

# Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission

### **Transportation Technical Advisory Committee**

## AGENDA & MINUTES Approved during the July 28, 2020 Meeting

Agenda	Members
Date: Jan. 28, 2020 Time: 1:30 PM	Barbara Haxter, Accomack Airport* Tim Holloway, Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel* Chris Isdell, VDOT Accomac Residency*
Location: Northampton County Admin. Building Conference Room #201 6404 Courthouse Road Eastville, VA 23347	Susan McGhee, Northampton County* Rich Morrison, Accomack County* Jerry Pauley, VDOT District Planner* Shannon Alexander, A-NPDC* Jim West, Town of Chincoteague* Ron Wolff, ANTDC*
AGENDA:	Joe Bulin, ESCSB, Alt. Vanessa Cousineau, ESAAA/CAA/HeadStart
I. Call to order	Zach Ponds, Town of Cape Charles Robert Duer, Town of Exmore
II. Approval of Minutes	Abra Jacobs, Center for Independent Living William Kerbin, Town of Onancock Bill Moore, STAR Transit
III. Unfinished business	Dinah Oliver, VDOT Ivan Rucker, FHWA
IV. New business	Lisa Sedjat, ESCSB or Barbara Young, Alt. Eric Stringfield, VDOT Stuart Hall, Accomack County, Alt.
VI. Public participation	STAFF: Clara Vaughn, A-NPDC
VII. Next meeting – March 24, 2020 1:30 p.m. VDOT Residency, Accomac	2020 MEETING DATES all at 1:30 p.m.: March 24
VIII. Adjourn	May 26 July 28 Sept. 22 Nov. 24
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- I. Call to order- A quorum being present, Morrison called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.
- II. Approval of Minutes- Minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting were accepted as presented by a motion of Isdell, seconded by McGhee, and approved unanimously, with one abstention from Alexander, who was not a member of the TTAC during the September meeting.

#### III. Unfinished business

a. Parks-n-Ride Locations- Vaughn presented notes from the Park-n-Ride discussion held during the September 24, 2019 TTAC meeting for approval. She requested confirmation of the Park-n-Ride proposed location at the Eastern Shore Community College, which committee members advised is at the northern corner of Parkway and Lankford Highway, just south of the College. Morrison suggested submission of a SMART SCALE application for this project be postponed until the next application cycle in 2022. This will allow time for the Department of Rail and Public Transportation to accomplish a parking lot feasibility study.

Transportation Studies Update & SMART SCALE- Vaughn presented a list of SMART SCALE preapplications for each locality, to be submitted between March 5-April 2. McGhee and Morrison requested the A-NPDC complete pre-applications on behalf of the localities and combine both Route 13 improvement projects in Machipongo into one pre-application. Alexander confirmed the A-NPDC will do everything they can to submit all pre-applications, but stated if the pre-applications are too time consuming to complete before the deadline of April 2, the A-NPDC will communicate this to each locality shortly after the opening of pre-applications on March 5. A decision would made by the localities as to whether they wish to complete their own pre-applications or if the A-NPDC will complete some pre-applications based on a prioritized list. The committee approved providing a Resolution of Support for the 10 SMART SCALE applications listed, by motion of Haxter, seconded by Holloway, and approved unanimously.

Isdell provided an update on the Market Street (Rt 179) road diet project, in Onancock. He suggested that this could be one of the SMART SCALE pre-applications submitted. The committee approved amending the previous motion to include in its Resolution of Support an additional application for the Market Street (Rt 179) road diet by motion of Haxter, seconded by Holloway, and approved unanimously.

Vaughn also presented that The Town of Parksley successfully submitted a Transportation Alternatives program application to upgrade sidewalks in Town. VDOT is currently assessing the project with the CTB, and a final decision is due to Parksley by mid-June.

**b.** Pedestrian Facilities Study Update- Vaughn advised the committee that Williams take the lead on this project using ArcGIS to update the Pedestrian Facilities Study and prioritize projects for which funding will be sought.

#### IV. New business

- a. <u>Transportation Infrastructure Inundation Vulnerability Assessment-</u> Vaughn provided a summary of a conference call with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science regarding a five-year project that will examine flood risk and transportation infrastructure. The study will incorporate all Virginia coastal regions and is comprised of three parts: engineering, environmental, and policy. As the study progresses, Vaughn will update the committee. CTB Member Steve Johnsen informed the committee that this project originated from the Virginia Transportation Research Council, which contracted VIMS to manage the study.
- b. General Assembly Transportation Tracking- Vaughn provide a summary of key legislation regarding transportation in the Commonwealth, including HB642 and HB561, which would impact SMART SCALE funding; HB1390, which would establish the Rural Transportation Fund; HB774, which would double the size of Revenue Sharing funds allowed per project; HB1217, which directs VDOT to identify infrastructure at risk due to flooding; HJ107, which directs JLARC to study Virginia's transportation systems and funding; HJ131, which directs VDOT to study the impact of electric vehicles and develop a clean transportation plan; and SB453, which directs the Secretary of Transportation to evaluate the impact of increased fuel efficiency on transportation revenues and examine options to ensure a sustainable funding

stream for transportation infrastructure. Johnsen provided an update on General Assembly transportation topics, including the need to ensure sustainable funding for transportation infrastructure projects, and other subjects, including a project that could bring sewer service to Virginia's Eastern Shore.

- c. <u>VTrans Urban Development Areas-</u> Vaughn briefed the committee on Urban Development Areas and a discussion on how this could benefit the Eastern Shore followed. Alexander requested Vaughn review other rural localities in the state that currently have designated UDAs. Pauley offered to coordinate with OIPI to bring an expert to the Eastern Shore to present on UDAs in front of representatives from key localities this summer or fall. In Accomack, these include Chincoteague, Onancock, Onley, Parksley, and potentially Wachapreague, Melfa, and Painter. In Northampton, these include Cape Charles, Exmore, Cheriton, and Nassawadox. Johnsen requested Isdell provide information on other rural areas in Southeastern Virginia to compare miles of VDOT-maintained roads there with those on the Eastern Shore.
- d. Appointment of Officers & Amendment to By-laws- Vaughn indicated that Curt Smith was former Chairman, but is no longer a member of the committee. Morrison offered to retain his position as Vice Chairman of the Committee. Shannon Alexander volunteered to serve as committee Chair. Alexander was appointed Chair by a motion of Isdell, seconded by Morrison, and approved unanimously. Vaughn also stated that the Secretary may either be a member of the Committee or the Executive Director of the A-NPDC.

Vaughn requested committee members identify an organization to fill the vacant non-voting seat allocated to Bay Coast Railroad, which is now defunct. The committee elected to replace Bay Coast Railroad with Canonie Atlantic Co. The committee may amend by-laws by a majority vote of the voting membership following 30 days prior notice, and a vote is to to be held during the next Committee meeting.

- V. Public Participation- Morrison requested the opportunity to share the proposed SMART SCALE applications for Route 175 widening between Route 13 and Atlantic Road with the committee in more detail. CTB Member Steve Johnsen proposed examining a study of erosion at Cape Canaveral for lessons learned in developing future phases of the Route 175 project that are in close proximity to Wallops Island.
- VI. Next meeting March 24, 2020 1:30 p.m. VDOT Residency, Accomac
- VII. Adjourn- The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM by motion of McGhee, seconded by Haxter, and carried unanimously.

Susan McGbee. Chair

Shangon Alexander Secretary

07/29/2020 Date 8/3/2020

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