

Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Transportation Committee - approved March 27, 2018

Date: July 25, 2017

Time: 1:30 PM

Location:

VDOT Residency Conference Room 23096 Courthouse Road Accomac, VA 23301

AGENDA:

I. Call to order

Approval - May 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes pp. 2-4 II.

Staff Report pp. 5-6 III.

IV. **Unfinished business**

a. Sidewalk Gap Study Update from staff

b. Private Roads Study Update from staff

٧. **New business**

- a. Election of Officers
- b. Revision to By-Laws to clarify month in which election of officers is done
- c. FY2018 Work Program New project to update the bicycle plan to be more inclusive for pedestrians, especially people w/o motorized vehicles.... start by asking TTAC to identify areas where people walk or bicycle to get to work, stores, and transit stops. Outline steps needed.
 - 1. Ref: Bicycling and Walking in Virginia http://www.virginiadot.org/programs/bikeped/

VI. **Public participation**

VII. Next meeting - September 26, 1:30 p.m.

VIII. **Adjourn** PRESENT:

Larry DiRe, Cape Charles representative

Granville Hogg, A-NPDC*

Tim Holloway, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel* Chris Isdell, VDOT Accomac Residency*

Members

Larry LeMond, ANTDC*, Chairman

Susan McGhee, Northampton County* Rich Morrison, Accomack County*, Vice Chairman

Jerry Pauley, VDOT, Alt.

Barbara Young for Lisa Sedjat, ESCSB

ABSENT:

Joe Bulin, ESCSB, Alt.

Vanessa Cousineau, ESAAA/CAA representative

Robert Duer, Town of Exmore Barb Haxter, Accomack Airport*

Abra Jacobs, Center for Independent Living

William Kerbin, Town of Onancock

John Maher, STAR Transit

Alex Parry, Bay Coast Railroad

Ivan Rucker, FHWA

Eric Stringfield, VDOT District Planner*

Kristen Tremblay, Accomack County, Alt.

Jim West, Chincoteague*

STAFF PRESENT:

Barbara Schwenk, A-NPDC, Secretary

Next 2017 MEETING DATES all at 1:30 p.m.:

September 26

November 28

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Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes, July 25, 2017

- I. Call to order Chairman LeMond called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.
- II. **Approval of Minutes** a motion to approve the May 23, 2017 minutes was made by LeMond, seconded by Pauley, and carried unanimously.
- III. **Staff Update** Secretary Schwenk presented the committee attendance record and contact information.

IV. Unfinished business

- A. Sidewalk Gap Study Staff reported it was decided that private sidewalks would be added to the study in order to use that information when developing the update to the bicycle plan (part of the FY18 work program) that will also include other transportation modes to become a multi-modal study. Staff will send out the final FY18 Work Program to all members. This change in scope has delayed finishing the report but it is expected in August.
- B. Private Roads Study staff reported that Chris Isdell supplied definitive information about how to distinguish private roads from VDOT maintained roads. Therefore, this study can move to the next step, which is to compare the identified private roads to the requirements for the Rural Roads Addition program and present them to the counties for prioritization.

V. New business

- A. Election of Officers Chairman LeMond called for nominations. Susan McGhee was nominated for Chairman by motion of Holloway, seconded by Isdell and carried unanimously. The Vice-Chair nomination of Rich Morrison was made by LeMond, seconded by Holloway and carried unanimously. Barbara Schwenk will continue as Secretary.
- B. Revision to By-Laws to clarify month in which election of officers is due According to the current By-Laws, changes can't be made without a waiting period of one meeting. Therefore, changes to the By-Laws will be part of the September 26 meeting agenda.
- C. FY2018 Work Program Staff requested that members name areas on the Shore where people frequently walk to get to public transportation, jobs, or stores. Suggestions were:
 - 1. Kiptopeke State Park
 - 2. Stone Road, Cape Charles
 - 3. Bayside Road near Hare Valley towards Exmore
 - 4. "Little Hell" on Savageville Road
 - 5. Market Street extended towards Onley
 - 6. Cherrystone Campground to wharf on Wilkins Road
 - 7. Hill Street in Onancock

- 8. Occohannock Neck Road
- 9. Daugherty Road at Route 13
- 10. T's Corner at Route 13
- 11. Cashville Road
- 12. Route 13 in front of Perdue
- D. This agenda item was added at the meeting Improvements to Route 13 near Food Lion in Cape Charles.
 - 1. Discussion centered on what the improvements would be (based on the VDOT Safety Study), where they would be placed, and especially where a new traffic signal might be installed due to the anticipation of additional traffic into Cape Charles along Old Cape Charles Road or the Stone Road, and the possibility that Royal Farms will build a truck stop at the intersection of Bayview Circle, Route 13, and Old Cape Charles Road. A lengthy discussion of whether to abandon the previous plan and ask for a new study ensued. It was determined that it would push the project back another five years at least. No decision to do so was made, and no formal communication to the Northampton County Board of Supervisors was advised.
 - 2. This discussion also included where the Phase III Bike/Hike trail could potentially cross Route 13 to get into Cape Charles. Options discussed included a pedestrian bridge, crossing at the existing signal at Bayside and Stone roads, or at a new signal that might be located in front of the Food Lion crossing to Xenith Bank, or at the Bayview Circle/Old Cape Charles roads intersection locations. One participant also stated that VDOT could not put in a pedestrian crossing on a road rated at 55 mph, meaning that was not an option for users of the bike/hike trail. It was suggested that we research VDOT's requirements for a highway crossing. It was also mentioned that a warrant study would still need to be done before VDOT would consider putting in another signal anywhere in the vicinity. Mr. Pauley mentioned that the new direction of the FHWA is corridor preservation, which might imply it will be more difficult in future to add anything that would slow down the flow of traffic, and Route 13 is a Corridor of Significance.
 - 3. Ms. Schwenk was instructed to contact VDOT's Bike Coordinator to learn how VDOT counts bicycles and how the ES Wildlife Refuge counts users of the Phase I trail.
- VI. Public participation None
- VII. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 @ 1:30 p.m. Location TBD.
- VIII. **Adjourn** at 2:45 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by LeMond, seconded by Morrison and carried unanimously.