

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Thursday, February 18, 2010

1:30 p.m.

(accepted on March 18, 2010)

Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission

Accomac, Virginia

A meeting of the A-NPDC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee was held at 1:30 p.m. on February 18, 2010, in the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission conference room in Accomac, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandra Benson, Northampton County

Tom Bonadeo, Town of Cape Charles

Nancy Duncan, Accomack County Airport

Elaine Meil, Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission

Bill Neville, Town of Chincoteague

Larry Trala, Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mary Ardolino, STAR Transit

Cheryl Davis/Joe Bulin, ES Community Services Board

Chester Hall, ESAAA/CAA

Bob Johnson, CBBT

Abra Jacobs, ES Center for Independent Living

Larry Lemond, Bay Coast Railroad

Sandy Manter, Town of Onancock

Jim McGowan, Accomack County

Ivan Rucker, US DOT

Eric Stringfield, VDOT

OTHERS:

Barbara Schwenk, A-NPDC

1. Call to Order – Ms. Duncan called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes – the minutes of the January 21, 2010 meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Trala, seconded by Neville, and carried unanimously.
3. Elections – according to procedures established in its By-Laws, Article IV – Selection of Officers – officers were nominated from the floor and elected. Results of the election were:
Chairman, Nancy Duncan (by motion of Trala, seconded by Meil, and carried unanimously)

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Vice-Chairman, Sandra Benson (by motion of Meil, seconded by Trala, and carried unanimously)

Secretary, Elaine Meil (by motion of Benson, seconded by Neville, and carried unanimously)

4. Staff Report – Barbara Schwenk, Transportation Planner, presented copies of presentations from the 1/27 VTRANS 2035 Workshop, and copy of the *Eastern Shore Post* article of February 5, 2010 “STAR Transit Cuts Routes Despite Protest.”
5. Unfinished Business –
 - a. The team reviewed the work plan and agreed to add several projects:
 1. Access Management Ordinance District:
 - Adoption of Highway Corridor Overlay District Ordinance on Route 13 for those towns that had not yet adopted it based on Route 13/Wallops Island Access Management Study recommendations: Onley, Keller, Nassawadox and Exmore.
 2. Develop a “Gateway Corridor Model:”
 - Cape Charles developed a Historic Town Entrance Corridor Overlay - Routes 184/642 into Cape Charles some time ago as required under its agreement for annexation of the Bay Creek resort acreage. When the County did not act on it within a specified time, the Town shelved it.
 - Chincoteague may be interested in discussing/development of a similar overlay for Maddox Boulevard to the Refuge in Chincoteague.
 3. Update the Bicycle Plan
 - b. Meil reported that the PDC had not met on February 8 as planned because a quorum was unavailable. This means the suggestion from the TTAC to approach the General Assembly for funding for improvements to Route 13 was not yet presented. She plans to present the idea at the February 25 meeting, provided there is a quorum. She will report at the next meeting. Meil also suggested discussing the request with Delegate Lewis.
6. New Business
 - a. Review of comments on draft Regional Long Range Plan Technical Report.

Bill Neville prepared a four-page review of the report which staff passed on to VDOT consultants (included in meeting packet). A second draft will be requested for additional review. Discussion included comments on the omission of a potential car ferry service from Reedville to the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Staff asked members to present additional comments by the next meeting on March 18.
 - b. Staff presented a list of the data forwarded to VDOT’s consultant for inclusion in the report.
 - c. Staff presented an outline of the proposed organization and content of the materials to be added to the A-NPDC website on the TTAC’s work. The team approved the plan. Staff will create the webpage and present it at the next meeting.
 - d. A discussion on the remaining unclosed medians ensued. Northampton County has a list of medians recommended for closure. Staff will follow-up and provide the list at the next meeting.

