

**Transportation Technical Advisory Committee  
of the  
New River Valley Planning District Commission**

Minutes of the Meeting  
Held on **March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006**, at the  
New River Valley Competitiveness Center  
Fairlawn  
1:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE**

Chairman Coake called the meeting to order.

**Members Present:** Roy Saville, Co-Chairman, Radford University; David Clarke, VDOT-Christiansburg; Dan Brugh, Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Montgomery Co. MPO; Kelly Duty, Montgomery County; Hesham Rakha, VTTI; Ray Pethtel, VTTI; Dale Huff, Virginia Tech; Patrick Burton, VDOT; James Hurt, City of Radford; Gary Heinline, Pulaski Area Transit; Charlie White, New River Community College; Paul Dellinger, The Roanoke Times.

**Staff Present:** Abigail Convery and Kevin Byrd, New River Valley PDC.

**APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were addressed to the committee.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER CONCERNS**

No committee members expressed concerns.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Presentation by Virginia Tech Transportation Institute: *Modeling the Addition of Truck Lanes on Traffic Flow in the I-81 Corridor*. Presenter: Hesham Rakha, 231-1500

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business to address

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### VDOT Rural Transportation Planning Process:

Patrick indicated to the group that a few items need further clarification from the program headquarters. He also discussed the need to provide required data to the PDC that will establish the foundation of the long range planning activities. Inquiries for data from the PDC to local governments will commence in the coming weeks/month.

### I-81 EIS Comments Adopted by Board:

The Planning District Board of Commissioners adopted the EIS comments forwarded by the TAC at the January meeting. The Commission provided one minor modification, the adopted as presented.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Elections for 2006:

Roy Saville of Radford University was elected as Chairman  
Joe Powers of Montgomery County was elected Vice-Chairman

Roy and Joe will serve until December 2006. Elections for the 2007 term will be held at the November meeting.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

No Other Business presented

Chairman Coake set the next TAC meeting for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 1:30 p.m. at the New River Valley Competitiveness Center in Fairlawn.

The meeting schedule for remainder of the year:

May 16, July 18, September 19, November 21

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Coake adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.