



Multimodal Advisory Committee
July 8, 2009
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Virginia Department of Transportation
Main Auditorium 1221 E. Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia
Summary

1. Welcome, Introductions and Updates

Deputy Secretary Ralph Davis told the committee that there will not be a CTB meeting in August. Given that we still have a lot of information to share with the Board, there will be an all day meeting in September devoted to VTrans. It is not certain at this time what day that will be but it is likely to be associated with the regular CTB workshop which would be the third Wednesday of the month. The committee will be notified as soon as a date is set.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Corridors of Statewide Significance

Mr. Chris Gay noted that his presentation was a follow-up to the May meeting. He had considered all comments received at that meeting and had reorganized the corridor reports to be more story-like and oriented to the corridor functions. Mr. Gay provided an outline for the corridor reports, example strategies and their relationship to the VTrans goals, and corridor functions.

Comments in general were positive and the committee felt that the report was headed in the right direction. Specific comments included the following:

- Don't assume the reader will understand all the jargon and acronyms or what is in the corridor
- Don't repeat how each strategy addresses goals – it is getting too repetitive. Do summary tables, etc.
- Change the summary matrix to show how well each strategy meets the goals – perhaps using circles filled in for very well, half filled in for medium and empty for not so well

Mr. Gay said that he would start sending out reports for the committee to review within the next 2 weeks – starting with I-81. It was suggested that a presentation on the corridors be made to the CTB soon.

4. Investment Adequacy

Mr. Mike Lawrence (Jack Fawcett and Associates) presented his approach to the development of the Investment Adequacy chapter. General comments included the following:

- Revenue generators in the future need to be different (ex. registration based on fuel efficiency of the vehicle)
- GARVEEs=FRANs in Virginia
- Include Private Activity Bonds
- The paper should mention local community real Estate Tax and Road Impact Fees
- Need general discussion on how to push financing to local level – CDAs, TIFs, local proffers, etc.
- Need to better define Business as usual (is it 3% or 4% related to maintenance) and \$1b/year scenarios

Mr. Lawrence described his proposed methodology and said he would need to talk with all the agencies. A suggestion was made to involve the Asset Management Division with reconciling HERS results. A meeting will be set up to facilitate that coordination. It was recognized that many different groups will need to review the results and feel comfortable with the findings before this goes out for general review.

5. Regional Accessibility

Ms. Linda Carpenter provided the following comments regarding the inclusion of Regional Accessibility into the final report.:

- Consideration of regional networks is called for in legislation
- The Corridors of Statewide Significance touch on them, the Surface Transportation Plan will overlap with them, the Regional Planning Forum started to address them, the round of public meetings had a station related to regional accessibility, but it never is addressed as a stand-alone topic.
- The final VTrans report should have a discussion on:
 - what is in legislation
 - why it is an important topic
 - present a toolkit that will show how the plan will develop strategies that encourage characteristics that promote regional accessibility and discourage characteristics that hinder regional accessibility.

Other comments include:

- Make a strong case on why this topic is important using real examples (such as the need for so many lanes on I-95 that could never be built)
- Discuss regional performance measures
- Identify ways that the state helps or hinders achieving regional accessibility
- Suggestion was made to assume that the MPO study areas are the regional networks for right now

- Suggestion was made to have an off-line conversation with MPOs on the Advisory Committee for setting the framework for this report section

Ms. Carpenter stated that she would develop an outline and set up a conference call with the appropriate people.

Summit Planning

Ms. Carpenter noted the need to identify the purpose of the summit before we can determine who to invite. A suggestion was made that the purpose be to build partnerships with attendees who could help implement VTrans in the future. The invitation lists originally compiled for the 2008 summit need to be reexamined and pared down so they will be distributed to the committee for revision. Ms. Carpenter will develop a proposal to be reviewed by Secretary Homer.

NEXT VTRANS MEETING – AUGUST 12 – 9:30–1:00 – VDOT AUDITORIUM

Attendees

Ralph Davis
Mary Lynn Tischer
Tom Biesiadny
Ben Mannell
Amy Inman
Brad Shelton
Robin Grier
Chris Gay
Linda Carpenter
Nick Alexandrow
Heather Mantz
Jim Lambert
Nick Donohue
Alex Lane
Mike Lawrence
Rusty Harrington
John Miller
Don Vary
John Lawson