MINUTES

BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JOINT MEETING WITH THE

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BEDFORD COUNTY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

APRIL 10, 2014

7:30 P.M.   VDOT Public Hearing - 2015-2020 Six-Year Plan for Bedford County's Secondary System Improvements

      a. Call to order

      b. Moment of silence

      c. Pledge of Allegiance

(1) Welcome and explanation of tonight's meeting process from Mr. Todd Daniel, Residency Administrator

(2) Public hearing

(3) Closing comments

Board of Supervisors: John Sharp, Chairman – District 4; Tammy Parker, Vice-Chairman, District 7; Bill Thomasson, District 1; Curry Martin, District 2; Steve Wilkerson, District 3; Steve Arrington, District 5; and Annie Pollard, District 6

VDOT Staff Present: Todd Daniel, Loretta Riley, Brian Casella, Kristin Willoby and Brad Radford

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County Staff Present: Mark K. Reeter, Frank J. Rogers, and Brigitte Petersen

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Chairman Sharp called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance; a moment of silence was held and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Todd Daniel, VDOT Residency Administrator.

(1) Mr. Daniel began the meeting by introducing the VDOT staff attending the meeting: Kristin Willoby, Assistant Residency Administrator; Brian Casella, Area Land Use Engineer; Brad Radford, Maintenance Operations Manager; and Loretta Riley, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Daniel stated the purpose of the meeting was to receive citizen comment to assist VDOT and the Board with the development of the Secondary Six-Year Plan for 2015 to 2020. He briefly explained how the process works, and then went through the current plan which was adopted May 2013 as follows:

- Route 668, Goode Road – Bridge over Norfolk Southern Railroad
- Route 634, Hardy Road – Approaches to the Bridge
- Route 774, Wooldridge Road – Widen and surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 818, Egypt Road – Widen and surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 655, Goodview Road – Intersection Realignment (dropped from upcoming revision due to lack of funding)
- Route 755, Simmons Mill Road – Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 872, Roach Road – Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 696, Crouch Road – Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 619, Jordantown Road – Reconstruction of an intersection (dropped from upcoming revision due to funding)
- Route 681, Magnolia – Intersection improvements (dropped from upcoming revision due to funding)
- Route 695, Goose Creek Valley Road – Spot improvements (dropped from upcoming revisions due to funding)
- Route 608, Altice Road - Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 684, Rocky Ford Road - Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 644, Old Cifax Road - Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 692, Cool Springs Road - Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 628, Mentow Drive - Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Route 635, Jeter's Chapel Road - Surface treat a non-hard surface road
- Countywide traffic services (new and secondary sign installations, miscellaneous traffic-related items, engineering survey work)
- Countywide fertilization and seeding
- Countywide right-of-way engineering

Mr. Daniel briefly reviewed how the Six-Year Plan funding works, noting that maintenance projects are funded first. In response to a question from Chairman Sharp, Mr. Daniel stated that last

year's plan was built off revenue projections given by the State at that time. Since then, the Department of Taxation has lowered the revenue projections, which in turn lowers the amount of funding that's available to flow through the Secondary Six-Year Plan.

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(2) The public hearing was opened.

J. B. Bays, resident from Bedford, asked that the bridge over Goose Creek Road be fixed; Mr. Daniel noted that that bridge is slated to be replaced.

Kelly Daniel, resident from Forest, requested that a small section of Bellevue Road (Route 643, approximately 1/10 of a mile) be paved. She noted that this road is the only access to Routes 460 and 221 for the six residences affected by this portion of unpaved road.

Michael Okuley, resident from Bedford, requested that Lazenbury Road be paved. Mr. Okuley noted that he has previously brought in signatures from 100% of the residents on Lazenbury Road in support of this request, and commented that there are now 60 homes on this road. Chairman Sharp noted that this road was on the list to be added to the secondary plan. Mr. Oukley stated that there are also several large oak trees on Lazenbury that pose a serious safety concern.

James Kolanko, resident from Bedford, also requested that Lazenbury Road be paved.

Sherry Creasy, resident from Huddleston, requested that Route 628 (Stinnette Farm Road) be paved. Ms. Creasy noted that VDOT has gotten much better with keeping up with maintenance on the road, but it's always either muddy or dusty, and frequently has potholes. She said she was also concerned with safety at the junction of Route 711 and Route 24; it's heavily traveled, as well as being a dangerous blind curve. Lastly, the junction of Route 727 and Route 24/43 is a safety concern due to the trees that have grown up around the curve. She asked that a sign be installed further up the road to warn drivers to watch for turning vehicles.

Rose Barnes, resident from Goode, also requested that Route 643 be paved.

There being no one else desiring to speak, the public hearing was closed.

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(3) Supervisor Wilkerson asked Mr. Daniel if McDaniel Road is in the process of being added to the Plan's queue. Mr. Daniel replied that McDaniel Road is currently not on the list of roads waiting to be added to the Six-Year Plan; however, it could be added to list during VDOT's upcoming work session.

In response to a question from Vice-Chairman Parker, Mr. Daniel said the Plan was not yet updated with the revised voting districts. He said this will be addressed at the work session.

Vice-Chairman Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.; motion passed by acclamation.