



**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2014**

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Members Present:

Mr. Matt Kelly, City of Fredericksburg, Chair
Mr. Mark Whitley, City of Fredericksburg (Alternate)
Mr. Doug Barnes, County of Spotsylvania
Mr. Tim McLaughlin, County of Spotsylvania
Mr. David Ross, County of Spotsylvania
Mr. Anthony Romanello, County of Stafford
Mr. Paul Milde, County of Stafford
Mr. Alfred Harf, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Ms. Marcie Parker, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Others Present:

Mr. Hap Connors, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
Mr. Chris Arabia, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Ms. Allison Richter, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Craig Van Dussen, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Scott Shenk, Free Lance Star

Citizens:

Mr. Rupert Farley, Citizen, FAMPO Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) Representative, County of Spotsylvania
Mr. Dale Hendon, Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Fran Larkins, Citizen, FAMPO Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) Representative, County of Stafford
Ms. Muriel May, Citizen, County of Spotsylvania
Ms. Sarah Shubbleburg, Citizen, Lane Construction

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Lloyd Robinson, FAMPO Administrator
Mr. Tim Ware, GWRC Executive Director
Mr. Andy Waple, FAMPO
Ms. Marti Donley, FAMPO
Mr. Danny Reese, FAMPO
Ms. Diana Utz, GWRC
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

CALL FAMPO MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Matt Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Robinson advised that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF FAMPO AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Milde and seconded by Mr. Ross, with all concurring, the agenda was approved as submitted.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

None

PUBLIC HEARING – DRAFT FISCAL YEARS 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

There were three members from the public who spoke on the Draft FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the comments are as follows:

Ms. Fran Larkins: Ms. Larkins stated that she was a member of TAG representing Stafford County; however, tonight she was speaking personally and was not speaking on behalf of the TAG Committee.

Ms. Larkins stated that she was in support of the Rappahannock River Crossing project as this will allow for additional collector/distributor lanes to I-95; however, this should only be the first step. Ms. Larkins stated that the region still needs to pursue developing an outer connector bypass project.

Mr. Dale Hendon, representing the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce, stated that he was there to endorse approval of the FY2015-2018 TIP. Mr. Hendon stated that the Chamber is in support of the Rappahannock River Crossing project. Mr. Hendon relayed that this project will be a strategic effort in solving some of the region's current transportation issues and will be a vital project in encouraging continued commercial and tourism growth throughout the region.

Mr. Farley stated that he also is a member of the TAG committee and represents Spotsylvania County, and he too is speaking personally and not speaking on behalf of TAG. Mr. Farley stated that he felt that 90% of the projects included in the TIP are temporary fixes and do not solve the long term needs of the region and he therefore does not support approval of the FY2015-2018 TIP.

Mr. Farley stated that the transportation planners need to move more to a mass-transit based system in lieu of continuing to build more roads. Mr. Farley relayed that continuing to build more roads results in an unaffordable and unsustainable consequence to the region. Mr. Farley stated that many of the roads constructed are associated with the HOT lane project and if the road is not utilized as expected that the taxpayers will have to absorb the cost deficits.

Mr. Farley stated that years ago the region gave up a transit/pedestrian based system and since then the region has experienced continual sprawl. Mr. Farley stated that he felt this is the missing component within the TIP.

Mr. Farley relayed that he would like to propose to the Policy Committee that they form a legislative committee to go to Richmond to insist that developers become financially responsible for paying 100% impact fees for all new developments. Mr. Farley also stated that FAMPO needs to be campaigning for transit funding as well in Washington, DC. Mr. Farley stated that he would like to see something like this included within the TIP.

Mr. Kelly thanked the public for voicing their concerns. Mr. Kelly stated that he had just one follow-up comment to Mr. Farley's statements. Mr. Kelly relayed that the public needs to realize that FAMPO does not develop the projects for consideration within the TIP; but instead the project lists are submitted from each of the localities.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Kelly's comments included recognition of Mr. Robinson's service as FAMPO's first Administrator after serving in this capacity for the last eight years. Mr. Kelly thanked Mr. Robinson for his service and the work he has done for FAMPO. Mr. Robinson's recognition is Resolution No. 14-18 and upon motion by Mr. Milde and seconded by Mr. Whitley, with all in consensus, Resolution No. 14-18 was adopted by the FAMPO Policy Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

a.) Election of Officers – Mr. Matt Kelly

Mr. Kelly advised that in staying with the regular rotation of officers per the FAMPO By-Laws that the chairman's position would rotate to Stafford County and the vice-chairman's position would rotate to Spotsylvania County for the upcoming year.

The officers for the upcoming year respectively will be: Mr. Paul Milde and Mr. Tim McLaughlin. Upon motion by Mr. Romanello and seconded by Mr. Harf, with all in consensus, the officers were approved by the FAMPO Policy Committee.

b.) Approval of FAMPO Minutes of May 19, 2014

Upon motion by Mr. Milde and seconded by Mr. Harf, with abstentions from Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Romanello, and Mr. Ross, and everyone else in consensus, the minutes from the May 19th meeting were approved as submitted.

c.) Approval of FAMPO Resolution No. 14-14, Adopting the Fiscal Years 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Mr. Lloyd Robinson

Mr. Robinson advised that Resolution No. 14-14 is requesting approval of the FY2015-2018 TIP. Mr. Robinson stated that both Ms. Donley and Mr. Reese deserve thanks for the public outreach efforts made on the FY2015-2018 TIP. Mr. Robinson stated that it is both staff recommendation and recommendation from the Technical Committee that the FY2015-2018 TIP be adopted by the Policy Committee. Mr. Robinson relayed that TAG voted to take no action either in support or against of the Policy Committee adopting the FY2015-2018 TIP.

Upon motion by Mr. Milde and seconded by Mr. Whitley to approve Resolution No. 14-14; with votes to not endorse by Mr. Barnes, Mr. McLaughlin, and Mr. Ross; and all other members voting to approve, Resolution No. 14-14 was adopted by the FAMPO Policy Committee.

d.) Approval of Resolution No. 14-15, Appointing Henry “Hap” Connors as an Ex Officio Member of the FAMPO Policy Committee – Mr. Lloyd Robinson

Mr. Robinson advised that even though not a state mandate; however, across the board state-wide it is common practice for an MPO’s CTB representative to serve as an Ex Officio non-voting member of the Policy Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Milde and seconded by Mr. Harf, with all in consensus, Resolution No. 14-15 was approved as submitted.

e.) Approval of Resolution No. 14-16, Certifying that the FAMPO 3-C Process is Being Carried Out in Accordance with Federal Requirements for a Comprehensive, Continuing and Coordinated Transportation Planning Process in the Urbanized Area – Mr. Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that Resolution No. 14-16 is the self-certification statement and check list that is required every four years per FHWA regulations. Mr. Waple stated that the 3-C process is required whenever an MPO passes a new TIP. Mr. Waple stated that if this Resolution is approved by the Policy Committee tonight that it would then be signed by the FAMPO Chair and a representative from VDOT.

Upon motion by Mr. Barnes and seconded by Mr. Romanello, with all in consensus, Resolution No. 14-16 was approved as submitted.

f.) Approval of Resolution No. 14-17, Amending the Fiscal Years 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Transfer Funds from Project UPC #93962 (Route 3 Signal Optimization) to Project UPC #93963 (Route 1 Signal Optimization) – Mr. Lloyd Robinson and Mr. Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that Resolution No. 14-17 is a request from VDOT to amend the FY2012-2015 TIP transferring funds from one project that was overfunded to another like project that was underfunded for signal light optimizations on Route 3 and Route 1.

Upon motion by Mr. Whitley and seconded by Mr. Harf, with all in consensus, Resolution No. 14-17 was approved as submitted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a.) FAMPO Administrator – Chairman Matthew Kelly

Mr. Kelly stated that effective July 1st, FAMPO will be without a FAMPO Administrator. Mr. Kelly stated that he had sent emails to board members asking for input on how the board wishes to proceed in filling this position.

Mr. Kelly stated that he was going to make the following recommendations and these are as follows:

- 1.) To appoint Mr. Andy Waple as Interim Administrator effective July 1st
- 2.) To advertise the position in the newspapers
- 3.) To establish a sub-committee to review applications received, etc. Mr. Kelly stated that the sub-committee should be comprised of one official from each district and also with Mr. Tim Ware from GWRC

Upon motion by Mr. Milde and seconded by Mr. Ross, with all in consensus, the three recommendations made by Mr. Kelly were endorsed.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Robinson relayed that Mr. Nick Donohue who is the Deputy Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth has advised staff that he would like to come to an upcoming Policy Committee meeting to meet with the Policy Committee members. Mr. Robinson stated that if the Board was in favor of this then he would contact Mr. Donohue and have him attend the upcoming July 21st meeting. The Policy Committee was in favor of this presentation.

Mr. Harf asked about the upcoming schedule for the CTB meeting. Mr. Connors relayed that the workshop will be held on Tuesday and the vote will be taken on Wednesday. Mr. Milde asked Mr. Connors if to-date there are any updates on funding allocations. Mr. Connors stated that it is still in the works; however, some of the original funding that had been taken away from the region would be restored but at this time the amount of this funding to be re-allocated is still unknown.

MEMBER REPORTS

None

FAMPO CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Robinson advised that correspondence is included in tonight's agenda packet and is self-explanatory.

FAMPO COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Robinson stated that both the FAMPO Technical Committee (FTC) and the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) meeting minutes are included in tonight's agenda packet.

ADJOURN FAMPO MEETING/NEXT MEETING, JULY 21, 2014

The FAMPO meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. The next meeting will occur on July 21, 2014 at 7:15 p.m.