

AGENDA
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee
 Tuesday, July 21st, 2020 1:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
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Item	Time	Description
1	1:00-1:05	Matters from the Public and Committee Response <i>Members of the public are welcome to provide comment on any public interest, transportation-related topic, including the items listed on this agenda. Limit 3 minutes per speaker</i>
2	1:05-1:10	Approval of the Minutes (*) The Committee will review and approve minutes from the May 19 th , 2020 meeting. Click here for a copy of the minutes
3	1:10-1:15	Election of Officers (*) Committee members will elect the Chair & Vice Chair for the FY-21 year.
4	1:15-1:25	Review of FY-21 Rural Work Plan Project Timeline – Nick Morrison The committee will review the proposed project timelines for the FY-21 Rural Work Program Click here for a copy of the draft timeline
5	1:25-1:45	Bicycle & Pedestrian Infrastructure Assessment Overview – Jessica Hersh-Ballering The committee will discuss topics for in-depth review/presentation for future meetings
6	1:45-2:00	Smart Scale Update – Chuck Proctor & Sandy Shackelford VDOT staff will provide an update on where we are in the award process and next steps
7	2:00-2:15	Updates and Discussion Committee members are invited to share any updates with the group. This is also an opportunity to identify future “getting to know more” topics for upcoming Rural Tech meetings.
8	2:15-	Additional Matters from the Public <i>Members of the Public are welcome to provide comment on any public interest, transportation-related topic, including the items listed on this agenda. Limit 3 minutes per speaker</i>

Next Meeting: September 15th, 2020 at 1:00pm

(*) Items requiring Committee action

Rural Technical Advisory Committee (RTAC)

Minutes: May 19th, 2020

Committee- Voting Members

TJPDC Staff

Dylan Bishop, *Nelson County*

Jessica Hersh-Ballering

Dan Butch, *Albemarle County*

Nick Morrison

Tom Egeland, *Louisa County*

Sandy Shackelford

Douglas Miles, *Fluvanna County*

Brad Robinson, *Fluvanna County*

David Cook, *VDOT Lynchburg District*

Chuck Proctor, *VDOT Culpeper District*

Rick Youngblood, *VDOT Lynchburg District*

Guests:

Matt Lawless, *Scottsville Town Administrator*

Call to Order:

Mr. Egeland called the virtual meeting to order at 1:05

Matters from the Public:

There were no matters from the public

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were motioned for approval, pending revisions identified by Mr. Miles. Mr. Egeland made a motion for approval with Mr. Butch providing a second and the minutes were passed unanimously.

Smart Scale Standing Update:

Mr. Proctor provided the committee with an update on the status of Smart Scale. All projects were submitted into the Smart Portal and are in the process of pre-screening evaluation by VDOT staff. He anticipated having VDOT staff responses from pre-screening to the localities by early June, coinciding with the Smart Portal reopening for final application submission. Mr. Cook provided an update on the Nelson County Smart Scale projects.

Mr. Morrison provided a brief overview of the PDC's virtual public engagement efforts to solicit feedback on their Smart Scale projects being submitted in this round. The PDC and MPO partnered with

City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County staff to host two virtual webinars in mid-May. Roughly 96 virtual participants were in attendance.

FY-21 Rural Work Program Review:

Mr. Morrison gave an overview of the FY-21 Rural Work Program. He provided background information on how the work program is used and the timeline for developing it. He then detailed the anticipated tasks that were identified to be completed in the coming fiscal year. The main projects entail a regional freight study, a bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure assessment for the towns, and an inventory of electric vehicle infrastructure in the region.

Mr. Butch noted that adding U.S. 250 to the regional freight study would be beneficial. Mr. Proctor noted that there were several ongoing State-led efforts to look at freight traffic through the Commonwealth.

Ms. Bishop added that with Nelson County's tax relief program, funding for the Comprehensive Plan update was cut. Ms. Shackelford added that there may be opportunities for TJPDC staff to assist at a staff level with some of the transportation components.

Discussion on Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Inventory:

Ms. Hersh-Ballering gave a presentation on previous planning efforts focused on conducting bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure inventories and lessons learned from those efforts. Ms. Hersh-Ballering has had initial conversations with the Town of Scottsville staff to develop strategies for reallocating street space to the pedestrian realm in easy and temporary ways.

Mr. Proctor asked how in previous demonstration projects staff was able to get around DOT standards.

Mr. Lawless noted that the City of Warrenton recently did a demonstration project and that he was working with VDOT on standards for maintaining the clear zone.

Updates and Discussion:

Mr. Egeland said that Louisa County's community development departments is now entering its busy season.

Mr. Miles noted that Fluvanna County currently has five solar projects at each of the County schools. Staff was also working with a local business on additional outdoor seating outside of the VDOT right of way.

Ms. Bishop said that the Comprehensive Plan funding had been pulled, staff is looking at virtual meeting tools, the Crozet Tunnel is still slated to open in July.

Mr. Butch noted that a lot of reviews and site plans were coming through and work continues on the secondary six-year plan. Staff has also been evaluating truck-traffic and work continues on Smart Scale efforts.

Mr. Proctor said that Smart Scale coordination is ongoing as is the Zion Crossroads study with Fluvanna and Louisa. Mr. Cook added that Smart Scale continues to be a focus for district staff.

Additional Matters from the Public:

There were no additional matters from the public and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45.

TJPDC FY21 RTP Work Program Timeline

- **Assist rural localities with local planning efforts (Ongoing)**
 - Coordinate Smart Scale application completion for Nelson County (July 2020 – August 2020)
 - Assist Nelson County with Transportation Planning efforts related to Comprehensive Plan update (January 2021 – May 2021)
 - Regional electric vehicle charging existing infrastructure inventory and identification of regional need
 - Initial project meetings to discuss scope and timeline held in July
 - Full scoping to occur July-August
- **Rural Long-Range Plan (August 2020 – October 2020)**
 - Creation of the online dashboard of RLRP data will mimic work being done for the MPO, which began in July.
 - Present draft dashboard at November Rural Tech meeting.
- **Town of Louisa, Mineral, and Scottsville Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Assessment (September 2020 – February 2021)**
 - Staff will present initial project ideas and case studies of similar projects at the July Rural Tech meeting
 - Project scoping will occur in August with a September kick-off date
- **Regional Freight Traffic Study (December 2020 – June 2021)**
 - Scoping for the full freight study will occur in late summer/early fall with an anticipated project kick-off date in November/December.
 - Staff anticipates this to be a six-month long process, with a project delivery in June.