

Loudoun County Transportation Improvement and Safety Commission
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2016
Purcellville Room, Loudoun County Government Building

I. Call to Order – 6:30 p.m

Voting Members

Lydia Clark, <i>At Large</i>	Present
Unassigned, <i>Algonkian</i>	N/A
Unassigned, <i>Ashburn</i>	N/A
Dean Franks, <i>Blue Ridge</i>	Absent
JJ Rauf, <i>Broad Run</i>	Absent
Unassigned, <i>Catoctin</i>	N/A
Shawn W. Sutherland, <i>Dulles</i>	Present
Frank Holtz, <i>Leesburg</i>	Absent
Pat Turner, <i>Sterling</i>	Present

Other Members & Visitors Present

Michelle Cavucci, *Secretary*
RJ Earley, LC Sheriff's Office
Geoff Giffin, Resident
Carol Lew, LC Sheriff's Office
Carolina Siguenza, LC DTCI
Donald Stephens, Resident
Ron Sutphin, VDOT
Sunil Taori, VDOT
Eloisa Thring, LC DTCI, *Staff Contact*
Jim Zeller, VDOT
Kathy Leidich, LC DTCI

II. First Order of Business

Prior to initiating official meeting business, E. Thring facilitated introductions of all parties in the room. L. Clark called the meeting to order.

III. Approval of March 15, 2016 Minutes

A motion was made to approve the March 15, 2016 meeting minutes. The meeting minutes were approved as-is with no suggested changes.

(Motion: Clark; Second: Sutherland; Vote: 3 yes/0 no/3 absent)

IV. Old Business:

- 1) Regarding the Hanson Park at Evergreen Mills Road project, E. Thring reached out to the county contacts for the park project and D. Franks has been in contact with them. He received the information requested and he knows who to contact in the future for additional questions.
- 2) The southbound left turn concern at King Street and Market Street was previously raised by F. Holtz at the last meeting. S. Taori confirmed that the signal is maintained by the Town of Leesburg. After the March meeting E. Thring reached out to the Town of Leesburg Traffic Engineering team for information and to connect F. Holtz with the Town staff. She has not heard an update from either party since that time.
- 3) L. Clark asked VDOT about the signage on westbound Market Street, which was discussed in greater detail during the March meeting. J. Zeller confirmed VDOT maintains that portion of Route 7. S. Taori said the queuing is an operations/demand issue and not necessarily a signing issue. J. Zeller confirmed the eastern-most sign will be getting relocated as part of the Battlefield interchange project. The interchange project is in design, it is very early in the design process and currently assessing alternatives.

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- 4) The restricted parking in Sterling Park was addressed at the previous meeting and no additional input is requested from P. Turner. E. Thing described the restricted parking to new meeting attendees and mentioned that the County has not yet received any complaints.
- 5) L. Clark also asked about the weaving issue on the Route 15 Bypass near Ft. Evans Road, which was described during the March meeting. J. Zeller shared that the preliminary engineering for the interchange on the Route 15 bypass at Ft. Evans is also underway, which will look at a long-term solution. It is funded for preliminary engineering and currently accruing funds for construction. S. Taori clarified the wayfinding signs within the Town would be a Town function and decision.
- 6) E. Thring reviewed the general purpose of the commission tracking table for monitoring the issues that are not tracked or reported elsewhere. There were two follow-up comments/questions regarding items on the list:
 - a. R. Sutphin shared that the improvements at Tranquility Road near Lickey Mill Road in the Blue Ridge District was completed in 2015.
 - b. S. Taori and J. Zeller clarified that the East Market/Route 15 weaving issue between the Bypass and Cardinal Park Drive in the eastbound direction is in the Town limits and also right outside the limits of the Battlefield Interchange project. VDOT will need to work with the Town on it because it is right at the Town/VDOT boundary. R. Sutphin will share the crash data for this weaving area. The first step will be to assess and confirm whether there is a quantifiable crash problem.

V. New Business:

- 1) S. Taori offered an update on VDOT involvement with this county commission. Ron Sutphin will attend the commission meetings on a regular basis and represent VDOT, while Sunil Taori and Jim Zeller are available as a resource if there are issues that need to be addressed by them specifically. Today both gentleman attended the meeting to discuss the VDOT project list and meeting notes. S. Taori also reminded everyone that VDOT projects are on the VDOT website and if you need more details of any given project, status the best way to obtain that information would be to contact the project manager.
- 2) S. Sutherland asked for an update on the Loudoun County Parkway & Waxpool Road intersection. S. Taori said VDOT recently had a kick-off meeting with the County to scope the project, which is being administered by the County. Currently the project is considering triple left turns for vehicles traveling west on Waxpool Road turning onto southbound Loudoun County Parkway. For the northbound right turn movement, the County is still looking at options, specifically how the future completed roadway network links will shift traffic.
 - a. S. Sutherland expressed concern that there still seem to be a lot of accidents and a lot of traffic, and with the Metro and the extension more people are going to be on the Loudoun County Parkway. He asked whether the flyover is still in question. S. Taori responded that

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the Sterling/Ashburn County study that was presented to the Board did not show a need for a flyover ramp/interchange at that location.

- b. The VDOT Design Project Manager (PM) is Kelly Griffin.
 - c. S. Sutherland requested from VDOT the crash data for the intersection. He also added that on Saturday and Sunday in the afternoons, when vehicles are turning left from westbound Waxpool Road to the Loudoun County Parkway, heading to Verizon it backs up significantly, so vehicles are cutting around to cross three lanes of traffic and turning around. S. Taori said he will have the signal operations people look at the signal timings.
- 3) P. Turner asked about Waxpool Road and Pacific Blvd. The bicyclists who work nearby are complaining that the intersection is not friendly for pedestrians or bicyclists and a flyover is not feasible. S. Taori said Loudoun County is managing the project, which is in design right now and construction likely happening next year. Crosswalks and pedestrian signal heads are included. Some changes include elimination of free-flow right turns, which will also be friendlier for pedestrians and bicyclists. No additional action was requested, only input provided.
 - 4) P. Turner asked about the extension of Sterling Blvd, as there is a public hearing coming soon on May 26th, 2016. B. Thornberry is the County PM if there are any further project-specific questions. P. Turner said she will look into the project update on the County website and will be attending the public meeting.
 - 5) L. Clark asked for additional information regarding the Route 9/Route 287 roundabout alternatives. J. Zeller shared that VDOT met with the County and presented alternatives. The project from VDOT's perspective is complete, as the scope only included concept designs at this stage and VDOT has no additional funding for the project. The County now needs to make a decision as to how to move forward. S. Taori asked if the County included any funding in the CIP and E. Thring offered to look into the CIP to answer that question.
 - 6) In addition to the specific inquiries from the meeting attendees noted above in items 2 through 5, J. Zeller gave a brief update on each project in the VDOT-Loudoun County coordination meeting list, as shown in the commission meeting attachment. S. Taori clarified that the list is a combined list of County & VDOT projects.
 - 7) S. Sutherland asked about Shellhorn Road and whether it will be extended to Route 28. S. Taori responded that the Countywide Transportation Plan has more information on that, but it could change. There is nothing in VDOT's six year plan to fund either study or design for this extension.
 - 8) L. Clark asked about the interchange at Route 7 & Route 287 in Purcellville, specifically the dual left turn lanes on the westbound off-ramp turning left onto southbound Route 287. One recent accident there was due to the driver in the inside travel lane turning wide into the other vehicle's receiving lane. She asked if puppy track pavement markings could be added for the turn path between the two turn lanes. R. Sutphin said VDOT is looking to have those puppy track

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markings re-installed at the intersection and it will be completed within the next month or so (pending weather).

- 9) K. Leidich responded to a previous meeting request for an update on the revised County Comprehensive Plan and the revised Countywide Transportation Plan.
 - a. The County held pre-proposal meeting on May 9th, 2016.
 - b. The RFP is out on the street to procure a consultant team. The county is expecting proposals June 1st, 2016.
 - c. The review of the proposals is projected to be conducted between June 3rd and June 17th with interviews to take place in July.
 - d. The plan is to kick-off the official project in September.
 - e. It is an 18-month process. There will be presentations to the planning commissions, stakeholder working group, and ultimately the Board of Supervisors.

- 10) S. Taori said if anyone has questions on the paving program, VDOT Northern Virginia has a website and mapping system that tracks the status of the paving work throughout the region. VDOT will be placing emphasis on paving the secondary roads with the largest ever paving contract in the District this year.

- 11) S. Taori said if you have any maintenance or pothole questions, call 1-800-FOR-ROAD. On the VDOT website there is also a link to report a problem. The website option personalizes your request and you can track the status of the request electronically. It gives you an option to receive updates proactively, as well.

- 12) C. Lew asked who would handle the crash data requests raised during the meeting. After discussion as to the pros and cons of the various sources, the conclusion was that VDOT will send the crash data.

- 13) S. Sutherland thanked VDOT for the project summary during this meeting and for helping with projects and initiatives in the Dulles District.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Purcellville Room, located in the lobby of the Loudoun County Government Center.

Adjourn Motion: Sutherland; Second: Clark; Vote: 3 (yes)/0 (no)/3 (absent). Time: 8:25 p.m.