

## **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

March 28, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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### **Committee Members Present:** *(V) indicates voting member*

Mr. Jason Graham, First Vice-Chair, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. David Ross, Spotsylvania County (V)  
Ms. Lori Hayes, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. Matthew Kelly, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Mr. Timothy Barody, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Ms. Meg Bohmke, Second Vice-Chair, Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Monica Gary, Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Pamela Yeung, alternate Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Marcie Parker, Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)  
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, alternate Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)  
Dr. Robert Schneider, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) (V)  
Ms. Susan Gardner, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Mr. Stephen Haynes, alternate Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Mr. Todd Horsley, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)  
Ms. Cathy Binder, alternate King George County  
Mr. Hank Scharpenberg, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Mr. Tim McLaughlin, Chair, Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. Kevin Marshall, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
Ms. Deborah Frazier, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. David Brown, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Ms. Ciara Williams, DRPT  
Mr. Joe Stainsby, alternate PRTC (V)  
Mr. Darrell English, Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, Stafford County (V)  
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
Ms. Tonya Holland, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
Mr. Cedric Rucker, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)  
Ms. Jamie Jackson, FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)  
Mr. Aidan Quirke, alternate FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)  
Mr. Jeffery Sili, Caroline County  
Mr. Jeffrey Black, alternate Caroline County  
Mr. Matthew Rowe, alternate CTAC

### **Others Present (remotely):**

Mr. Alex Owsiak, Stafford County  
Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County

Devyn Bell

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator  
Mr. Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager  
Mx. Colie Touzel, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator  
Ms. Jordan Chandler, Transportation Planner II  
Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner II

**1. Call Policy Committee Meeting to Order**

Vice Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chair Graham led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Ms. Chandler conducted roll call and determined a quorum present.

**4. Approval of the March 28, 2022 Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the March 28, 2022 Policy Committee agenda.

Motion: Dr. Schneider; Second: Ms. Bohmke

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**5. Public Involvement**

No public comments were received.

**6. Public Hearing**

*Comments and questions from members of the public related to the Congestion Management Process (CMP) and FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are welcome at this time. Staff will also read comments submitted by the public prior to the meeting.*

Previously submitted comments were included in the meeting packet and read aloud by Mx. Touzel.

**7. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of March 28, 2022 Policy Committee Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion to approve the consent agenda:

Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Bohmke

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**8. FAMPO Administrator Report**

Mr. Ollis provided a quick overview of the Pipeline studies and the East-West Mobility Study. Mr. Ollis relayed that the goals of the Pipeline Studies are to focus on solutions to identify VTRANS Mid-Term needs with a Performance Based Planning Approach. Mr. Ollis then gave an update on the East-West Mobility study; we are in the second phase and have just appointed the consultants. Later in Mr. Ollis' report, he discussed the process of drafting FAMPO's vision document by creating a survey which would result in a short vision document for committee

discussion. Lastly, Mr. Ollis introduced FAMPO's new Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator, Mx. Colie Touzel.

## 9. Action/Discussion Items

- a. Spring Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) Public Meeting – Fiscal Year 2023-2028 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) – Mr. Ian Ollis

1.4 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 2022, at James Monroe High School, 2300 Washington Avenue, Fredericksburg.

Mr. Ollis requested a few committee members attend this event with him and Ms. Bohmke and Mr. Kelly volunteered.

- b. SMART SCALE Round 5 – Ms. Kari Barber

### 1. Approving the Round 5 SMART SCALE Pre-Applications (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Barber provided an update on SMART SCALE initiatives and said the next step would be to remove one project from the pre-application list as only four final applications are allowed. A verbal approval was requested and verbal approval was unanimously given to proceed with the five pre-applications.

- c. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Update – Mr. Ian Ollis and Ms. Jordan Chandler

1. Scoring and Draft Allocations

2. Draft CMAQ-STBG-HIP Allocation Spreadsheet

Ms. Chandler provided a presentation on the 3 approved CMAQ applications (Harrison Rd VCR Trail, Staffordboro Blvd sidewalk, and Bankside Trail). After scoring and drafting allocations, FAMPO will seek endorsement from TAC and approval from the Policy Committee in May.

- d. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Mr. Ian Ollis

### 1. Resolution 22-29 Approval of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ollis announced the completion of the 2050 LRTP.

Mr. Scharpenberg advised attendees that the CTAC declined to endorse the adoption of the LRTP for three reasons: the failure to address another crossing of the Rappahannock River, too many widening projects and new roads that contribute to congestion and sprawl, and that more attention needs to be given to accessibility for people with disabilities in the goals and project priorities.

Ms. Barber stated that BPAC had also reviewed the document and had endorsed its adoption.

In relation to a question asked by the committee about delaying the approval of the document, Mr. Ollis explained that once the 2050 LRTP is adopted, amendments can be made. However, the process to add a new road project not contained in the Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) is complex and requires air conformity modeling, including EPA certification. If adoption of the 2050 LRTP is delayed, some of the projects in the 2050 LRTP are not in the 2045 LRTP which would make the support jurisdictions need to apply for funding for those projects very difficult.

Mr. Kelly raised a concern that development prohibits most of the studied alternatives for a new river crossing, except for the westernmost option. Mr. Ollis explained that the most critical issue is getting all three localities to agree on the location and design.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-29:  
Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Mr. Kelly

- e. FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program Update – Ms. Jordan Chandler

- 1. Resolution 22-30 Approving an Amendment to the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add UPC 120524, New Park & Ride Lot near I-95 Exit 133 and UPC 120644; Rt 1 STARS - Rt. 3 Off-Ramp / Spotsy Ave Improv (ACTION ITEM)**

- Motion to approve Resolution 22-30:  
Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Mr. Kelly

- f. **Resolution 22-31 Approving BPAC At-Large Member Appointment (ACTION ITEM) – Ms. Kari Barber**

- Motion to approve Resolution 22-31:  
Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Bohmke

- g. **FAMPO Support for Stafford County 2022 RAISE Grant Application (ACTION ITEM) – Mr. Ian Ollis**

- Motion to approve FAMPO support for Stafford County 2022 RAISE Grant Application:  
Motion: Mr. Yakabouski; Second: Ms. Yeung

- h. Bylaw Discussion – Mr. Ian Ollis

- 1. Current Policy Committee Bylaws – Amended March 28, 2018

- Mr. Ollis reported that Ms. Tara Durant has requested a legal opinion from the Virginia Attorney general. The committee suggested to send edits to FHWA Representative Ivan Rucker and revisit the topic next month.

- i. Future Policy Committee Meeting Schedule – Vice Chair Graham

- It was decided that meetings will stay the way they are, separated from GWRC meetings.

## 10. Correspondence

Received a letter about new members on committees and FAMPO has made those changes to our roster list.

## 11. Staff Reports

FAMPO is fully staffed now, with an intern accepting a full-time position starting June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 12. Member Comments

For the next meeting, Mr. Ollis will prepare a presentation highlighting if the region were to begin looking at an outer connector, these are some processes that could be followed.

## 13. Adjourn/Next Policy Committee Meeting April 18, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Vice Chair Graham adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.