

## Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

### MINUTES

Thursday, October 20, 2011  
(approved November 17, 2011)

1:30 p.m.

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 October 20, 2011 in the Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission conference room in Accomac, Virginia.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Bonadeo, Town of Cape Charles  
Robert Johnson, Chesapeake Bay Bridge & Tunnel District  
Bill Neville, Town of Chincoteague  
Barbara Schwenk, A-NPDC (alternate for Richard Tankard)  
Rob Testerman, County of Accomack  
Kevin J. Thomas, VDOT  
Larry Trala, A-N Transportation District Commission

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sandra Benson, County of Northampton  
Cheryl Davis/Joe Bulin, Community Services Board  
Chester Hall, ESAAA/CAA  
Chris Isdell, VDOT  
Abra Jacobs, Center for Independent Living  
Larry LeMond, Bay Coast Railroad  
Kirk Miles, STAR Transit

#### OTHERS:

None

1. Call to Order – Vice Chairman Bob Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2011- the minutes were approved as presented by motion of Trala, seconded by Thomas, and carried unanimously.
3. Staff Report – Barbara Schwenk, Staff, presented an update consisting of the committee attendance record and a report on the Department of Rail and Public Transportation Coordinated Human Services Mobility Team meeting held on September 29. She noted that the Continuum of Care Needs Assessment will be available in November. She also attached the

Community Needs Survey that was used to collect the data in the Needs Assessment. Committee members commented that this survey might be disseminated further to town offices, etc. in order to collect additional data.

4. Unfinished Business

a. 2035 Regional Long Range Plan – adopted by A-NPDC at October meeting. Discuss next steps.

The Committee discussed and agreed that County Planning Commissions should be the next to review the RLRP before counties are asked to review it. Tom Bonadeo commented that he felt Cape Charles would also like the opportunity to prioritize projects and make recommendations before the County review. Safety and development potential were discussed as logical prioritization criteria.

Next, a discussion ensued about funding for improvements identified in the Six-Year Plan. Staff will look up the stage and funding level for Route 642 in Cape Charles and 609 and 709 in Accomack County.

b. Gateway Corridor Overlay District in Cape Charles.

Years ago in the Brown & Root annexation to the Town, coordination of town and county ordinances was mandated. The Town also has an Historic District Designation to be considered. Before the next meeting of the Planning Commission in December, Tom and PC staff will meet and develop recommendations to present to the respective Town and County planning commissions.

c. Highway Corridor District Overlay

Barbara reported that she has been in contact again with Exmore and Onley to make presentations to their town councils asking that they consider adoption of a Highway Corridor District Overlay at the November meeting of Exmore and the December meeting of Onley town council.

5. New Business

a. FY2012 Work plan – tasks and schedule for completion.

The Committee reviewed the draft work plan and asked how other PDCs will accomplish these tasks. Staff will contact Darrel Johnson to inquire.

- b. Historical Marker program – Staff gave an overview of the program with a packet handout. Tom reported that a new historical marker will be unveiled commemorating the Rosenwald School on Old Cape Charles Road on November 19.
  - c. TEA-21 Grant application for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Training  
Staff asked for ideas to develop a strategy for this effort that would result in a grant application. Recommendations were to talk to John Chandler, Bayshore Concrete, and Mike Canales, Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital, as well as YMCA. Kevin mentioned that the state again had a pedestrian and bicycle coordinator that we could consult. In addition, Tom reported that Cape Charles had helmets that could be used. Jen Lewis is the coordinator there.
  - d. Turn lane requirements for businesses on Route 13.  
Sandra Benson had asked in an email whether the Committee would entertain the idea of having a series of meetings on Route 13/Wallops Island Access Management to evaluate where we are now and what the localities really want 13 to be like. This issue was raised because of the requirement to make turn lanes for new businesses – in this case – rebuilding of the Captain’s Deck restaurant in Nassawadox. It will not be re-built now because of the prohibitive cost of the turn lanes. The Committee asked if Industrial Access funds could be used for this purpose. Further research is needed.
- 6. Public Participation – none.
  - 7. Next meeting – November 17, 1:30 p.m. – Kevin Thomas will check with Steve Rowan to see if he will be available to attend by video conference at the Accomac Residency. Barb will check if residency video-conferencing room is available.
  - 8. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. by motion of Trala and carried unanimously.