

Rural Technical Advisory Committee Minutes: December 15th, 2015

Committee – Voting Members

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

TJPDC Staff

Will Cockrell
Wood Hudson
Nick Morrison

Call to Order:

Ms. Finchum called the meeting to order.

Matters from the Public:

There were no matters from the public.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Finchum asked if there were any comments on the November 17th meeting minutes. There were no comments. Mr. Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Newberry provided a second. The Committee approved the minutes.

Updates and Discussions:

Mr. Newberry provided an update on planning activities in Albemarle County. He mentioned that development, especially in-fill, is continuing in the Pantops Area and work is being done to complete the Pantops Master Plan

Mr. Padalino provided updates on Nelson County. He stated that there are currently four different zoning amendments on the books, with the first ordinance pertaining to off-farm regulations, the second to special events and festivals, the third to transient lounging, and the fourth to wetlands. He also mentioned that funding for the Rockbridge area plan had been secured and that there were two proposals for mixed-use boutique resorts. Mr. Padalino also discussed a possible farm brewery.

Mr. Lyons provided the committee with an update on JAUNT. He stated that JAUNT will begin a Hollymead commuter service route beginning in January of 2016. The cost will be \$1.50 to ride and it will be a split express service to UVA grounds and to downtown.

Mr. Stewart provided a brief update on Fluvanna County. He mentioned the GRWA intake and the Atlantic Pipeline. He also stated that their office space had been renovated and that they hired a new planner, James Newman.

Ms. Finchum provided an update on Louisa County. They have hired new staff, and time has been dedicated to the onboarding of the new staff. They also continue to process site plans.

Mr. Svoboda provided an update on Greene County, stating that they are continuing to work on their comprehensive plan, and that they will be holding a public meeting in January 2016. A February 2016 meeting will be held to discuss tourism and tourism lodging.

RLRP Congestion Needs Assessment Presentation:

Mr. Cockrell, Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Morrison made a presentation to the committee detailing congestion hotspots within the region. The presentation contained detailed analysis and mapping data of these hotspots. Mr. Hudson presented the maps that he created that detailed average commute times, designated growth areas in each county, average annual daily traffic (AADT), level of service, percent truck traffic, employment distribution, county commuting patterns, and bridge ratings. At the conclusion of the presentation, Mr. Cockrell asked the committee if there were any additional hotspots that they thought should be added to the analysis.

House Bill 2 Update:

Mr. Cook provided a brief update on the House Bill 2 process. He said that all projects in the planning district had been screened in, and that scoring of the projects would begin in January. Mr. Cockrell asked Mr. Cook if the House Bill 2 process would be conducted annually. Mr. Cook responded that the initial plan is to conduct the process every year, but that it is possible that it could change. Mr. Cook added that projects should be done with the scoring phase by the end of January.

MPO Update:

Mr. Cockrell provided a brief update on the MPO area. He stated that there will be an MPO Policy Board meeting being held on Wednesday December 16th 2015 and that a public hearing pertaining to an update of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) regarding JAUNT and CAT will be held during the MPO meeting. He also added that the Route 29 Solutions projects were continuing ahead of schedule and that MPO staff will be working on a 3-C Transit Study. Finally, Mr. Cockrell noted that MPO staff, along with staff from CAT and JAUNT had been presented information on a new transit planning tool called Remix that may prove beneficial in the transit planning process.

Action Items & Other Business:

Mr. Cockrell added that MPO staff had met with City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County staff regarding the update to the Bike and Pedestrian Plan and that the topic of Rural Rustic Roads had been discussed. He asked the committee if that might be a good topic to discuss at future meetings, perhaps at the February meeting. Committee members agreed that the Rural Rustic Roads program would be a good topic for discussion.

Additional Matters from the Public:

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