



Bikeway-Walkway Staff Report:

Transportation Work/Tasking:

- *Radford Transit Committee:* May 12th the Radford Transit Committee met to discuss next steps in the overall process of implementing the new transit system. In the coming months the City and University will be working to determine a new service name, develop a RFP for a service provider, and begin to look at selecting aesthetical aspects for the new buses. The PDC will be working with the City to provide staff assistance as needed.

For more information:

http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/activities/Transit_ref_materials.aspx

- *2010 Bikeway-Walkway-Blueway Plan:* The mapping and tables for the new plan are nearing completion. PDC staff was able to meet with each of the County, City and local government offices with the exception of four. A tremendous benefit for many of these meetings was having the local users within the community present. Because of this dynamic meeting opportunity the new plan will also reflect mapping for routes that are currently used that will help plan for safety and geometric improvements. In the coming months the PDC staff will be polishing the context of the document and submitting for local review.

Transportation Updates:

- *Rural Long Range Plan:* The Consultant is scheduled to provide draft recommendations to the PDC prior to the end of May. The PDC and VDoT will have two weeks to review contents prior to release to local jurisdictions. This information will be broken up geographically and sent to individual local governments and impacted stakeholders for a thorough review. Once this process is complete the plan will be presented for public comment and local endorsement. This plan is scheduled to be completed by early-mid fall of 2010.

For more information: <http://viriniadot.org/projects/pdf/NRiverV.pdf>

- *Virginia Statewide Bicycle Policy Plan:* PDC staff reviewed the draft plan of the document and provided comment prior to the April 16th deadline. The FY 11 Rural Work Program will be allocating staff time to participate on this statewide plan development. The draft vision for the plan is as follows: *Virginia is for bicyclists...The Commonwealth is a place where people ride bicycles for transportation and recreation; along roadways, trails, rural roads, downtown streets, and in urban activity centers. Virginia's transportation system accommodates and encourages bicycling by providing facilities for bicyclists of all ages and abilities, as well as policies, procedures and programs that support bicycling as one of Virginia's multi-modal options.*

- *Attendance of Conference/Workshops:* In an effort to obtain new knowledge and information amongst the transportation community, Sharp attended the following conferences and events:
 - *Virginia Local Assistance Program: Bicycle and Pedestrians Workshop*
 - *Training on effectively meeting the needs of non-motorized transportation by integrating bicyclists and pedestrians into the transportation network.*
 - *The course covered the significance of issues, policies and regulations, understanding the needs, pending changes in guidelines and manuals, and a group walkability audit.*
 - *This course offered a breadth of information and will be very beneficial for future planning efforts*