

FAMPO ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

February 2022



Overview



CMAQ/STBG



BIL REQUIREMENTS



FAMPO VISION

Call for projects has closed

- ❖ 3 applications were received from the 3 FAMPO jurisdictions
- ❖ We have conducted screening calls with each jurisdiction
- ❖ We have completed initial scoring
- ❖ Staff are busy creating draft allocations for CMAQ, STBG, and HIP funds
- ❖ Staff will present and discuss allocations at the TAC
- ❖ Recommended allocations will come to the next policy committee



State Match – State reducing taxes?

- ❖ There are a number of proposals and draft bills at the VA State Legislature to **reduce local and state taxes** due to inflation and covid shortages etc.
- ❖ In each case it is unclear how the State funding for transportation projects will be supplemented to make up for the shortfall in tax incomes
- ❖ We await further progress on these items



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- ❖ Federal Highway Administration released FACT SHEETS February 17, 2022
- ❖ New Money but also new requirements
- ❖ Key points...

Set-aside for
Increasing Safe and
Accessible
Transportation
Options

Travel Demand Data
and Modelling

Housing
Coordination



Set-aside for Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation Options

- ❖ The BIL requires each MPO to **use at least 2.5% of its PL funds** (and each State to use 2.5% of its State Planning and Research funding under 23 U.S.C. 505) **on specified planning activities to increase safe and accessible options** for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities. [§ 11206(b)]
- ❖ A State or MPO may opt out of the requirement, with the approval of the Secretary, if the State or MPO has Complete Streets standards and policies in place, and has developed **an up-to-date Complete Streets prioritization plan** that identifies a specific list of Complete Streets projects to improve the safety, mobility, or accessibility of a street. [§ 11206(c) and (e)]
- ❖ For the purpose of this requirement, the term “Complete Streets standards or policies” means standards or policies that ensure the safe and adequate accommodation of all users of the transportation system, including **pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles**. [§ 11206(a)]



Travel Demand Data and Modelling

The BIL requires the Secretary to —

- ❖ seek opportunities to support States' and MPOs' transportation planning processes by **providing data to improve the quality of transportation plans, models, and travel demand forecasts**; and [§ 11205(b)(2)]
- ❖ develop, and make publicly available, **a multimodal web-based tool** to enable States and MPOs to **evaluate the effect of highway and transit investments on the use and conditions of all transportation assets** within the State or area served by the metropolitan planning organization, as applicable. [§ 11205(b)(3)]



Housing Coordination

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requires —

- ❖ updating the policy to include, as items in the national interest, encouraging and promoting the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of **surface transportation systems that will better connecting housing and employment**; [§ 11201(d)(1); 23U.S.C. 134(a)(1)]
- ❖ adding officials responsible for housing as officials with whom the Secretary shall encourage **each MPO to consult**; [§ 11201(d)(2);23 U.S.C. 134(g)(3)(A)]
- ❖ requiring the metropolitan transportation planning process... to provide for consideration of **projects and strategies that will promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local housing patterns** [§ 11201(d)(3); 23 U.S.C. 134(h)(1)(E)]
- ❖ **adding affordable housing organizations** to a list of stakeholders MPOs are required to provide a reasonable opportunity to comment on the metropolitan transportation plan; and[§ 11201(d)(4)(B); 23 U.S.C. 134(i)(6)(A)]
- ❖ within a metropolitan planning area that serves a transportation management area, including by **developing a housing coordination plan**. [§ 11201(d)(5); 23 U.S.C. 134(k)]



FRED Fare Free Service

- ❖ FRED commenced their fare free service, today!
- ❖ This is a 4-year program using a TRIP Grant from DRPT and CARES Act funding
- ❖ This is a competitive grant program awarded to FRED Transit
- ❖ Does not require FAMPO or GWRC endorsement or approval



Upcoming for FAMPO...

- ❖ We have hired a **new Public Engagement and Title VI Coordinator!**
- ❖ The **2050 LRTP** will be adopted next month
- ❖ VHB begins work on the **East West Study** on March 1
- ❖ Michael Baker begins work on the **VCR Trail Bridge/Tunnel/Culvert Study** March 1
- ❖ We are planning a **1-day Freight Summit** for September/October as this fits with our economic development goal



What is the future transportation & planning Vision for FAMPO?



FAMPO Vision

What is one transportation related thing you would like to see in our region in the future?

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