

## **RUSTIC ROADS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month

6:00-9:00 PM

Held on Zoom –



### **Virtual Meeting March 24, 2022**

#### **Attendees:**

**MCDOT Staff Coordinator:** Darcy Buckley  
Linsey Bryant, Executive Administrative Aide

#### **Members Present:**

Laura Van Etten, Chair  
Barbara Hoover  
Charles Mess  
Dan Seamans  
Kamran Sadeghi

#### **Members Absent:**

Anne Davies  
Bob Wilbur

#### **Guests:**

Jamey Pratt, M-NCPPC  
Leslie Seville, Member Emeritus and Heritage Montgomery  
Jane Thompson, Member Emeritus

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes from January 2022 to be approved at next meeting.

#### **Action Items:**

##### **Dynamic Speed Monitoring – Barnesville Road**

A traffic study was conducted by MCDOT along Barnesville Road to address speeding concerns by the community which determined that a Dynamic Speed Sign would most likely be effective to reduce speeding. The proposed device would be solar powered and is planned for installation in FY23. MCDOT will conduct a follow-up study to determine its effectiveness. Committee voted to draft a letter supporting the proposed speed measuring device.

##### **Proposal to nominate MCDOT for Montgomery Preservation Award**

Proposal was made for RRAC to nominate MCDOT and their contractors for the restoration of Montevideo Bridge. Committee drafting a letter of support for the nomination.

##### **Zion Road Bridge – TS&L Plans**

Committee reviewed the TS&L (type, size, and location) plans for design of Zion Road bridge. Comments were provided by the committee during pre-TS&L planning; members discussed how their input was reflected. Concerns from planners were noted regarding the Committee's preference of steel-back timber railings, as they have not been crash-tested; MCDOT is amenable to looking into having the crash test conducted. Committee also requested to review the hydraulic

report. It was noted that the Committee's formal support for retaining the bridge as one-lane was not reflected on the multi-agency pre-TS&L Comments and Responses document. Committee voted to send a follow-up letter to request inclusion of RRAC comments and restate the desire for a one-lane bridge.

**Discussion:**

**County Executive response to request to see driveway permits**

County Executive in agreement that Committee review driveway permit applications along rustic roads. Logistics will have to be worked out through DPS processes.

**Proposed Noon Zoom – stormwater management**

Civic association member has offered to present stormwater management and stream restoration information. Proposed date is April 5, 2022.

**Informational Items:**

**MCDOT meeting with Planning re: Master Plan**

Darcy Buckley described a series of meetings held by MCDOT in January and February with Planning staff to explain MCDOT's divisions and provide input on the RRFMP. Part of the discussions focused on MCDOT's role in the maintenance of rustic roads.

**Master Plan Update – timing and process**

Planning Board briefing to be held on April 14, 2022. A working draft should be available 6 weeks later. Presentation divided into the following sections: 1) nominated roads, 2) existing roads with Significant Features approved, 3) existing roads needing Significant Features updated, 4) classification changes, 5) special cases Batchellors Forest and Dustin, and 6) roads recommended by Planning staff for removal (Link and Boswell). Discussion ensued regarding protection of one-lane and narrow bridges.

**Input from Office of Agriculture on the Master Plan**

Committee chair reached out to Office of Agriculture for input on Master Plan updates. Received response indicating concern for standing water on or along roads. It was requested that they provide specific locations.

**Next meeting to be held Wednesday, April 27, 2022.**

**Adjourn**

**8:06 p.m.**