

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2017

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 (Battlefield Representative), Marcie Parker (VDOT), Sean Nelson (VDOT), Dan Cole (staff), Doug Morgan (staff), Bonnie Jewell (staff)

Others Present

None

Public Comment

None

Announcements

1. The task order for the Route 2/17 B Corridor Study was approved on February 23rd. Staff is holding a kick-off meeting for the project next week. Date and time has not yet been finalized. Staff will send out a notice early next week and include members of this committee in case those interested would like to attend.
2. Global Technologies will be holding a demonstration in Stafford (Route 17) on either March 28th or 29th on the Opticom Priority Control System which is a signal preemption system for emergency vehicles. Both the infrared and GPS systems will be demonstrated. A time and location will be determined in the next few days.

Discussion Items

- **CMAQ/RSTP Project Submission:** Dan Cole briefed the committee on an e-mail from Paul Agnello requesting new projects, limited available funding and the one project limitation FAMPO was seeking to impose. There was concern from Committee Members about the one project limitation. Mr. McLaughlin indicated that he would discuss the limitation with FAMPO. The Committee was shown several potential CMAQ projects. The Committee selected three projects and prioritized them. These included; 1) Roundabout at Old Plank Road & Andora Drive, 2) Turn Lanes at the Old Plank Road & Chancellor Road intersection, and 3) a southbound right turn lane improvement on Smith Station Road at the Courthouse Road intersection. Two trial projects were also briefly discussed. These included the Breckenridge Bridge and the City of Fredericksburg Hazel Run Bridge to the Kingswood Common Area. No action was taken on either of these projects. Project applications will need to be submitted to FAMPO by 4:30 PM on March 15th. Staff to compile and prepare support data, and submit the three projects.

- **Long Range Transportation Plan (LRPT) – Project Update for 2045 Scenario:** Staff distributed two documents to the Committee. These included documents from FAMPO on information from the 2040 LRPT and the Planning Departments Thoroughfare Plan from the current Comprehensive Plan. Additions to the FAMPO list were highlighted. The Harrison Road Widening project from Salem Church Road to Gordon Road was removed from the FAMPO list. There was a brief discussion about Spotsylvania Parkway Extension. Mr. Fogg indicated, *“That the County needed to be more aggressive about reserving right-of-way for similar projects because with the County’s explosive growth we might not have many opportunities for new roads in the future.”* VDOT pointed out the success that Virginia Beach has had in reserving right-of-way for future roadways. The deadline to finalize changes for the 2045 LRPT is March 27th.
- **Miscellaneous Items:** Sean Nelson brought up a funding issue related to one of our County projects. Spotsylvania County’s Smart Scale project (I-95 Exit 126, Route 1 Southbound onto Southpoint Parkway). The total estimated cost of the project is \$14.495 million. The County requested Smart Scale funds for the right of way and construction phases of the project for a total of \$12.745 million. The remaining \$1.75 million was requested through the revenue sharing program and was to be utilized to cover the preliminary engineering. The Smart Scale funds have been tentatively approved, but the revenue sharing application was not. The County will need to commit to covering the \$1.75 million for PE to receive the \$12.745 million in Smart Scale funds. Bonnie Jewell asked; *“if we were awarded any other revenue sharing money”*. The response was that we had not, however she recalled that we also applied for \$100,000 for unpaved roads. Since the County has already budgeted for their half of the revenue sharing an additional \$875,000 of local money would be needed to move forward.

Reports of Projects & Activities

Update on the Atlantic Gateway –

- **Update on the Atlantic Gateway - Fred Ex. Project:** Marcie Parker updated the Committee on the progress of the HOT lanes extension to Route 17. Virginia received a \$165 million dollar federal grant for highway, transit and rail projects along the I-95 corridor. The I-95 Express Lanes to Route 17 Exit 133 was included as part of this project. Potential access points to the Express Lanes include Route 17 (A), Route 630 (B) and Quantico (C). Concept plans for the interchanges involved are being developed. Tasks currently underway include; environmental and traffic data collection, technical studies, and air and noise analysis. Scope definition and Optimization are also being reviewed. A public information meeting will be held in Stafford this month. Contract award is anticipated in Fall, 2018. Construction to begin in Spring, 2019 with Project Completion in 2022. This is a Design/Build Contract.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled Transportation Committee Meeting is Thursday, April 13th.

Adjourn:

The Transportation Committee adjourned at 7:45 pm.