

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

October 10, 2013

4:00 p.m.

County Government Center, Building A

1.) Roll Call

Present

Ms. Robin Bledsoe

Mr. Tim O'Connor

Mr. Rich Krapf

Staff Present

Mr. Paul Holt

Ms. Tammy Rosario

Ms. Ellen Cook

Ms. TC Cantwell

Ms. Beth Klapper

Guests Present

Carroll Collins

Gary Massey

Brittany Voll

Present by Phone

Mr. Al Woods

2.) Minutes

Mr. Rich Krapf noted two corrections to page two. The sentence should be "inquired about adequate operating funds being available..." and second paragraph beginning with Mr. Krapf should read as "statute does include consideration for the project financing".

Mr. Tim O'Connor moved to approve the August 15, 2013 minutes.

In a unanimous voice vote, the minutes were approved as corrected (3-0).

3.) Old Business

There was no Old Business to discuss.

4.) New Business

Ms. Robin Bledsoe inquired of any new business.

Mr. Paul Holt stated that Mr. Al Woods contacted the Chair of the Policy Committee to inform them that he will not be able to attend this meeting physically due to medical restrictions, however, but that he was to participate via telephone.

Ms. Bledsoe requested that Mr. Woods's physical absence and his participation via telephone be reflected into the minutes.

a. Longhill Road Corridor Study

Ms. Ellen Cook stated that the discussion today is to give an update on the Longhill Corridor Study and there will be additional updates as this study continues to move forward.

Ms. Cook further stated that there have been discussions about the existing conditions, they held their first public meeting last week, and that they have held a few Project Advisory Committee meetings, of which Ms. Bledsoe is a member.

Ms. Cook stated that Mr. Carroll Collins of Kimley Horn and Associates, the consultant for this project, will be conducting the presentation.

Mr. Collins addressed the Policy Committee giving a PowerPoint presentation on the Longhill Road Corridor Study which covers approximately three miles from the Route 199 interchange to Centerville Road.

Ms. Bledsoe inquired if pedestrian safety was a discussion during the Project Symposium meeting.

Mr. Collins stated that pedestrian safety was not mentioned at his table.

Ms. Cook stated that a bicyclist sitting at her table was more interested in bike lanes but recognized the importance of pedestrian safety.

Ms. Tammy Rosario stated that a gentleman sitting at her table noted many folks walking along this section of Longhill Road and determined safety measures are a must.

Ms. Bledsoe stated that she had seen ten to twenty residents walking in the tall grass along the edge of Longhill Road and hope this study can correct that.

Mr. O'Connor inquired as to the current level of service grade for the corridor.

Mr. Collins stated he believes it to be a C or a D depending on location.

Mr. O'Connor inquired if there have been any discussions regarding opening the Warhill Tract to thru traffic because it is an additional ten mile round trip if you are traveling from Richmond Road to Warhill. He suggested widening the entrance into the parking lot to accomplish the connection, not necessarily making it a pass through - just an entrance.

Mr. O'Connor further stated that leaving out of the Warhill Complex is dangerous due to the lack of visibility and motorists traveling faster than the posted speed limit.

Mr. Collins stated that VDOT has been studying that area for potential signalization.

Mr. O'Connor stated that as part of the bikeway Master Plan, the Policy Committee had discussed the difficulties of placing a bike path along the western end of the corridor and inquired if it had been stricken from the plan.

Ms. Cook stated that a multi-use path is shown along the corridor on the bikeway Master Plan and this study should determine if any refinements are necessary; VDOT right-of way and environmental issues are a few constraints to consider given their proximity to the road.

Ms. Rosario stated that that there is a church on one side of the street and a cemetery on the other side and this may cause some issues as well.

Mr. Woods inquired as to the objective of the Policy Committee on this particular topic.

Ms. Cook stated that this meeting was for informational purposes and this study will be going before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for their adoption at the end of the process. Staff recommended checkpoints along the way to ensure information presented was on target.

Mr. Holt stated that presenting this information to the Policy Committee was an opportunity to provide updated information and to identify any issues that have not been addressed or discussed.

5.) Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.


Robin Bledsoe, Chair of the Policy Committee