

US Route 501 Regional Coalition

September 26, 2007

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 September 26, 2007.

Those Present:

Mike Davidson, Campbell County
Paul Harvey, Campbell County
Don Austin, VDOT (Appomattox)
Gerry Harter, Lynchburg City
Pam Bailey, Blair Marketing
Sue Montgomery, Bedford County
Jerry Lovelace, Halifax County

Also Present:

Rebecca Schwarz, Campbell County, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Lovelace was unable to attend the meeting. Mike Davidson called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm and gave the invocation.

The committee reviewed the agenda, and with no changes needed, approved it as read. Upon review of the minutes, and with no changes needed, the May 23, 2007 meeting minutes were approved as recorded.

Financial Report

// Mr. Davidson reviewed the financial report. The balance in the account as of today is \$22,915.32. We have had some problems with WebUx in that we have not received the email invoices. Once this was due to staff turnover and our error, but the second time we simply did not receive the email invoice. As a result, the website is not currently working. Mr. Davidson said he is going to try to find a way to get the invoices by mail or some other solution. Otherwise, he would like to move the service to another web host. Discussion of possible changes to the website service followed. The 501 Coalition agreed by consensus that Mr. Davidson may explore the possibilities out there and move the service if necessary.

Mr. Davidson asked if there were any questions regarding the financial report. Ms. Montgomery said it would be good to send out the notices for the yearly Coalition dues. Mr. Davidson agreed that we need to do so.

Old Business

// The Coalition next discussed old business. Pam Bailey from Blair Marketing discussed the 501 Coalition Newsletter. She asked the committee members if they had any suggestions. The committee contributed its comments on the newsletter, and several edits were suggested. General discussion of the newsletter followed.

// Mr. Davidson informed the Coalition that it needs to look at the project priority listing again. When preparing for the May meeting, he apparently pulled the wrong electronic file. As a result, the list he presented at the May meeting was not fully updated. He reviewed the new,

updated list with the Coalition and pointed out some new wording on projects #2, #6, and #9 (see attached Top Priorities). This new list does not differ greatly from the list adopted in May, but it is clearer and worded better. Jerry Lovelace commented on two corrections needed, and Gerry Harter made two other suggestions for corrections. Mr. Davidson will make the edits accordingly. Mr. Davidson said that because the 501 Coalition adopted the May list, it needs to re-adopt the revised version. Upon a motion by Sue Montgomery, seconded by Paul Harvey, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the 501 Coalition adopted the revised Project Priority List.

// The committee returned to discussion of the newsletter due to some other edits recommended. Mr. Davidson said that originally the goal was to send the newsletter in October, but due to the suggestion of the committee, we will wait to complete and mail the newsletter until Georgia-Pacific can give more significant input on one of the articles.

New Business

// The 501 Coalition next discussed the VDOT public hearings. Mr. Austin said the Lynchburg public hearing will be on October 29. It will be held at the same location as last year. The Salem meeting will be on October 24, at the Salem Civic Center. The meetings will be conducted according to the same format as last year. From 5-6pm, there will be a briefing for public officials and an open house and general discussion starting at 6pm. Mr. Austin said that the public is allowed to attend the public officials' briefing at 5pm if they choose to do so. Mr. Austin passed out a sheet on potential passing zone improvements on Route 501. He briefly discussed the VDOT projects and priorities for Route 501, including the Brookneal Bypass. He told the Coalition that, if it would like, it may speak at the public hearing on its need for funding. Discussion of the projects and priorities and needed funding followed, and the Coalition agreed to have a representative attend the public hearing.

// The next item on the agenda was the Election of Officers, but no elected officials were present at the meeting. Due to the fact that no members eligible for election were present, the 501 Coalition agreed to wait until its next meeting to vote on officers.

// Mr. Davidson told the Coalition that after this meeting Halifax will assume the administrative responsibilities for the 501 Coalition. General discussion followed.

// The members discussed the yearly dues for the 501 Coalition. After discussion of the various options before the committee, the committee agreed to vote to lower the dues amount by 50 percent. Upon a motion by Ms. Montgomery, seconded by Mr. Harvey, and duly adopted by unanimous vote, the 501 Coalition voted to lower the dues amount for the 501 Coalition by 50 percent until further notice. Therefore, for Fiscal Year 2008 cities and counties will owe \$500, and towns will owe \$125.

// The 501 Coalition will have its next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at 2:00pm.

With no further matters to discuss, the US Route 501 Regional Coalition adjourned at 3:02 pm.

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Top Priorities

Adopted 9-26-07

1. **Construct Rt. 501/29/460 Lynchburg/Campbell Bypass (Southern leg)**
2. **Reconstruct roadway to provide standard shoulders and guardrails between Rt. 612 and .5 mi north of Rt. 672. (Bedford)**
3. **Construct eastward bypass from US Rt. 360 to Rt. 501 (Halifax)**
4. **Construct improvements at Rt. 501 & Rt. 221 (Lynchburg)**
5. **Construct southern bypass from Rt. 501 to Rt. 58 (Halifax)**
6. **Reconstruct roadway section from Rt. 672 to Rt. 652 to provide standard shoulders and guardrails. (Bedford)**
7. **Four-lane Rt. 501 from just south of Rt. 615 to Campbell County (Halifax)**
8. **Four-lane Rt. 501 from Brookneal to Winfall (Campbell)**
9. **Reconstruct roadway section from Rt. 652 to Rt. 761. (Bedford)**
10. **Intersection of Route 501 and Route 628: construct right and left turn lanes. (Halifax)**
11. **Intersection of Route 501 and Route 642: construct right and left turn lanes. (Halifax)**
12. **Intersection of Route 501 and Route 633: (northern intersection) provide northbound left turn lane. (Campbell)**
13. **Intersection of Route 501 and Route 933: provide northbound left turn lane. (Campbell)**
14. **Evaluate Intersections of Routes 652, 635 with 501 in Gladys. (Campbell)**
15. **Intersection of Route 501 and State Route 360 in town of Halifax: signalize and install left and right turn lanes. (Halifax)**
16. **Intersection of Route 501 and Route 633 (southern intersection) provide southbound left turn lane. (Campbell)**
17. **Intersection of Route 501 and Route 917 (Northern entrance) provide northbound left turn lane. (Campbell)**
18. **Sydnor-Jennings Elementary School (approximately 0.5 mile South of Volens); construct right and left turn lanes. (Halifax)**