

Rural Technical Advisory Committee

Minutes: November 19th, 2019

Committee – Voting Members

Dan Butch, *Albemarle County*
Chuck Proctor, *VDOT Culpeper District*
Tom Egeland, *Louisa County*
Douglas Miles, *Fluvanna County*
Brad Robinson, *Fluvanna County*
Stephen Johnson, *JAUNT*

TJPDC Staff

Nick Morrison
Chip Boyles
Lucinda Shannon
Jessica Ballering

Guests:

Peter Krebs, Piedmont Environmental Council
Chris Gensic, City of Charlottesville

Call to Order:

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

Matters from the Public:

There were no matters from the public

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Butch noted a change to the September 17th minutes to include: changing conference to workshop, holding exploratory meetings on form-based code but no approval at this time, and updating the functional class of roads.

Mr. Egeland asked for question marks place holders to be removed.

The minutes were motioned for approval by Mr. Egeland and seconded by Mr. Miles pending the noted changes. The minutes were approved.

SmartScale Update:

Mr. Proctor provided the committee with an update on the SmartScale process, including a revised timeline for application submittal. Mr. Proctor also shared that planning needs can now be assessed on the VTRANS website where facility type needs are identified, he then gave a brief tutorial on the VTRANS online map and assessment tool.

Mr. Proctor then discussed project eligibility, reviewed an updated process flowchart and summarized the current locality projects being submitted for the upcoming round of SmartScale.

Mr. Butch asked if there was a need to meet with the County Supervisors to discuss project updates. Mr. Proctor responded that it was not necessary as VDOT staff has already met with County staff.

Getting to Know More – The Jefferson Area Bike and Pedestrian Plan

Peter Krebs from the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC) gave a presentation on the community outreach efforts focused around the Jefferson Area Bike and Pedestrian Plan. The PEC and TJPDC worked closely to develop the updated bike and pedestrian plan, and Peter was instrumental in community outreach and to get more buy-in from

the public. Peter gave a brief overview of the planning process and then described the mission of the PEC before reviewing specific outreach strategies. Peter noted that one of the interesting topics to come out of the community outreach discussions that he held, was the different safety needs between men and women based on survey responses.

Mr. Krebs then discussed the importance of working collaboratively with the health districts, which could also serve as a funding opportunity for future work. Mr. Krebs also reviewed the interactive mapping tool that TJPDC staff used to solicit feedback on barriers to bikeability/walkability and shared how corridors were prioritized in the final plan and discussed next steps and future opportunities to consider.

Mr. Miles added that he would like to see trail connections or a shared-use path from Fluvanna into the existing Rivanna Trail system.

Mr. Johnson noted the importance of considering transit and its influence on walkability. Mr. Krebs said that proximity to transit was considered in the prioritization matrix for the plan. Discussion continued on how localities could best use the bike and pedestrian plan. Mr. Egeland asked about how best to include interconnections between developments to increase bike and pedestrian access. Mr. Butch said that Albemarle County had adopted the recommendations from the plan. Mr. Miles noted the challenge with recumbent bikes being seen by large vehicles.

Presentation on Three Notched Trail

Chris Gensic gave a brief presentation on efforts on drafting an alignment for the Three Notched Trail

Updates and Discussion:

Louisa County

- Louisa is in the process of reviewing and updating ordinances

Fluvanna County

- Hired a new Planner/GIS Technician, Jason Overstreet
- In the process of completing the Board's 2-year strategic plan
- Work continues on the Comprehensive Plan update
- Work continues on the Zion Crossroads Small Area Plan
- Two new roundabouts at Colonial Circle and one at Turkey Leg
- Fluvanna staff participated in a Columbia Day clean up event

JAUNT

- Implemented mobile payment systems on certain connector routes
- Agreements formalized with UVA for staff and students to ride the connect commuter services free of charge

Albemarle County

- Updated Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Bike/Pedestrian Plan taken to Board of Supervisors to incorporate into County plans
- The 250 W. Task Force will hold a public meeting on December 2nd
- Work continues on the OneMap project

VDOT Culpeper District

- SmartScale continues to be a focus for district staff
- 5th St. Study is on going
- Work continues on the Zion Crossroads Small Area Plan

Action Items & Other Business:

There were no actions items or other business

Additional Matters from the Public:

There were no additional matters from the public.

Closing:

Mr. Egeland motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 pm.