. He presented a resolution to the Committee, to add this service to the plan.

Mr. McDermott made a motion to support the new service, to be included in the State Rail Plan. Mr. Svoboda provided a second and the resolution passed, 6-0.

FY18 Rural Planning Work Program:

Mr. Cockrell discussed the FY18 Rural Work Program. The Commission would approve a work program at their April meeting and RTAC would need to provide a recommendation at their March meeting. Mr. Cockrell asked if there were any recommendations for the draft program.

Mr. McDermott said that the program should focus on the RLRP and Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan, rather than local assistance projects. The group agreed.

Mr. Proctor said that he saw a product at the TRB conference, related to bike and pedestrian planning in town and rural areas.

Action Items & Other Business:

There were no action items or other business.

Additional Matters from the Public:

There were no action matters from the public.