

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

Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2007 1:30 p.m.

New River Valley Competitiveness Center
Fairlawn

Attendees:

Terry Nester, Town of Pulaski
Jim Hurt, City of Radford
Nichole Hair, Christiansburg
Kim Steika, Community Design Assistance Center
Fritz Streff, NRCC
Patrick Burton, VDOT Salem
David Clarke, VDOT Christiansburg Residency
Roy Saville, RU
Abigail Convery, NRVPCD
Keith Holt, NRVPCD

APPROVAL OF MAY MEETING MINUTES

The may meeting minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None expressed.

COMMITTEE MEMBER CONCERNS

None expressed.

PRESENTATION

Kim Steika with Virginia Tech's Community Design Assistance Center presented the completed Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the City of Radford that was completed this summer.

OLD BUSINESS/STAFF REPORTS

Regional BWWW Subcommittee Updates

Chair Hair summarized the BWWW subcommittee activities for the month. Sandra Tanner with Virginia Tourism presented the trail efforts from Southside Virginia. The organizational structure set up was an interesting model to use for the NRT extension. A non-profit was created whose board consisted of representatives from the localities which was staffed by the PDC. The organization had raised significant funds to move their trails efforts forward in southside. Chair Hair also reported back on the BWWW Policy development. An umbrella and goal statements were drafted to accompany the Long Range Rural Transportation Goals. These goals

and policies are being developed specifically for localities to adopt into their local bike pedestrian plans.

Rural Long Range Transportation Plan

Keith and Abigail presented the revised versions of the documents presented to the TAC back in May. The final version of these documents would be submitted at the end of the year to VDOT.

NEW BUSINESS

Submission of Rural Transportation Grants

Two transportation grants were submitted since the last meeting. One was submitted through the VDOT's rural transportation planning program as a New River Transportation Improvement Study. The proposed project would look at access management issues in Fairlawn, safety recommendations for an intersection in Radford and safety recommendations for a dangerous turn lane in Glen Lyn. The second grant submitted was to the FHWA which would create a green infrastructure plan for the major highway corridors within the New River Valley.

Census Changes and Impacts to Transportation Analyses

The Census Bureau has proposed to change the criteria for the Participant Statistical Areas Program to increase the minimum threshold for block groups. The increase would make the census data less useful and less detailed for planning analysis in rural areas.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Committee

Technology Showcase and a VTTI / Smart Roads Open House from 11 AM - 4PM on Thursday, August 23, 2007.

Virginia Municipal League Annual Conference, Oct.14-16, Williamsburg VA. Transportation and Land Use Track.

Note RPO TAC schedule for 2007: **September 18, November 20.**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at ~2:30.