

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2018

Call to Order:

The Transportation Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present

David Ross (Courtland Supervisor), Tim McLaughlin (Chancellor Supervisor), Robert Fogg (At Large Representative), Sean Nelson (VDOT), William Hayes (VDOT), Dan Cole (staff), Doug Morgan (staff)

Others Present

None

Public Comment

None

Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved

Discussion Items

Mallard Road (FR163) Right-Of-Way Vacation

Doug Morgan presented information concerning a request by Campers World seeking vacation of a portion of Mallard Road. The roadway section in question serves only this business and is unimproved. An application has been prepared on behalf of Campers World to the Virginia Department of Transportation with support from Spotsylvania County. Campers World has agreed to improve the cul-de-sac at the terminus of the proposed right-of-way as a condition of the application.

There was discussion about whether Mallard Road was part of the I-95 right-of-way. Sean Nelson indicated that it was not within the I-95 right-of-way. Someone asked, *“If it was possible to require the applicant to buy the right-of-way if it was vacated? However Sean Nelson said, “Any funds from selling the right-of-way to the applicant would not necessarily come back to the County but rather would go into the general fund”.*

A draft resolution was prepared and included in the Transportation Committee packet. Sean Nelson asked, *“That we (County) identify the length of the portion of road being vacated in the final resolution”.*

RSTP Projects

Dan Cole submitted an RSTP project to FAMPO for the widening of Mine Road from east of Spotsylvania Avenue/Falcon Drive to the Hardwood/Campbell intersection. The estimate for the project was identified as \$16,000,000 of which \$9,600,000 would be for construction. The funding request was for

the 2024-2025 period. Dan Cole explained that there is \$4 million dollars available for the current funding period. This amount is for the entire (Fredericksburg) district. Although this funding would not cover the complete cost of the project, the County could apply for additional funds in future years. If the project is funded, it could provide a source of money to increase our chances for a future Smart Scale award. The Transportation Committee did not volunteer any additional projects.

Smart Scale Projects

Potential Smart Scale projects for 2019 were discussed. The Transportation Committee recommended that staff move forward with applications for the following four projects;

1. Harrison Road Widening & Bridge Reconstruction – 4-lane improvement
2. Harrison Road Slip Ramp
3. Connector Road from Spotsylvania Avenue to Germanna Drive – 4-lane improvement
4. Lansdowne Road intersection (City of Fredericksburg application)

Cost estimates are being developed. The application period begins in March with the deadline for project submission in June 1st. There is a limit of four projects per locality but additional projects can be submitted during the initial VDOT screening phase.

Mr. Ross indicated he wanted additional input from FAMPO on two regional projects.

1. A future diverging diamond inter-change off I-95 at Harrison Road and
2. A regional by-pass across the Rappahannock River to Route 20.

Old Plank & Chancellor Road Roundabout

The Committee discussed a proffer concerning a roundabout at the intersection of Old Plank Road & Chancellor Road. Chris Stacey has engineered the design and provided a cost estimate of \$1.4 million dollars. The County would like to contract with the developer to do this work. The proffer does not cover the entire cost of the project so the County would have cover additional cost of the project. VDOT indicated they did not have an issue with the concept but will need to review the engineers plan. Currently the roundabout design is offset. Mr. Ross indicated; *“He would like to see the roundabout built within the right-of-way of the current intersection”*. Sean Nelson concurred.

Reports on Projects or Activities

Dan Cole updated the Committee on progress to the Corridor Studies being conducted by JMT. *“Transit data has been received from FRED and the Spotsylvania School District. It is being incorporated into the existing conditions report. The next step is to update the travel forecasting model. Staff and JMT are currently working on the travel model in preparation for mapping future conditions in the two corridors.”*

Announcements

Governor McAuliffe has announced a deal to deliver the 95 Express Lanes Extension and provide \$277 million dollars for additional upgrades to the I-95 Corridor. The deal will allow the region to fund the Northbound Rappahannock River Crossing.

Next Meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting will be on February 8th, 2018.

Adjourn:

The Transportation Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

- **There were two other conflicting transportation meetings taking place on January 11th at approximately the same time. One was the Commonwealth Drive Park & Ride Lot presentation conducted by VDOT and the other was a meeting held by the Spotsylvania Solar Energy Center concerning a project near Fawn Lake. Some of the Committee members elected to attend these meetings.**