

**NEW RIVER VALLEY RPO
TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2007 1:30 p.m.

New River Valley Competitiveness Center
Fairlawn

Attendees: Barry Helms, Town of Christiansburg; Nichole Hair, Town of Christiansburg; Ron Coake, Pulaski County; Keri Vass, Town of Pulaski; Roy Saville, Radford University; Tammy Trimble, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute; Patrick Burton, Virginia Department of Transportation; Alexandra Summers, Virginia Tech Transportation Institute; Steve Sandy, Montgomery County; Jim Hurt, City of Radford; Abigail Convery, NRVPC; Dave Rundgren, NRVPC; Kevin Byrd, NRVPC; Keith Holt, NRVPC.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTESChair Saville
September minutes were approved with spelling changes. Dave Rundgren said that while the minutes reflected TAC deemphasizing the Rt.114 Bridge in the submitted Six Year Improvement Plan comments, the PDC Board chose to emphasize that it remains a priority until the bridge is under construction.

PUBLIC COMMENTSOpen Floor
There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE MEMBER CONCERNSOpen Floor

PRESENTATION

NRV RideshareKeith Holt
Keith presented recent Rideshare Program efforts and accomplishments. A copy of his presentation is posted with the minutes from the meeting.

Multimodal Projects and the Transportation and Housing Alliance Toolkit.....Kevin Byrd
Kevin talked about the Pulaski Central Multimodal Planning grant that will evaluate existing traffic conditions and identify future transportation corridors for the central Pulaski/Dublin Area. This study will be done at the same time as the Pulaski Central Comprehensive Planning process. Kevin said that the RFP for transportation planning component of the study was issued on Sunday and the final products of the study will be maps and land use recommendations. Kevin then spoke about the Transportation Housing Alliance Toolkit which is a grant program managed by the Thomas Jefferson PDC. The NRVPC was awarded funding to map disabled populations, transit facilities, medical facilities, etc. to help improve transit planning services. There is a policy component to the grant that will summarize the data collection and make recommendations for improved transit services. The final project, Employment Mobility Planning for the NRV is a program to move along the work from the mobility study with VTTI

and Roanoke to take a closer look at transportation needs with employers and employees in the NRV. There are several public and private stakeholders involved with the project. Currently the project is working with 18 employers. Surveys on transit needs for employers are about 50% complete and the project is working with those employers to develop a survey for their employees on transportation needs.

OLD BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS.....Nichole Hair

Nichole presented the work that has been done to date on the Bike Pedestrian Policy. She requested the TAC to review the work done and to return any comments back to the PDC. Next steps will be to begin taking this work to the elected officials of the localities for their feedback. The BWWW Committee elected Amy Doss with Montgomery County to chair the committee and Nichole Hair would function as Co-Chair in the coming year.

NEW BUSINESS.....Abigail Convery

Presentation on Phase 2 of Rural Long Range Transportation Planning Effort and Role of TAC
Abi went over the detailed work program for the TAC and PDC concerning the Rural Long Range Transportation Planning effort. Details to what is expected and the TAC work schedule can be found posted with the TAC meeting.

Revising Rural Transportation Program 2008

The PDC was requesting a resolution of support/recommendations for amending the TAC work program in order to accommodate the work expected for the rural long range transportation planning effort. After discussion, the recommendation for a resolution of support to the PDC board be made to postpone the update for the BW-WW-BW update until later this year.. FY 2009 work program.

TAC Elections for Chair and Co Chair for 2008

Steve Sandy with Montgomery County will be the new Chair for the TAC committee and Roy Saville with RU will serve as Co-Chair.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDAR- RPO TAC schedule for 2008. January 15; March 18; May 20; July 15; September 16; November 18

ADJOURNMENTChair Saville

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20.