

**VIRGINIA:**

At a recessed meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors held Monday, April 22, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at the County Government Center in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

**PRESENT:**

Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chairman  
 Phillip B. McCall, Vice Chairman  
 William B. Gibson  
 Odell Owens  
 Randy L. Pennington  
 C. Wayne Stevens, Jr.  
 Joseph C. Straten

Nadine S. Culberson, County Administrator  
 Lucy E. Phillips, County Attorney  
 Naoma A. Norris, CAP, Executive Assistant/Recording Clerk

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Dulcie Mumpower, Chair of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance.

**2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Wayne Stevens gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

*On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Owens, it was resolved to approve the agenda as presented.*

*The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)*

<i>Mr. Gibson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Pennington</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Stevens</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Straten</i>	<i>Aye</i>

#### **4. Presentation of Lee Highway Corridor & Access Management Study from Hillman Highway to Enterprise Drive**

Mr. Donny Necessary, District Planner for Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)- Bristol District, provided introductory remarks about the Route 11/Hillman Highway Corridor Study completed for VDOT by Kimley-Horn & Associates that will assist the County and Town of Abingdon in creation of a development plan for this corridor. Mr. Necessary announced that a public hearing on the study is scheduled for June 19, 2013 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Coomes Center in Abingdon, VA. He introduced Mr. Carroll Collins, Transportation Planner with Kimley-Horn & Associates, and stated that Mr. Collins would present the study's findings to the Board.

Mr. Collins presented the findings of the Route 11/Hillman Highway Corridor Study to the Board. The following is a summary of the presentation:

- Reviewed project approach.
- Project team consisted of Town of Abingdon, Washington County, VDOT and Kimley-Horn and Associates.
- The primary focuses for the study area are: Exit 19 Interchange, Lee Highway Corridor and Empire Drive connectivity. The study area was approximately 5.5 miles that encompasses Hillman Highway vicinity Old Eleven Road to East Main Street/lee Highway through Exit 19 Interchange continuing along Lee Highway to Enterprise Drive through Exit 22 back over to Hillman Highway. A map depicting the study area was reviewed.
- Goals of the study are: improve traffic operation; identify improvements to address deficiencies; identify preferred interchange improvement alternative; establish preferred future Lee Highway typical section; and develop phased implementation plan/strategy. The objectives are: evaluate potential improvement alternatives; identify future funding needs; and gain public input and support.
- Improvement alternative considerations are: changes to traffic patterns/street function; adverse impacts to local businesses; project cost; and impact to historical or adjacent properties.
- Reviewed interchange alternatives, corridor improvements, intersection improvements, access management, and connectivity alternatives.
- Short-term improvements identified are: install traffic signal at Lee Highway and I-81 northbound off-ramp, optimize existing traffic signal phasing and timing on East Main Street, interconnect traffic signals along Lee Highway, install guardrail or fencing on I-81 northbound off ramp, install flex post delineators or raised concrete mediate at I-81 southbound on-ramp (address unsafe operating conditions), restripe necessary pavement markings, widen Lee Highway to a 3-lane typical section, and investigate the need to acquire additional right-of-way.
- Mid-term improvements identified are: widen Lee Highway to a 4-lane, median divided typical section including installation of traffic signal at South Hospital entrance, construct exclusive left-turn lanes at full movement intersections and employee access management strategies at driveways; and optimize traffic signal phasing and timings on Lee Highway.

- Long-term improvements identified are: I-81 interchange modification alternative.

Discussions between the Board, VDOT staff and Mr. Collins ensued regarding the study, its findings, and funds to make the improvements to the Route 11/Hillman Highway Corridor.

*Scrivener's Note: The study referenced above is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2013-4-22-A.*

## **5. Discussion with Virginia Department of Transportation Concerning Transportation Projects and Establishment of Washington County's Six-Year Plan for Interstate, Primary and Secondary Highways**

Mr. Conrad Hill, Lebanon Residency Administrator presented a draft of the Secondary Six Year Plan for Washington County. Mr. Hill explained funding for the plan has changed from the previous years and pointed out the new funding breakdown on page one of the proposed plan. There is increased funding over prior years resulting from the Governor's Transportation Package that results in new funding sources for the program in FY 17, 18 and 19 when some of the state's old funding formulations will come back into the program. He reviewed project specifics for the following roads listed on the proposed plan:

Route 609 (Hillman Highway) – will be advertised later this year and is fully funded.

Route 614 (Barnrock Road) – project was advertised last year and is moving forward with funds available to finish inside this fiscal year.

Route 611 (Spring Creek Road) - this project is unfunded for right-of-way and construction.

Route 670 (Azure Lane) – All state and unpaved road funds will be put into this project. A significant amount of money has been accumulated for construction. However, at the end of the Six-Year Plan however there is still is not enough money to complete the project.

Discussions ensued among the Board, Mr. Cox and Mr. Hill.

Ms. Mumpower asked for discussion concerning VDOT restricting truck traffic on Westinghouse Road.

*Scrivener's Note: The Six Year Plan referenced above is included as Minutes Exhibits Item 2013-4-22-B.*

## **6. Adjourn/Recess**

*On motion of Mr. Pennington, second by Stevens, the Board acted to adjourn the meeting.*

*The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)*

<i>Mr. Gibson</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. McCall</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Ms. Mumpower</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Mr. Owens</i>	<i>Aye</i>

*Mr. Pennington*      *Aye*  
*Mr. Stevens*        *Aye*  
*Mr. Straten*          *Aye*

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**Prepared by:**

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Naoma A. Norris, Recording Clerk

**Approved by the Washington County Board  
of Supervisors:**

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Dulcie M. Mumpower, Chairman