

Rural Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes: January 18th, 2019

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

* Represents voting members present

Call to Order:

Mr. Butch called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm

Matters from the Public:

There were no matters from the public

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were motioned for approval by Mr. Frydl and seconded by Mr. Zimmerman.

Jefferson Area Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan:

- Mr. Zimmerman mentioned that an open house was held for the Jefferson Area Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan on Monday January 17th
 - The plan will be presented to the MPO Policy Board
 - The PDC was not looking to ask the Policy Board to adopt the plan at the upcoming meeting
- Mr. Butch noted that he had some confusion by the term “plan staff” in the Albemarle County section of the plan
 - There was a short discussion to determine the understanding of the term
- Mr. Frydl asked to ensure that these proposed infrastructure lines do not end at county lines
 - This was clarified and was followed by some discussion and presentation of the online map
- A small discussion occurred between multiple localities and Mr. Proctor from VDOT discussing the paved shoulders
 - This was in regards to shrinking rural roads, mainly due to ditches on either side of the road and the lack of funds for maintenance for ditches

- Mr. Zimmerman noted that he met with the Scottsville Town Administrator, Matt Lawless
 - It was noted that Mr. Lawless was pleased with the work done for the town and had no adjustments
- Mr. Zimmerman begun to discuss the bike-ped aspects in Greene County
 - He noted the 2035 Comprehensive Plan and the Thoroughfare Plan in Stanardsville and the Ruckersville Area Plan
 - Mr. Fridyl was pleased with the routes and infrastructure identified in Greene County
 - Mr. Fridyl and Mr. Proctor discussed the use of paved shoulders on a specific rural road leading into Shenandoah National Park
 - Mr. Proctor noted that there would be no painted markings when using a paved shoulder for bicycle infrastructure
 - Mr. Cook noted that a paved shoulder tends to be anywhere between two to four feet in width
- A short discussion was started by Mr. zumFelde about the use of rumble strips and bicycle users and its reference in Chapter 9 of the Plan

Smart Scale:

- During the meeting, the results of the SMART SCALE projects were released
 - Multiple conversations were had between multiple groups of people in which discussions were had involving which projects in the region scored well enough for funding

Staff Updates:

Nelson County Student Transportation Evaluation Phase II

- Mr. Hudson noted that the TJPDC is working with Nelson County on a phased approach
- Mr. Proctor noted that Madison County has just updated their plan and is a good place of reference
- Mr. Hudson noted that the county administrator's office has asked the TJPDC to intercept and evaluate the data given by the school board

Lovingston CDBG

- Mr. Hudson noted that there may be a small transportation component to this project

Zion Crossroads Corridor Study

- Mr. Hudson noted that the hopes for the project are a joint cooperation between Fluvanna and Louisa County and to have VDOT perform a traffic study of the corridor
 - It was noted that the project would be similar in process to the Ruckersville Area Plan

Staff Updates:

- Mr. Butch mentioned the Board’s support for Scenic Byways in Albemarle County
 - Currently gathering information to hopefully perform a small study with the request to DCR and VDOT
- Mr. Frydl mentioned there is concern in Greene County due to safety and traffic concerns
 - Mr. Frydl noted that these concerns have been addressed
 - The road in question is currently 6,000 vehicles below its capacity
 - Marking a road as a scenic byway typically causes a 4% increase in traffic which would amount to 78 additional vehicles on the road per day

Updates and Discussion:

- There were no additional updates or discussion

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. Butch motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:39pm, Mr. Frydl seconded the motion