

Richmond Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2021

All participants attended the meeting remotely.

Committee members: Cathleen Gent (chair), Erik Filkorn, James Floyd (Tardy), Allen Knowles, Jon Kart

Absent: Mark Damico, Chris Cole

Others present: Ravi Venkataraman

Cathleen Gent opened the meeting at 5:40 PM.

Meeting Minutes: March 18, 2021 moved by Filkorn, seconded by Knowles. Approved unanimously.

Additions to Agenda: Discuss regular meeting day. Letter of support for Future of Rural Transit project.

UPWP Project Updates

Northern Bike Ped Master Plan – More input was offered to Toole at the public session last week. Familiar themes endure. Concerns were expressed about legal permissions related to certain trails. Trail between Jericho Road and Snipe Ireland was removed but there is still some ongoing discussion of the disposition of various landowners. There may be one more public meeting as part of the process. Report is due end of June. Knowles asked why the Wiki Map was only tacitly discussed at the meeting. Venkataraman reported that the date would be featured in the final report. (Floyd arrived at 5:56PM).

Bridge Street – Public session coming on April 8. Venkataraman reported that the slides are up online for review.

Route 2 Paving Update – Work in progress. There has been some back and forth with VTrans. Trying to stay ahead of them. Eleni Churchill is going to facilitate another meeting with VTrans. Knowles reached out to Rep Brown to remind her that her assistance may be required down the line. The selectboard and the committee remain in alignment.

Grant Opportunities – ARPA Plan – New guidance in a couple weeks. Our current planning exercises are going to put us in a good place for tapping into these opportunities. There was some discussion of order of operations for planning, scoping, design, etc. Design/build and other options could also be on the table depending on the complexity of individual projects.

Meeting Day

Available issues may require us to move to another day. Perhaps Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:00? Motion by Filkorn to meet on the second and fourth Tuesday commencing with the May meetings. Seconded by Floyd. Approved unanimously.

Future of Rural Transit Pilot Project

Letter of support has been drafted by Jeff Forward. The chair has the authority to finalize and send the letter with her edits. Expect a go/no go by the fall.

FY22 UPWP

All projects have been funded. Should receive confirmation by late June. Good to be thinking about what the upfront tasks will be in executing the work plan.

Motion to adjourn by Knowles, Seconded by Floyd. Approved unanimously. No abstentions.

-Erik Filkorn