

Rural Technical Advisory Committee Minutes: January 19th, 2016

Committee – Voting Members

Lucas Lyons, *JAUNT*
J.T. Newberry, *Albemarle County*
Chuck Proctor, *VDOT Culpeper District*
Allyson Finchum, *Louisa County*
Bart Svoboda, *Greene County*
Jason Stewart, *Fluvanna County*
Rick Youngblood, *VDOT Lynchburg District*
Sara Pennington, *Rideshare*
David Cook, *VDOT Lynchburg District*

TJPDC Staff

Chip Boyles
Will Cockrell
Wood Hudson
Nick Morrison

Guest Attendee:

Will Van der Lin, *Yellow Cab*

Call to Order:

Mr. Svoboda called the meeting to order.

Matters from the Public:

There were no matters from the public.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Svoboda asked if there were any comments on the December 15th meeting minutes. There were no comments. Mr. Newberry made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Pennington provided a second. The Committee approved the minutes.

Updates and Discussions:

Guest attendee Mr. Van der Lin provided the committee with a brief description of the services that his business, Yellow Cab, provides to the greater Charlottesville area. He stated that the company has grown from 16 to 90 cabs over the past three years and that ridership is around 300,000 to 400,000 annually. Their service area stretches from Maryland to SW Virginia. They are currently in the process of applying for a grant from DRPT to procure wheelchair-accessible vehicles. They are also in the process of applying for 50317 funding for a voucher program. Mr. Van der Lin added that the company is working on future improvements to meet the needs of impaired riders and that a new app is set to be launched in the coming months and provided a brief overview of the differences between his cab service and other ride hail programs such as Uber or Lyft.

Mr. Lyons stated that JAUNT is launching its express commuter service route next month and that preliminary route timing is taking about 30 minutes including stops.

Ms. Pennington provided an update on Rideshare. The park and ride lot inventory was conducted in December. She is also working on completing the operating grant that is due in February.

Mr. Newberry said that new board members would be introduced in February and that projects along Route 29 were ongoing and that his staff was handling ongoing challenges associated with the projects

Mr. Svoboda stated that Greene County is continuing to work on its comp plan. There will be no dramatic changes to the comp plan, but they would like to better define the UDA's. He also added that multi-family housing project starts have begun within in the county, and they outnumber single-family home starts.

Mr. Proctor provided the committee with a brief update on the HB2 process. He stated that all of the projects submitted had been scored and results of the scoring would be released later in the day after the CTB meeting.

Ms. Finchum said that Dominion Power will likely proceed with a solar farm in the county. Her staff also received an application for an additional 400 apartment units at Zion Crossroads, behind the Walmart, which would require a rezoning of the current land. She asked the committee for their input on the zoning of a leased parcel of land for a farm stand. Mr. Newberry answered that there were differing ordinances for on-the-farm, off-the-farm, and farmers markets.

Mr. Stewart said that Fluvanna was holding a joint public meeting with JAWA

RLRP Accessibility Needs Assessment Presentation:

Staff provided the committee with a brief presentation on accessibility needs assessment of the region.

Mr. Van der Lin asked if the map of transit services could be overlapped with hours of operation as well as a heat map of the routes. He also stated that better coordination efforts could be made between the transit providers

Discussion continued on accessibility needs

Mr. Proctor added that accessibility also looks at the ease of access to employment for low-income individuals and low-income neighborhoods.

Mr. Lyons provided the committee with a presentation on regional demographics.

MPO Update:

Mr. Boyles said there were no major updates within the MPO area to share

Action Items & Other Business:

There were no action items or other business

Additional Matters from the Public:

There were no additional matters from the public. Mr. Svoboda motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Newberry provided a second, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30

