



# U.S. Route 501 Coalition

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Multipurpose Conference Room (Basement Level)  
Haberer Building (Building H)  
Campbell County Office Complex  
Rustburg, VA  
February 23, 2012  
2:00 pm

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Campbell County Economic Development Director Mike Davidson.

2. Invocation

Mr. Davidson asked the Coalition to take a moment to join him in prayer.

3. Attendance

Below is a list of those attending the meeting:

NAME	LOCALITY/ ORGANIZATION	EMAIL
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Mike Davidson	Campbell County	<a href="mailto:jmdavidson@campbellcountyva.gov">jmdavidson@campbellcountyva.gov</a>
Sarah Johnson	Campbell County	<a href="mailto:smjohnson@campbellcountyva.gov">smjohnson@campbellcountyva.gov</a>

4. Approval of Agenda

No additions or changes were suggested to the Agenda. On a motion made by Mr. Lovelace, seconded by Mr. Puckett and unanimous vote the agenda was approved as presented.

5. Financial Report

Mr. Davidson presented the financial report since the October 2011 meeting. The current balance in the account is \$12,844.75.



Date	Description	Revenue	Expense	Balance
9-Jul-09	WebUx, Inr (Aug to Oct.)		\$41.85	\$11,017.78
9-Jul-09	Town of Brookneal 2009 Dues	\$125.00		\$10,975.93
1-Jul-09	Campbell County Dues 2010	\$500.00		\$11,100.93
5-Oct-09	WebUX, In (11-09 to 01-10)		\$41.85	\$11,600.93
4-Jan-10	WebUX, Inc (1-10 to 4-10)		\$41.85	\$11,559.08
13-Jan-10	County of Halifax Dues 2010	\$500.00		\$11,517.23
13-Jan-10	County of Bedford Dues 2010	\$500.00		\$12,017.23
15-Jan-10	Town of South Boston Dues 2010	\$125.00		\$12,517.23
19-Jan-10	Town of Halifax Dues 2010	\$125.00		\$12,642.23
19-Jan-10	Town of Brookneal Dues 2010	\$125.00		\$12,767.23
20-Jan-10	Blair Marketing Domain Renewal		\$43.75	\$12,892.23
22-Apr-10	City of Lynchburg Dues 2010	\$500.00		\$12,848.48
19-May-10	Transfer Site to Blair server, 1-year of hosting		\$250.00	\$13,348.48
14-Jul-10	Blair marketing- Web hosting & set up		\$47.50	\$13,098.48
23-Mar-11	Blair Marketing- Web Domain registration		\$56.23	\$13,050.98
9-May-11	Blair Marketing Web Hosting		\$150.00	\$12,994.75
				\$12,844.75

6. Old Business

• **US 501 Project Improvement Report**

Mr. Cary, District Administrator, Lynchburg District made some opening comments and stated that the next Commonwealth Transportation Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at Northside High School in Roanoke.

Mr. Beach, with JMT, started off by sharing the research and steps that have been taken since December with the Public Informational Meeting about the State's Corridor problem areas and issues. The public was asked six questions, in which six responses were given. Mr. Beach provided a Public Comment Summary from the December meeting that also included copies

of emails and letters of concern. There was a high mix of operational and safety concerns from the information gathered. Thus from the meeting, a draft of priorities has been established in order to make Route 501 a safe and more effective means of transportation.

One such issue that was reviewed was Route 633 at Foster Fuels. An analysis was requested to determine if signage could be put up due to the trucks entering and exiting with traffic. It was concluded that signage will be put up for the Northbound and Southbound traffic.

A Roadway Safety Assessment was performed through the Central Office at VDOT to discuss safety concerns, with an evaluation by a subcontractor. There were three main components that were analyzed, taking in consideration the cost, benefit and safety of actions taken. These components consisted of passing lanes, the Route 40/Route 362 Intersection and Route 360.

Mr. Beach provided the Coalition with Campbell County and Halifax County Maps identifying existing passing zones, operations along the corridor that were a concern based on input from both the State and public. There were 30 - 32 improvements identified. Priorities are currently based on three locations per county to improve congested areas.

Intersections were first discussed. This included Route 24 in Rustburg, Route 607 - Windfall Road, Routes 652 and 761 in Gladys, Route 40 and 632 in Halifax, Route 628, Route 642 and Route 360. Mr. Davidson also brought up the area around Route 633 near the Moose Lodge for consideration. Mr. Davis noted that with the new biomass facilities coming to Altavista and in Halifax, this would probably increase the amount of traffic and possible congestion to these areas.

Mr. Beach then reviewed passing lanes. The goal is to identify one location per county and per direction. Would like to have more than one location per county, but is basing the current goal on funding.

Mr. Puckett asked if there was a way to acquire more monies to be put towards the improvements. Mr. Cary noted that the monies given was to be put towards engineering, however, VDOT is keeping our local Senators and Delegates up to date on these projects and studies to help encourage more funding to be awarded, if possible. Mr. Puckett asked if the Coalition could draft a letter to our Senators and Delegates to be present at the next Public Information Hearing in April.

Mr. Beach stated that the next steps would be further analysis on the priorities. The next Public Information Hearing will be on April 5, 2012 at 5 p.m. at Brookneal Elementary School.

It was discussed among the Coalition that the projects and goals that have been presented are a good, viable method of improvements to the surrounding counties. It was also noted to remember that these projects are a draft and that changes could and may likely occur based on what research and reviews present. Mr. Espy made a motion to memorialize the support from the Coalition of the draft of projects and improvements presented. Mr. Lovelace seconded the motion with unanimous vote in favor.

Mr. Gallagher asked if road names should be incorporated on the maps presented at the meeting along with State road numbers. Mr. Cary also thought there should be an attempt to show the fatal accident data on the priorities and maps, as well.

Mr. Davidson asked if a potential date for the next 501 Coalition meeting should be discussed at this point.

Mr. Puckett then made a motion that the Coalition draft a letter of the goals and discussion of the current project improvements to be presented to the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Mr. Davis seconded the motion with the members unanimously in favor.

Mr. Puckett also made a motion to draft a letter to our Senators and Delegates to inform them of the next Public Information Hearing in April. Mr. Davis seconded the motion with the members unanimously in favor.

7. New Business- There was no new business to discuss.

8. Adjourn

On a motion made by Mr. Lovelace, and seconded by Mr. Love with unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned.