

US Route 501 Regional Coalition

May 24, 2006

The regular meeting of the US Route 501 Regional Coalition was held at the Community & Economic Development Conference Room, County Office Building, Rustburg, Virginia on May 24, 2006.

Those Present:

Ron Lovelace, Bedford County, Chair
Lee Ann Carr, Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce
R.E. Abbott, Citizen Representative
Bob White, Region 2000
Sue Montgomery, Bedford County
Mike Davidson, Campbell County
Paul Harvey, Campbell County
Gerry Harter, City of Lynchburg
Don Austin, VDOT (Appomattox)

Also Present:

Jamie Banton, Campbell County, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Ron Lovelace called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. At his request, Mr. Davidson gave the invocation.

The January 11, 2006 meeting minutes were presented for review. On a motion by Ms. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Davidson and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the January 11, 2006 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Report

Mr. Davidson provided the Coalition with a current financial report. A total of \$18,683.75 remains in the Coalition account. Mr. Davidson also stated that invoices for FY2007 dues will be mailed in July or August.

Old Business

// Mr. Davidson provided the Coalition with a list of priorities provided by Campbell County, Bedford County and Halifax County. The Coalition discussed options for ranking the priorities submitted. Mr. Davidson explained that the projects should be ranked according to the best safety aspects regardless of location. Ms. Montgomery commented that if all of the main priorities are located in one county, it could jeopardize regional cooperation. General discussion followed.

The Coalition determined that all of the priorities submitted should be reviewed by VDOT, and each ranked according to the same criteria. The ranking of the projects can be compared and scaled. The analysis will be completed in the Lynchburg VDOT district, the final scores will be consolidated based upon ranking, and the Coalition will reconvene to review the scores and determine the final list of priorities.

// Mr. Austin noted that the turn lane below William Campbell High School in Naruna is scheduled to be bid in June 2006.

New Business

// Mr. Davidson spoke with the Virginia State Police Halifax Field Office in February 2006. According to the State Police, US 501 had the highest crash rating of all roads in Halifax County from July 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005. Because of this high rate of incidents, the State Police will be enacting an enhanced enforcement zone along US 501 in Halifax County.

// Next, Mr. White and Mr. Davidson discussed an updated project location map for the 501 Coalition website. Mr. Davidson will give the final list to Mr. White for his office to map.

// The US Route 501 Regional Coalition adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2006, 2:00 pm, in the Campbell County CED Conference Room, Rustburg, Virginia.