

**Policy Committee
Government Center Complex
Large Conference Room, Building A**

oct. 10, 2013 - 4 p.m.

1. Roll Call

2. Minutes

A. August 15, 2013

3. New Business

A. Longhill Road Corridor Study - Update

4. Other Items

5. Adjournment

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 10, 2013
TO: The Policy Committee
FROM: Ellen Cook, Senior Planner II
SUBJECT: Longhill Road Corridor Study - Update

As part of the process for the Longhill Road Corridor Study, staff will be providing periodic updates to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. The information below includes a description of the process to date and highlights next steps as the study progresses into its next phase of development.

Process To-Date

Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. began this project with traffic count data collection in late May/early June (prior to the end of the school year). Kimley Horn has been analyzing this data to compile information on traffic congestion along the corridor under existing conditions. The results show several intersections with deficient levels of service. They have also been pulling together a variety of other existing conditions data such as crash reports, environmental and historic features, and pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities and operations to give a broader view of the conditions along the corridor.

In conjunction with this technical analysis, staff and the consultant have been working to solicit public input on a variety of issues, including an evaluation of existing conditions from the perspective of frequent users of the corridor, and on a guiding vision for the future of the corridor. Public input has been gathered via two meetings of the Project Advisory Committee ("PAC"), which consists of representatives of stakeholders along the corridor; one meeting of the Technical Advisory Team ("TAT"), which consists of a smaller, technically-oriented group of stakeholders; a set of 17 stakeholder interviews; and the creation of a website (<http://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/longhillcorridorstudy>). A meeting for the general public to learn about the study and provide input occurred on October 3, 2013. All input will be compiled and used to help assess options for improving the corridor.

Next Steps

Over the next few months, technical analysis will continue as the consultant starts to analyze land uses and market conditions to forecast future traffic volumes on the corridor. This information will determine areas where levels of service may decline and become deficient, and set the stage for identifying possible improvements to address the deficiencies. The possible improvements will be evaluated against constraints such as available right-of-way, cost, and public input.

Stakeholder and public input efforts will also continue, with additional meetings of the PAC and TAT. Additional public meetings will be held once the possible improvements scenarios have been drafted. Staff will bring information and updates to the Policy Committee and Board of Supervisors again at this phase, before moving onto option selection and recommendations for the final report in Summer 2014.

Conclusion

Staff and the project consultant will be present at the Policy Committee meeting and would welcome any discussion and questions the Policy Committee may have. Staff will also be presenting this information to the Board of Supervisors at its work session on October 22, 2013.