

# US Route 501 Regional Coalition

October 25, 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 October 25, 2006.

## Those Present:

Ron Lovelace, Bedford County, Chair  
R.E. Abbott, Halifax County Supervisor  
Sue Montgomery, Bedford County  
Mike Davidson, Campbell County  
Paul Harvey, Campbell County  
Don Austin, VDOT (Appomattox)  
J.D. Puckett, Campbell County Supervisor  
Steve Arrington, Bedford County Supervisor  
Jerry Lovelace, Halifax County  
Casey Dagonheart, Region 2000 Local Government Council

## Also Present:

Rebecca Schwarz, 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 May 24, 2006 meeting minutes were presented for review. On a motion by Mr. Harvey, seconded by Ms. Montgomery, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the May 24, 2006 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Davidson introduced to the Coalition the new Economic Development Administrative Assistant, Rebecca Schwarz.

## Financial Report

Mr. Davidson next provided the Coalition with a current financial report. A total of \$22,850.05 remains in the Coalition account. Mr. Davidson stated that the quarterly bill of \$41.85 to WebUX, Inc. was paid, and all FY2007 dues have been paid, with the exception of Brookneal. A reminder will be sent to Brookneal.

## Old Business

// The Coalition reviewed the VDOT study information on highway matters. The focus for this meeting was on Halifax and Campbell County. Mr. Lovelace reminded the coalition that Bedford County's report was filed following the last meeting.

Mr. Davidson explained that the study performed focused on small safety improvement projects, costing approximately one half of a million dollars per project. There are currently eight on list. These projects are to improve safety at intersections.

Mr. Austin said that he turned the prioritizing of these projects over to the Traffic Engineer. The Traffic Engineer took the previous 501 Corridor study, updated it with

current traffic information and accident information, and, according to his expertise, ranked the projects according to their priority. (See Attachment 1: VDOT Study Information). General discussion of the projects followed.

// The Coalition next discussed the process of updating the 501 Coalition's priorities. Mr. Davidson mentioned that last time an assessment was performed, the Coalition paid Blair Communications to conduct it. It was suggested that this time the Coalition take the projects not yet completed and prioritize them, as well as add any new projects. It was also suggested that a separate priority list be made for both the Lynchburg and Salem/Bedford transportation districts. The map will need revision in order to correspond with the updated priority list. General discussion followed regarding the priorities and the establishment of a quorum in the case of a called meeting. It was suggested that in the event of a called meeting, in order to establish a quorum, the elected officials be the ones to attend. It was pointed out that there are no elected officials representing Lynchburg. It was the consensus that one elected official or elected officials' representative ought to be the representative in such an instance, and in the case of Lynchburg, Traffic Engineer Jerry Harter would likely be the best representative.

#### New Business

// Mr. Davidson discussed the next meeting date for the 501 Coalition. The Coalition decided to meet according to its regular meeting schedule on February 28, 2007, 2:00 pm, in the Campbell County CED Conference Room, Rustburg, Virginia.

With no further matters to discuss, the US Route 501 Regional Coalition adjourned at 3:13 pm.

Attachment 1

Email From:  
Conner, Matthew L.  
Monday, October 23, 2006 11:52 AM

Don,

Below is our prioritized list of improvement projects along the Route 501 corridor in Campbell and Halifax County based on our traffic analysis and accident data. We have also added Route 633 (northern intersection) northbound left turn lane in Campbell County to the list, as it was mentioned in the 501 Corridor Study.

1. Halifax Co. – Route 628: Provide right and left turn lanes
2. Halifax Co. – Route 642: Provide right and left turn lanes
3. Campbell Co. – Route 633 (northern intersection): Provide northbound left turn lane
4. Campbell Co. – Route 933: Provide northbound left turn lane
5. Campbell Co. – Evaluate the intersections of Routes 652 and 635 with 501 in Gladys
6. Halifax Co. – Route 501 & 360 intersection in town of Halifax: Signalize and install left and right turn lanes
7. Campbell Co. – Route 633 (southern intersection): Provide southbound left turn lane
8. Campbell Co. – Northern entrance of Route 917: Provide northbound left turn lane

Should you have any questions, please let me know.

- Matt -

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