

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2018

Call to Order:

Dan Cole called the Transportation Committee to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was confirmed.

Members Present

Tim McLaughlin (Chancellor Supervisor), Greg Benson (Livingston Supervisor), Gary Skinner (Lee Hill Representative), Robert Fogg (Battlefield District Representative), David Ross (Cortland District Representative), Greg Bell (Lee Hill District Representative), Art Snyder (Livingston District Representative)

Others Present

Mark Taylor (County Administrator), John Riley (JMT), Karzan Bahaaldin (JMT), Linda LaSut (VDOT), Sean Nelson (VDOT), Kyle Bates (VDOT), Dan Cole (staff), Doug Morgan (staff), Bonnie Jewell (Staff)

Previous Meeting Minutes

Approved

Public Comment

None

Election of Officer's & Review of Committee By-Laws

Dan Cole presented information concerning changes to the by-laws and informed the committee concerning the County Administrator/County Attorney's desire to appoint officers from the representative districts similar to other established County Committee's. Members rejected the idea of filling the positions of chair, vice-chair, and secretary from membership and instead Mr. Ross motioned that Doug Morgan serve as chair, and Dan Cole, vice-chair, second by Mr. McLaughlin, The change was approved unanimously, 7-0.

Reports of Projects and/or Activities

Route 2/17 & Route 1/208 Corridor Studies – JMT

Karzan Bahaaldin used Power Point to present future conditions and alternatives for the two corridor studies. A brief summary was given on the background, methodology, tools, and scheduling. Three possible alternatives were shown for the Route 2/17B Corridor.

Alternative 1 was a 4-lane divided roadway with a landscaped median, bus pull-offs a sidewalk and a multiuse trail on the opposite side of the corridor. As many as five culverts would need to be replaced as well as a new bridge built over Ruffin's Pond. The estimated cost was between \$60-\$84 million dollars.

Alternative 2 was a 3-lane variable width roadway, keeping the existing roadway sections, with improvements at intersections from the City Line to Shannon Park Drive. This plan included an option to improve intersections further south. The alternative would include a multiuse trail on one side of the corridor the entire length to the intersection of US 17 & Tidewater Trail. The 3-lane section would include dual southbound lanes. The estimated cost was between \$16-\$23 million dollars.

Alternative 3 was a combination of Alternative 2 plus widening Benchmark Road to a 4-lane undivided roadway. Approximately 100' of right-of-way would be required. Five culverts on Tidewater Trail and one culvert on Benchmark Road would have to be replaced. The estimated cost of was between \$33-\$49 million dollars.

Following the presentation on the Route 2/17 B Corridor there was a brief discussion concerning sidewalks, their necessity, and cost estimation. John Riley indicated that eliminating sidewalks would only minimally reduce the overall cost. JMT priced sidewalks at between \$300,000 - \$1,000,000 / mile. Sean Nelson replied, *"They (sidewalks) were required on all VDOT projects"*. The majority of members expressed support for doing only improvements to the northern most intersections in the corridor.

The 1/108 Corridor was then presented. Two potential alternatives were discussed.

Alternative 1 was the Germanna Connector. The Germanna Connector would be a 2-lane roadway, with a shared use path, beginning at Spotsylvania Avenue and continuing south to Germanna Drive. Fifty feet of right-of-way would be required with a 150' bridge to span the Massaponax River. The cost of Alternative 1 would be between \$17-\$27 million dollars.

Alternative 2 would be improvements to nine intersections along the 1/208 Corridor and no Germanna Connector. Improvements would be made at intersections on US Route 1, Courthouse Road, Market Street, Mine Road and Lafayette Boulevard. Changes would include additional turning lanes, receiving lanes, and through lanes. Alternative 2 would cost between \$15-\$24 million dollars.

Committee members expressed support for the Germanna Connector Road and improvement to the worst intersection identified in Alternative 2, Courthouse Road & US 1/Lafayette Boulevard.

New Business

- Dovey Road – Mr. Benton requested a change in the Unpaved Road Priority List. Doug Morgan provided members with a definition and listing of the unpaved roads in the County, including those that are to be completed in the fall. He explained that Dovey Road is on the list but is not scheduled to be done this year. Sean Nelson said, *"he could (add it) make it work. White Shop Lane is in good shape. It could be moved out (to a future year) and replaced with Dovey Road"*. Bonnie Jewell inquired, *"If we would need to redo the agreement with VDOT?"* Sean Nelson said, *"It was not necessary"*. Mr. Ross made a motion to add Dovey Road to the current list. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benton. The motion was approved unanimously 7-0 by the committee. Doug Morgan will bring this item to the Board of Supervisors in June. The item will be on the Consent Agenda.

- Smart Scale Projects –A discussion was held concerning projects from the two Corridor Studies conducted by JMT that should go forward as Smart Scale applications for the current funding period. After some deliberation, the Transportation Committee recommended the following;
 - 1) Motion by Mr. Ross, second by Mr. Skinner, the motion passed 7-0 for Harrison Road & Salem Church Road intersection improvements and widening beginning at Salem Station Boulevard
 - 2) Motion by Mr. McLaughlin, second by Mr. Ross, the motion passed 7-0 for Germanna Point Drive Connector Road Spotsylvania Avenue - (JMT 1/208 Corridor Study)
 - 3) Motion by Mr. Skinner, second by Mr. Ross, the motion passed 7-0 for 2/17B Alternative #2 Variable Cross Sections Widening from Lansdowne Rd past Shannon Airport. (JMT 2/17B Corridor Study)
 - 4) Motion by Mr. Skinner, second by Mr. Ross, the motion passed 7-0 for Courthouse Road & Route 1/Lafayette Boulevard Intersection improvements (JMT 1/208 Corridor Study).
 - 5) Motion by Mr. Skinner, second by Mr. Ross, the motion passed 7-0 for Exit 126 Rt1 and Northbound on ramp improvements. This is a district applications, the Transportation Committee suggested that possibly switch this and place the 2/17 B alternative with Fredericksburg making that a regional project.
 - i. After the meeting staff immediately met with FAMPO for the Kimley-Horn STARS Project for On-Ramp improvements at Exit 126. This project will remain a district project given the smaller pool of money (approximately \$32-\$34 million dollars), that is available to FAMPO for regional projects. In addition, this project works as an additional component of the I95 corridor and CD lane improvements targeting Exit 126.
- Orange Plank Road & Brock Road Roundabout – Tim McLaughlin requested that the County build a roundabout at the Orange Plank Road & Brock Road intersection.” VDOT noted that there are monument flags and trails in that area and the road is an original Civil War road. Sean Nelson said, *“This road may be on an easement”*. He indicated a meeting between the National Park Service, VDOT and the County was necessary to discuss this in more detail.
- Old Plank Road & Chancellor Road Roundabout Fund Transfer – Tim McLaughlin indicated he has spoken with Mr. Stacy and all the right-of-way has been acquired. The County needs to pick-up (provide an additional) \$800,000 to complete the project. It is estimated to cost \$1.8 million dollars. Mr. Stacy’s proffer expires on June 24th. The applicant does not want to hold the bond if the County can’t come up with the extra money. Bonnie Jewell replied, *“VDOT rejected the Old Plank & Andora Road intersection for Revenue Sharing so that money would be available (\$600,000) and if the City of Fredericksburg submitted the Lansdowne Road improvements as a*

Smart Scale project another \$1.0 million dollars would be available". Mr. Skinner made a motion to add or shift \$830,000 of the \$1.0 million dollars from Lansdowne Road to the Old Plank Road & Chancellor Road Roundabout project. Greg Benton seconded the motion. Sean Nelson indicated the \$1.8 million dollar estimate that was provided did not include construction inspection costs. *"Inspection would have to be done by VDOT."* The Committee unanimously approved the recommendation 7-0, to transfer the money to the Old Plank Road & Chancellor Road Roundabout project.

Announcements

None

Next Meeting

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for June 14th, 2018.

Adjourn:

Doug Morgan adjourned the meeting 8:30 pm.