

Minutes of the Rural Technical Committee meeting held on Thursday, December 14, 2006 in the Greenville County Administration Building Board meeting room.

Members Present: Brian Thrower, City of Emporia; Mary Jones, Jacqueline Brown, Andre Greene; Sussex County; Dave Whittington, Linwood Pope, Greenville County; Ronald Svejkovsky, Ray Hunt, VDOT; Denny Morris, Joe Vinsh, Victor Liu, Mark Bittner, CPDC.

### Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Morris called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked Dave Whittington and Lin Pope for hosting this rural transportation kick-off meeting.

Mr. Morris announced that Crater PDC has received \$48,000 from VDOT's Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program. With a \$12,000 match fund, Crater will work with VDOT to develop a Regional Long Range Plan (RLRP) for the rural portion of the planning district.

Following VDOT guidelines, the development and components of RLRP will be modeled after the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MPO) process. The RLRP will have a minimum planning horizon of 20 years. It will be developed as a vision plan and will be updated every five years. The Phase I program is goals development and data collection.

Mr. Morris distributed folders containing the following information: (1) an overview of the RLRP program; (2) the Crater Planning District Commission's Scope of Work; and (3) proposed Crater staff work tasks schedule.

Mr. Morris stated that there are several issues, all related to organizational, that need to be addressed before the work is started. The first one is whom will represent the jurisdiction. The consensus was to have the jurisdiction's directors of planning serve on the Rural Technical Committee, which will oversee this initiative. The next question was whom will communicate with the towns. There are eight towns in the Crater district. It was decided that each county will be responsible for notifying and sharing information about RLRP development with its respective towns. Finally, the decision of the City of Emporia on whether to participate in this initiative or not. Mr. Thrower replied yes, Emporia will be a partner of the program.

Mr. Svejkovsky said that VDOT is fully committed to this program and will work with Crater staff and Technical Committee members to provide technical assistance and guidance.

Mr. Hunt commented that there are a few jurisdictions not represented at this meeting. Mr. Morris said that the Crater staff will brief them about the RLRP program.

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Next Meeting Date and Location

The agreement was to have the first Rural Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Greenville County Administration Building Board Meeting Room.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.