



Virtual Zoom Meeting

## Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

### I. CALL TO ORDER

- President Dale Rumberger called meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

### II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & OFFICERS REPORTS

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
  - President Rumberger called for any corrections to the April minutes as posted on the website. There being none, the minutes were approved.

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Sun Trust Checking: \$991.40

TIAA CREF Money Market: \$6,733.30

Total funding: \$7,724.70

- **South Fairfax Chamber Report – Casey Whitmarsh**
  - SFCC Member Highlight – Offit Kurman  
(<http://www.offitkurman.com>)
    - Litigation Services
    - Tom Repczynski – local representative



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- Class of 2021 Parade – May 22 at South County High School
  - Car Parade through Crosspointe. Beginning in front of Silverbrook Elementary School
  - Start time TBD
- Sip into Summer – June 5 Virtual Wine Event with LCAC & Gunston Hall at 5 pm. Pick up available at Gunston Hall from 12-4 pm. Tasting videos, raffle and LIVE cheers!
  - Purchase your Wine Package  
<https://lortonaction.ejoinme.org/winepackages>
- Webinars – All recordings from the SFCC 2021 Annual Business Summit can now be found on their webinar page on the website

### III. SUPERVISOR REPORTS

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity**
  - Not present or represented.
- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck**
  - COVID
    - On May 15 some limits are increased
      - Indoor social gatherings go from 50 to 100
      - Outdoor social gatherings go from 100 to 250



- Governor has indicated that all capacity limitations will be lifted on June 15 if all continues to go well
- Continue to encourage neighbors to vaccinate
- Police Chief
  - Hired a police chief that Storck believes will be excellent for the position
  - Many who have worked with him in the past in Baltimore and Anne Arundel, including the NAACP, spoke highly of their experience with him
  - If there is concern about him, Storck remains open to discussion with community members about the process for hiring and his position of support for the new chief
- Tax Rate Reduction
  - Formally approved budget last week
  - Reduced tax rate by one cent
    - \$1.15 to \$1.14
  - With rising real estate assessments this will mean a tax increase in some cases and a decrease in others, depending on your property value
  - Northern VA gets a really bad deal from the State. We send \$1 to Richmond and we get \$0.23 back. If we got back even a few pennies more it would make a substantial difference. If we were able to get 1% we would be able to reduce our tax rate by \$0.21 to \$0.93



- Urge members to continue to talk with State Reps about this. If we don't continue advocating, we will experience the same thing we are now
- Community Meeting | Newington Forest Elementary
  - Joint meeting with Supervisor Storck and Karen Corbett Sanders to discuss and answer questions about the two South County teen homicides that occurred on Sunday, April 25 in the Newington Forest area
  - Appears to be centered around social media disputes and bullying
  - Zachary Bukard was charged with second-degree murder and use of a firearm in commission of a felony after the killings in the 8000 block of Winding Way Court
  - More than 100 people were engaged, including many on Facebook Live.
  - Residents had concerns about retaliation, we talked about what else we can do to stay vigilant
    - If you see something, say something
    - 703-691-2131 Non-Emergency Line
    - Also welcome to call the West Springfield district station directly
  - The individual purchased gun parts which allowed him to assemble a “ghost gun” – defined as a gun with no serial numbers so that it cannot be traced and is not registered
  - If he tried to buy from a dealer, he would not have been old enough to purchase (he was 18 yrs of age)



- Spoke with both fathers about it who were both inconsolable and couldn't imagine how this could happen
- Settlement AAAA Co.
  - Pursued litigation successfully for AAAA Co.'s violation of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance.
  - Received a settlement to undo damage that had been done, but also pay a steep fine of \$125,000 that will be in turn used to improve local water streams
  - The funds will be used about 3 miles from the AAAA Co. site within the Giles Run watershed at the Laurel Hill Nike site adjacent to the ballfields on Lorton Road
    - Funds would remove concrete slabs and replace them with forested cover over time, remove impervious surface, reduce runoff and sediment and nutrient loads to Giles Run, increase canopy cover and provide wildlife habitat
  - Thank you to the South County Federation for your input
  - Garden plots proposed by SCF could go on the concrete pad locations.
  - Thanks to Wes Speer and Linwood Gorham for the idea and the support of this project, and to Charles Smith, Brandy Mueller and Kelly Davis for their engagement with you all.
- Update on South County Police Station



- We hosted a steering committee meeting earlier this week, and I hope you all will join me and our new Police Chief Davis at the ribbon cutting on Saturday, May 22 at 10:00 am onsite.
    - Contractor, Forrester Construction, got the Notice to Proceed and are already working onsite.
  - Supervisor Storck looks forward to having more dialogue about the naming of the police station and animal shelter. There will be another steering committee meeting next month to discuss the naming process
- New Playground | Newington Heights Park off Monacan Rd.
- The Fairfax County Park Authority began work last week on a playground replacement project at Newington Heights Park located off Monacan Rd.
  - Existing playground was at the end of its expected lifecycle
  - This nearly \$170,000 project includes removal and replacement of the existing play equipment and updating trail connections and the parking lot to meet current ADA standards.
  - Construction access to the site will be from Monacan Drive. The park will remain open while the project is underway, but the parking lot will be closed at times to accommodate construction traffic.
  - It is anticipated that the playground replacement will be completed by early June 2021.



- QUESTION: Could you share a map of where the settlement funds for the AAAA Co. will go?
  - ANSWER: It's the Nike Missile Site. The half-acre slab at the bottom of the road. It's the best spot for the garden plots due to the grade.
- COMMENT: President Rumberger: The presentation at Newington Elementary was fantastic. It was fascinating to hear the Fairfax County Police Department trying to work with the definition of ghost guns, and to see how new it was to them as well. These are qualified and knowledgeable professionals and they are still even try to grapple with it. We appreciate you bringing that out into the community.
  - COMMENT: Supervisor Storck: There is an article in the Wash Post regarding legislature that is being brought forward about that issue.
- COMMENT: Delegate Tran: In this past session, Delegate Simon did introduce a bill to ban the possession, sale and transfer of ghost guns in Virginia. It passed the House, but we couldn't come to an agreement with the Senate and it ultimately failed. Delegate Simon does intend to reintroduce a version of that bill in the next session.
  - QUESTION: Supervisor Storck: Do we need to address this with Senators? Or will it go forward without being more direct on lobbying
  - ANSWER: I think for any bill, including this issue, if it's a priority for you I recommend reaching out
  - ANSWER: Senator Barker: There was discussion in the Judiciary Committee in the Senate and it did not get enough votes to pass out of there. The



only Senator covering is Senator Surovell and he would be key to talk to about this issue.

- COMMENT: President Rumberger: I have read that one of issues with banning them revolves around a commerce issue. It's a larger issue that will emerge.

- **Mount Vernon District School Board – Karen Corbett – Sanders**

- Not present or represented. SCF's June meeting will focus on education issues/topics.

- **Springfield District School Board – Laura Jane Cohen**

- Not present or represented. SCF's June meeting will focus on education issues/topics.

- **Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) – Linwood Gorham**

- Restrooms at Central Green
  - Rendering prepared to revise the restroom design
  - The revision process has delayed the timeline for groundbreaking, which could stretch as long as a year, and the shortest realistic timeline would be approximately 8 months.
- Positive meeting between County staff and Waste Management recently. More details to be shared next time.
- Community Gardens at the Nike site
  - Continues to have a positive outlook.





- Most of the funding has been secured. However, the estimate to remove a half-acre cement slab for the gardens came in a little higher than expected so working on securing additional funds to cover
- Rocks by Barrett House
  - Decision made to place them there by the area manager. Leftover rocks from Central Green. Design of Phase II is well underway, so the rocks are temporary in that location
- New Park Authority Director
  - Application period is now closed. The top applicants have been selected and they are hoping to select the new Director by mid-Summer
- QUESTION: President Rumberger: My assumption was that the revision for the bathroom was all architectural with nothing to go back to Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) on -no changes to plumbing/mechanics?
  - ANSWER: What they review is in fact architectural. The VDHR is expected to go smoothly with an administrative change rather than a full review.
  - FOLLOW-UP: Do you have a picture of the new rendering?
  - ANSWER: Yes, Nick has one he can re-circulate
- QUESTION: President Rumberger: Is the proposed entrance/gate to the community gardens off Hoes Rd.
  - ANSWER: Yes, that's the plan. It is far from complete at this point. There are two entrance to choose from, but the one off Hoes Rd. has a paved parking lot with straight-line access to the site and seems most favorable.



- COMMENT: Nick Firth
  - Thank you for getting all of the input together for the bathroom. It's important to the community that we follow this style of architecture and we thank you for helping it come together.

#### IV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- **U.S. Congressman Gerry Connolly** Presented by Stephany Ospino
  - Congressman Connolly shared priorities for the 117th Congress at the March Meeting
  - Introduced a package of bills to protect federal employees from abuse, retaliation, and political interference (H.R. 302, Preventing a Patronage System Act, H.R. 324 Saving our Civil Service Act, H.R. 1224, the Merit Systems Protection Board Empowerment Act).
  - Today Congressman Connolly introduced the Military and Veteran Caregiver Student Loan Relief Act. This bipartisan legislation would amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make VA-designated primary family caregivers eligible for the public service loan forgiveness (PSLF) program.
    - This would affect the approximately, 5.5 million individuals that serve as caregivers for wounded, ill, or injured veterans. Congressman Connolly believes they should be treated like other public



servants who qualify for the public service loan forgiveness program,

- Last month he joined Congresswoman Cori Bush (MO-01) and Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY-14) in announcing the introduction of the Green New Deal for Cities Act of 2021, legislation that would federally fund city, state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to respond to the climate crisis, creating hundreds of thousands of jobs in the process.
  - Specifically, the Green New Deal for Cities would: Authorize \$1 trillion, with a minimum of 50% of all investments going each to frontline communities and climate mitigation . And it would match for climate programs what the HEROES Act provided for state and local governments in COVID-19 relief funding.
- Lastly, with passage of the American Rescue Plan:
  - Invests \$20 billion in a national vaccination program Invests \$50 billion in a massive expansion of testing, Provides \$1,400 checks to individuals. Provides up to \$3,600 per child in advance tax credits.
  - The bill also includes funding for schools and state and local governments, which will provide Fairfax County with \$222,894,000 for the local government and \$179,430,000 for the local school system. What is important to note about this bill is that it provides greater flexibility to local govts on



how they wish to allocate the funds-public health expenditures, addressing financial and food insecurity, small business assistance, pay for essential workers, invest in infrastructure and broadband.

- Contact information:  
Stephany.ospino@mail.house.gov, 571-408-4407
- **U.S. Congressman Don Beyer** Presented by Julia Kravitz
  - JEC Hearing on Racial Wealth Gap tomorrow, [livestream avail](#)
  - JEC report on American Jobs Plan, [report available](#)
  - Mental Health Awareness Month: Congressman Beyer reintroduced Campaign to Prevent Suicide Act [HR2862](#)
    - Up for consideration this evening but vote was postponed
  - Contact Information: Julia.kravitz@mail.house.gov

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Transportation, Peter Weyland, Chair**
  - There will be several transportation-related projects in the decade ahead:
    - Possible Metro and Bus Rapid Transit expansion to Lorton, Woodbridge and Quantico
    - The Long Bridge project will allow massive expansion via rail for commuters
    - Bus Rapid Transit expansion down Richmond Highway from Ft. Belvoir to Woodbridge



- A 4-track rail bridge over Richmond Highway, which will ease southbound commuter traffic
- New 4-track rail bridge over Newington Road next to Fair Winds Brewery.
- 6+ third rail track segment from Occoquan to Franconia/Springfield
- Tonight we have 3 segments to our presentation; leading two of them are representatives of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), as well as a representative from Virginia Railway Express (VRE)
- The mission of DRPT is to facilitate and improve the mobility of the citizens of Virginia, and to promote the efficient transport of goods and people in a safe, reliable and effective manner.
- Agenda
  - Segment 1:
    - A presentation covering the impact of the Long Bridge Project, led by Katherine Youngbluth, Manager of Northern Virginia Rail Projects for DRPT. Dallas Richards, Chief Engineer for Virginia Railway Express will also follow on the Long Bridge Bridge and other VRE projects in the area.
  - Segment 2:
    - Todd Horsley, Director of Northern Virginia Transit Programs for DRPT, will cover the Springfield to Quantico Enhanced Public Transportation Feasibility Study on the expansion of Bus Rapid Transit and/or possible expansion of Blue Line metro from Franconia/Springfield to Quantico. There is



also a second possible route under consideration following the Route 1 Corridor utilizing the Yellow Line from Huntington station in Alexandria.

- Segment 3
  - Update on the construction of a temporary bridge over Pohick Creek on the now closed Old Colchester Road by VDOT Bridge Engineer Gary Runco.
- *The Powerpoint Presentations for all three segments are posted as separate items*
- **Presentation 1: Transforming Rail in Virginia**  
**Program Speaker: Katherine Youngbluth**
  - Transforming Rail in Virginia started in 2019 when the Secretary of Virginia, CSX, Amtrak and VRE announced that they entering agreements for Virginia to purchase and fund rail line and rail infrastructure throughout Northern Virginia where CSX had existing railroad right-of-way.
  - This announcement was transformative for passenger rail
  - Most recently, on March 30, 2021 U.S. DOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg and other officials announced that the agreements to fund a \$3.7 B rail program for both the purchase and expansion of infrastructure improvements in Virginia had been reached. The actual purchase occurred of those CSX right-of-ways– known as the Transforming Rail in Virginia program, which at that point came to conclusion – and now we own portions of right-of-ways and infrastructure today.



- Where was the purchase? (*Inset Map titled Network Map in the slides shows area of purchase*)
  - We now own portions of the S-Line, the Buckingham Branch Line and the RF&P Corridor
  - The S-Line was abandoned CSX right of way, meaning no trains actually run there today
  - The reach of the purchase goes from North Carolina up the I-95 corridor into DC
  - As part of the purchase the General Assembly passed legislation that formed a Virginia Passenger Rail Authority to control the right of way and infrastructure improvements – a separate entity with its own Board.
    - The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority Board was appointed last Fall and Summer and has met several times
- Virginia Passenger Rail Authority appointed Donald “DJ” Stradtler as the authority’s first executive director. Stradtler previously served as executive vice president at Amtrak. The COO and CFO were also appointed, both coming from DRPT.
- Northern Virginia and District Projects
  - *Map in PowerPoint overview*
    - *Dark Blue lines are the existing train track, which vary from 2 to 3 into 4 as you go into the District*



- To alleviate the congestion between the freight and passenger rail the Transforming Railway in Virginia project was broken into two phases
  - Phase 1: *green lines on map* 23 miles of new track for additional lines being added to the existing tracks. By the District, the green line adds a fourth track heading into the District, as well as another added third track from Occoquan River/Lorton to Franconia/Springfield to alleviate the congestion. Targeted for delivery by 2026.
  - Phase 2 – *shown in red on the map* 14 miles of new track for additional lines in Rippon to alleviate congestion, some station improvements, and the Long Bridge passenger rail project, increasing the number of rail bridges over the Potomac River from one to two and creating another pedestrian bridge (\$1.9 B). Targeted for delivery by 2030.
- Long Bridge *numbers shown in map is the number of bridges we're building*
  - Will allow us to reduce a long existing bottleneck in the area – a two-track bridge that exists today from 1904.
  - The only crossing between Virginia and the District of Columbia





- During peak capacity its at 98% with almost 80 trains per day
- Planning a ped/bike bridge between the Metro lines and the new two-track Long Bridge to mitigate the impact on park land
- Project was awarded a contract in March 2021 and is in preliminary engineering
- Alexandria Fourth Track Project *orange line in image on slides shows 6 mile track between Alexandria and Rosslyn*
  - Phase 1 project that will be completed in 2026
  - 2 stations in its bounds – Crystal City Station and Alexandria Station
  - New track will be coordinate with VRE projects at both stations
- Franconia to Lorton Projects
  - Includes Rt. 1 improvements, adding third track just north of Franconia Springfield VRE station down to the Lorton interlocking, and improvements to Rt. 1 bridge.
    - Project is awarded and in preliminary engineering
    - Final design will begin 2021; Construction in 2023 and completion anticipated in 2025
  - Also includes a bypass project - a bridge that will allow passenger rail to line up more seamlessly to the station;



allows freight to continue its movement without requiring passenger rails to wait and vice versa.

- Concept level design
- Preliminary engineering design to begin 2021; Construction in 2023 and completion anticipated in 2026

- Includes new rail bridge over Newington Rd (coordinating with VDOT's widening project)
- Coordinating Rt. 1 rail bridge improvements with VDOT widening project as well.
- Projects for both rail bridges are separate funding

○ **Presentation 2 VRE Project Update Program**

**Speaker: Dallas Richards, VRE**

- Speaker Info: drichards@vre.org
- VRE and DRPT are two separate entities. VRE is part of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) commissions, and Supervisor Storck sits on the Operations Board
- Complex system
  - Types of rail: commuter, inner city passenger, freight rail
  - Interoperability must remain – no dedicated passenger or freight tracks
- Clarification: Right of Way Purchase



- State has purchased the Eastern half of the right-of-way from Lorton to the south, and the Western half from Lorton to the north. All of the stations fall along those splits.
- This station alignment means that trains must cross over the corridor in Franconia/Springfield, so the bypass is a physical crossover (above-grade)
- Due to the deal being brokered between the State and CSX, we will be able to add approximately 5 trains and will eventually be able to offer mid-day, and/or evening, and/or weekend service
- Franconia-Springfield Station Improvements *proposed third track and future fourth track are shown in the illustration on the slides*
  - Increasing footprint so longer trains can be stopped, which improves dwell time – the time spent physically stopped at station.
  - Anticipated Project Schedule
    - Design complete 07/14/2021
    - Construction begins 06/02/2021
    - Construction complete 09/20/2023
- **QUESTION:** Where is the third rail in the image going to be constructed – on the east or west hand side of what is currently there?
  - **ANSWER: Katherine Youngbluth:** On the East side from Franconia Springfield to the new bypass, and then on the West side coming up to Lorton Station
  - **COMMENT:** If the rail is going to be put on the East side this is problematic because



there is an industrial wasteland between the rail corridor and I-95. Delegate Sickles previously assured us that future rail would be put on the West side so that it would not interfere with property values through the Lorton area that is on the East side of the rails.

- **ANSWER: Dallas Richards:** The exact location of where the rail will go is still unknown. What is being shown here is an ownership diagram, not a track diagram.
- **COMMENT:** If it hasn't been determined, please be cognizant that it should be on the West side of the existing track. Please let us know right away the exact location of the new physical track once its determined. It's very important to this community that it's on the West side.
- **COMMENT: Dallas Richards and Katherine Youngbluth** Everything is being built within the existing right of way.
- **QUESTION: Supervisor Storck:** I noticed taken off the list of projects is the potential for someone to get from one side of the station to the other?
  - **ANSWER: Dallas Richards:** There was a point in time, before the deal was fully brokered, where the project was planned for the East side of the corridor, and to build it on the East side we would need to use a pedestrian bridge to go up and over (similar to Woodbridge Station). While that could still happen when/if a fourth track is built,



the track has to be within 5 ft. to service it with our equipment (which why it fits in the right of way).

- **Presentation 3 (Segment 2) Springfield to Quantico Enhanced Public Transportation Feasibility Study**  
**Program Speaker: Todd Horsley, DRPT**
  - Speaker Info: [todd.horsley@drpt.virginia.gov](mailto:todd.horsley@drpt.virginia.gov)
  - Feasibility Study was approved in a 2020 budget amendment by the Virginia General Assembly
    - DRPT was tasked to evaluate enhanced public transportation services from the Franconia-Springfield Metro to Fort Belvoir, Lorton, Potomac Mills and Marine Corps Base Quantico
    - Includes the study of the cost and feasibility of extending the Blue Line and other multimodal options such as bus rapid transit along Interstate 95 and U.S. Route 1.
    - Study to be completed by December 1, 2021.
  - The report will **not** be an actionable plan, but will be a first step in the planning process for what is ultimately developed and constructed in the corridor.
    - No specific recommendations will be made
  - Technical Assistance Committee – made up of reps from Fairfax County, Prince William County, NVTC, PRTC, VRE, WMATA and the Department of Defense – created the study area boundaries *map provided as illustration in PowerPoint*



- Boundaries are not a constraint on study for travel within the corridor
- Will include consideration of all trips within the corridor without geographic constraint
- Several key issues will be considered *as shown in PowerPoint*
  - Aware of the possible {currently unknown} effects of the pandemic on short-term and long-term trends for transit ridership
  - Funding/governance of the WMATA Compact will be a key issue if the extension of a line is considered as Prince William County is not a member of the WMATA Compact.
- Technical Approach
  - Includes public interest throughout
  - 2 technical approaches – transit alternative and land use scenarios
- Needs include transit service quality, future development, equity, connections to activity centers, traffic congestion and travel times and access to transit services.
- Land Use Assessment
  - Working closely with planning staff from Fairfax & Prince William County
  - Study will supplement, not replace, any planning efforts
  - *Illustration in PowerPoint shows current activity centers in the study area*
    - Will identify and study in detail up to 10 locations for transit station areas



- Will build off Multimodal System Design Guidelines to develop land use scenarios and recommendations
- 5 Potential Enhanced Transportation Alternatives for Feasibility Testing *Illustration shown in PowerPoint for four of five alternatives*
  - Extension of Metro Rail Blue Line
    - Testing an alignment that would stay on the East side of I-95 but would include two river crossings
    - Will provide information on segments that could be eliminated
  - Extension of Metro Rail Yellow Line
    - Testing an extension from Huntington to Quantico in the Richmond Highway Corridor – generally would parallel the Route 1 corridor
    - Will also look at this in segments
  - Bus Rapid Transit Alternative
    - Could connect to or continue the future Richmond Highway BRT system that is being constructed
  - Increased Frequency Along Existing VRE Alignment
    - No construction, just additional service on the Fredericksburg Line – even above and beyond the Transforming Rail in VA program
  - Express Bus Alternative
    - Enhanced service above and beyond existing service, identifying new origin and destination pairs



- Public Outreach/Outreach to Stakeholders
  - Technical Advisory Committee providing input and review from key stakeholder agencies and jurisdictions. Currently meeting monthly
  - Public survey ongoing through May 17, presentations scheduled and tools to reach and engage minority and low income populations
    - 500 respondents so far
    - More surveys in the future
    - [https://prc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cMbYBeMHTmMZyAK](https://prc.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cMbYBeMHTmMZyAK)
  - Project website:  
[http://drpt.virginia.gov/media/3395/drpt\\_springfield-quantico](http://drpt.virginia.gov/media/3395/drpt_springfield-quantico)
- Study Schedule
  - In the mid-phases of the schedule
    - Develop and Test Transit and Land Use Alternative
      - Feb 2021-June 2021
    - Document Costs and Benefits of Feasible Alternatives
      - June 2021-August 2021
    - Draft Study anticipated in September for final round of comments in the Fall
    - Submit Final Report to General Assembly
      - December 1, 2021
- **QUESTION:** What is the difference between Bus Rapid Transit and Express Bus Service?





- **ANSWER:** Todd Horsley: Express Bus is a point-to-point large commuter coach bus that runs from a park and ride to an activity center (e.g. Pentagon, Mark Center, downtown DC) that only operates in the peak periods. Bus Rapid Transit is a fixed guideway system (similar to a light rail). Most operate within a bus only/HOV dedicated lanes. Operates all day, rather than just peak periods.
  - Additional questions can be directed to [peter@look.net](mailto:peter@look.net)
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- **Presentation 4 (Segment 3) Bridge Over Pohick Creek – Old Colchester Road Speaker: Gary Runco, VDOT bridge engineer**
    - Presentation Link: <https://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northern-virginia/emergency-temporary-bridge-installation.asp>
    - Speaker Email: [Gary.Runco@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:Gary.Runco@vdot.virginia.gov)
    - Update on the temporary bridge
      - April 28 placed order for temporary truss bridge
        - Cost Breakdown
          - Bridge (\$238,600)
          - Installation (~\$300,000)
      - Bridge is ready to ship. It has not been shipped yet because foundations need to be designed and constructed.



- Engineering Design completed by end of week
- Another week to get foundations in place
- Afterwards, will request shipment to site delivered in 1-2 days
- Addressed concerns for temporary bridge
  - Cleared environmental
  - Cleared hydraulic
  - No right-of-way issues
  - Elevations are confirmed as sufficient
- Existing open-end contract with contractor that will be utilized for this work
  - Bridge will be “launched”
  - At 80’ will span over existing bridge
- Construction will be completed in 2-3 months
- Long-term Plan for Bridge Replacement
  - State of Good Repair funds exist in outyears
    - Through 2027
- Also working on study to see what would be needed to do improvements over Achilles Run on Old Colchester
  - Meeting internally tomorrow
- **COMMENT: Delegate Tran:**
  - State Senator Surovell and I were trying to see if we could get the other Colchester Road bridge (the one the meeting is on tomorrow) included on the Fairfax County list of priorities. It, however, did not make it on the County list. As such, we are working to see if U.S. Senators Tim Kaine and Mark



Warner will consider it for their list for federal funding. Otherwise, there isn't any available funding for bridges and roads that are in decent condition.

• **Public Safety, Jonathan Kiell, Chair**

- Meetings with the Police Department
  - Community meeting regarding the new Police Station and Animal Shelter
    - Groundbreaking on May 22
    - Parking next to facility is very limited, so suggest riding the shuttle from the Central Green site
    - This will be a new police district that services the South County area and a second animal shelter (one exists in the Fairfax area)
    - Open for suggestions regarding naming the facility itself
    - Open for suggestions for name of police district
      - Lorton District?
      - South County District?
      - Other police districts all named for geographical locations
    - Service Area boundaries are complicated as Fairfax County balances out all the various police districts
      - South County Federation currently serviced by both the West Springfield District Station and the Franconia District Station



- New Captain at the West Springfield District Station
  - Met with Captain Malarkey and Outreach Officer
  - Invited to join all SCF meetings
  - Additional opportunities for engagement with local communities are available (e.g. HOA meetings) that can be requested directly
- **Environmental & Parks, Chair, Wes Speers**
  - Not present
  - COMMENT: President Rumberger: Mt. Vernon District Environmental Expo
    - Will be held at Fort Hunt Park on June 26
    - 8 am – 12 pm
    - FREE Event:  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/environment-expo-get-outdoors-learn-and-do>
- **Land Use, Nick Firth, Chair**
  - Shoppes at Lorton Valley Resolution for Fast Food Restaurant with Drive through (Proposed Popeyes)
    - SCF Resolution #2021-005 presented *Resolution can be found as a separate attachment*
    - Motion to Approve Resolution as written: Nick Firth
      - Second: Peter Weyland
      - Motion passed unanimously 8-0
  - New Residential Development: Southern Oaks (Proposed 6 Single Family Homes)
    - SCF Resolution #2021-006 presented *Resolution can be found as a separate attachment*



- **QUESTION:** I see you had several meetings with Southern Oaks and Newington Commons. Is Newington Commons comfortable with the proposed project?
- **ANSWER:** Keith Shovlin: The Newington Commons Board is voting on this on Thursday night, so they are abstaining from this motion. However, they feel that it has no material influence on their neighborhood, and therefore, they have no objection to it. They are currently in negotiations on them possibly using our amenity areas, but aside from that there are no objections at this time.
- Motion to Approve Resolution as written: Nick Firth
  - Second: Dale Rumberger
  - Discussion: Kudos to the developer for her engagement with the committee and land use staff for making this as manageable of a proposal as she could make it and also stay in line with the characteristics of this community.
  - Motion passed 8-0-1
    - Newington Commons abstained
- Shopper Replacement
  - No official announcement, but lots of chatter/rumors on Amazon Fresh
- **Education – see school board member report**



## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- Draft Resolution for Consideration: Bureau of Land Management *Final Resolution can be found as separate attachment and was shared on the spot with the entire membership at the meeting*
  - BLM owns close to 1,000 acres of property on Mason Neck
  - Recently issued an Environmental Assessment – they released on April 21 with a 15-day comment period, but after some pressure was extended to 30 days. The close for the comment period is now May 21.
  - They are proposing a multipurpose pavilion consisting of a large, covered shelter, restrooms and a large parking lot and identified 3 locations where they are willing to build it. The facility will support their wild horse and burro adoption facility.
    - <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/1501357/510>
    - The community on Mason Neck is generally in agreement with what BLM is proposing with one exception- the BLM preferred alternative is to locate the facility on the corner of Harley Rd. and Gunston Rd. as opposed to the two other identified sites with greater set-backs (Enchanted Pond Meadow and Previous Event Location).



The community strongly opposes the location of the facility at that preferred location.

- Outstanding issues:
  - None of the locations have a lane that allow a left turn.
  - Leaving the site with a horse and trailer becomes incredibly dangerous.
  - The Mason community - the Mason's Collar Civic Association (MCCA) and the Mason Neck Citizens Association (MNCA) strongly oppose the selection for the site
  - Other options provide a much better location and need more consideration
  - The new facility and huge parking lot at this preferred location will spoil the views existing today, while other alternatives do not have the same impact
  - No advanced community engagement
  - Horse Health and Safety
  - Separation of adoption events and current local park use for hikers, horseback riders, walkers and passive nature enjoyment
  - Increased park traffic interfering with current site activities
  - Security, maintenance and clean-up issues



- Requesting that the SCF join with larger community to voice concern over the facility location in a resolution that addresses:
  - BLM be more open and honest with the local community
  - Support of the general concept, but disagreement with the Gunston and Harley Road site
  - Halting the process until BLM engages with SCF and the local community to receive input and address community concerns
- **COMMENT:** President Rumberger: While we didn't get a chance to include this resolution in the meeting agenda, it is a very important topic that needs to be addressed. I'm going to recommend that we refer this to the Executive Committee for vote. I feel confident the Executive Committee can review the resolution to meet the needs the community has in Mason Neck and the planning aspects of BLM.
- **COMMENT:** I've lived on the Neck for years and we are very appreciative of SCF's consideration of this resolution to support our efforts to slow the movement on this BLM facility and encourage additional community engagement to make an intelligent decision. The project itself is well liked, but the location has a





plethora of problems, and the other locations already identified do not. So we need something before the 21<sup>st</sup> if that's at all possible.

- **COMMENT:** President Rumberger: I think we can meet that. Anyone with objections can notify the SCF, but I'm going to refer this to the Executive Committee to vote to meet that deadline. The issue and community deserve support here.
- **COMMENT:** Would it help to take a vote just for input from the association?
- **VOTE TAKEN FOR CONSIDERATION**
  - Approve 6
  - Object 1
  - Abstain 1

**GENERAL COMMENT:** President Rumberger: Peter that was an outstanding compilation of the transportation issues at hand in our area. One of the things that Mr. Horsley brought up that concerns me about the Express Bus runs are the potential for Overlook Ridge Park or Alpine X. It is up to us to ensure these issues stay consistently in front of them so that they are aware of them. The number of people in attendance tonight is indicative of the importance of transportation topics to our community.

Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 9:55 pm.



NEXT MEETING: June 8 (held virtually)

FUTURE MEETING DATES in 2021: July 13, August (no meeting), September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14

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