

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 2, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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Committee Members Present:

Chairman Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County

Mr. Rodney White, Spotsylvania County

Vice Chair Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg

Mr. Mike Craig, City of Fredericksburg

Second Vice Chair Alex Owsiak, Stafford County

Mr. Nick Minor, King George County

Ms. Michelle Shropshire, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Stephen Haynes, VDOT

Mr. Nick Ruiz, Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect

Ms. Amy Garbarini, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

Committee Members Present (remotely, without virtual participation request):

Committee Members Absent:

Mr. Mohamed Benomar, Spotsylvania County, remote attendance

Mr. Aidan Quirke, FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)

Ms. Christine Hoeffner, VRE

Mr. Brandon Brown, Stafford County

Mr. Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg

Mr. Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County

Mr. Bryan Counsell, Stafford County

Ms. Kimberly Wilson, King George County

Mr. Mike Finchum, Caroline County

Mr. Craig Pennington, Caroline County

Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Ms. Ciara Williams, DRPT

Mr. Jim Ponticello, VDOT

Mr. Dan Grinnell, VDOT

Dr. Bob Schneider, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)

Mr. Joe Stainsby, PRTC

Mr. R. Craig Reed, FRED

Ms. Kate Gibson, GWRideConnect

Others Present:

Ms. Linda LaSut, VDOT, remote attendance

Ms. Susan Gardner, VDOT

Mr. Colin Burch, VPRA, remote attendance

Mr. Thomas Hastings, remote attendance

Staff Present:

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager
Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner II
Ms. Jordan Chandler, Transportation Planner II

1. Call Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

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

3. Approval of the May 2, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the May 2, 2022 TAC agenda.

Motion: Mr. Owsiak Second: Chair Agnello

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. Approval of the April 4, 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the April 4, 2022 TAC meeting minutes.

Motion: Mr. Owsiak Second: Chair Agnello

Abstentions: Ms. Anderson

Motion passed.

5. Review of the April 18, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting

Mr. Ollis reviewed the Policy Committee meeting by summarizing the agenda. VRE reported on ridership trends before and after COVID, and VDOT made presentations on the history of the I-95 Outer Connector as well as how an idea becomes a project. FAMPO staff updated the Policy Committee on CMAQ and STBG projects, and on the highlights of the FY 23 UPWP. Comments were received from FHWA on proposed changes to the Policy Committee's By-laws. During Member Reports, the Chairman of CTAC, Mr. Scharpenberg, presented an informational item on a proposal for a western new river crossing and a northeast quadrant connector road.

6. Public Comment

Comments were presented that were received on the FY23 UPWP.

7. Action/Discussion Items

a. I-95 Outer Connector

Chair Agnello showed the Spotsylvania County Thoroughfare Plan that includes concept roads that will be constructed incrementally over time, to augment the existing road network, providing southeast and southwest connections that allow traffic to avoid using I-95 and Plank Road. Chair Agnello shared VDOT's Outer Connector alternatives that were studied in the early 2000's, all of which terminated at Plank Road in Spotsylvania County.

Mr. Ollis explained the CTAC proposal for a western new river crossing and a northeast quadrant connector road that avoid occupied residences. Mr. Owsiak advised attendees Stafford County is examining CTAC's concept roads.

Chair Agnello advised attendees that development has precluded construction of the VDOT Outer Connector alternative whose limits were from I-95 / Visitor Center to Plank Road / Gordon Road; and that the Spotsylvania Board of Supervisors' solution to Plank Road congestion is the construction of a new interchange at I-95 / Harrison Road and the 4-laning of Harrison Road west to Plank Road.

b. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Project Selection Process Update

1. Draft Allocations Update

Ms. Chandler explained staff's edits to CMAQ, STBG, and HIP allocations for active projects due to increased SYIP funding. Chair Agnello proposed a change from HIP to CMAQ funding for purchase of replacement computer equipment for GWRideConnect in FY23.

2. DRAFT FY23-28 CMAQ – STBG – HIP Allocations

Specifics were discussed regarding staff's recommended edits, including recent actual bid costs compared to estimates.

Motion was made to approve the FY23-28 CMAQ – STBG – HIP Allocations, as amended.

Motion: Chair Agnello; Second: Mr. Owsiak

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

c. SMART SCALE Round 5 Update

Ms. Barber informed the committee that all SMART SCALE pre-applications are submitted and are now being screened. She presented the preliminary George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) and FAMPO project list and reminded the committee that one project will need to be removed from each list.

Chair Agnello advised attendees that Spotsylvania County's Transportation Committee approved removal of the FAMPO Route 3 project.

Motion to recommend that all projects on the GWRC / FAMPO list move forward with exception of the Rte. 3 – Gordon Road to I-95 West Ramps project.

Motion: Chair Agnello; Second: Mr. Craig

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

d. Endorse Resolution 22-32 Approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Golden presented a few key details included in the UPWP: the 2022 Freight Summit, the FRED Transit Strategic Plan (TSP), the FAMPO Vision Plan, the East-West Mobility Study, and the VCR Trail Study. Attendees were also advised that input received from VDOT and Spotsylvania County have been incorporated in the UPWP document provided to TAC in their agenda packet.

Motion made to incorporate the following edits:

- Section 4.1 Long Range System Planning, End Products, #11 – Deleted “...to FAMPO version 5.15...”
- Section 4.1 Long Range System Planning, End Products. Added new #13 and #14:
13. FAMPO staff, in conjunction with State partners, will amend the Metropolitan Planning Area after the Census Bureau releases urbanized area maps, and adjust regional funding prioritization methods accordingly.
14. In conjunction with localities, FAMPO will work to identify locations for transit-oriented development.

Motion: Chair Agnello; Second: Ms. Jackson

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

e. FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modifications

Ms. Chandler presented administrative amendments to the TIP for five projects that adjust funding on existing projects:

- STIP ID: FRT0021, Transit Strategic Plan, Fredericksburg Transit (FRED). Remove FY23 funding. Add \$175K in FTA 5307, \$112.5K in State and Local for FY22 totaling \$400K.
- STIP ID: RAAA001, Operating Assistance, Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging. Adjustment: Increase FY22 funding \$189K (increase FTA 5310 \$100K, State \$80K, local \$20K, remove revenues \$11K); increase FY23 funding \$57K (increase FTA 5310 \$34K, State \$27K, local \$7K, remove revenues \$11K); increase FY24 funding \$39K (increase FTA 5310 \$25K, State \$20K, local \$5K, remove revenues \$11K).
- STIP ID: RAAA002, Mobility Management, Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging. Adjustment: Increase FY22 funding \$107K (increase FTA 5310 \$86K, add State \$17K, add local \$4K).
- STIP ID: RAAA003, Paratransit Vehicles, Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging. Adjustment: Increase FY22 funding \$132K (increase FTA 5310 \$106K, local \$26K).
- STIP ID: RACS001, Paratransit Vehicles, Rappahannock Area Community Services Board (CSB). Adjustment: Increase FY22 funding \$280K (increase FTA 5310 \$244K, add local \$56K); add \$300K funding (FTA 5310 \$240K, local \$60K) for FY23 & FY24.

f. 2050 LRTP Goals and Objectives Requested Amendment

1. Current Goals and Objectives – Approved February 22, 2021

Ms. Golden advised attendees that public comments were received during the 2050 LRTP comment period that affect the Goals and Objectives. These suggestions improve project priorities and design elements to address accessibility challenges for our disabled citizens and vulnerable road user groups. A letter with strikethrough edits to the Goals and Objectives is on the May 11th CTAC agenda, item 8.c.2. CTAC Letter to GWRC Localities and VDOT – Amendments to Goals to Improve Accessibility Outcomes: “...to encourage your staff and project budgets to consider incorporating these goals and objectives as part of scoping and cost estimating phases, and to advise you that we will be seeking their formal adoption during the future update to the 2050 LRTP...”

g. FAMPO Future Vision Survey

Mr. Ollis advised attendees that all FAMPO committee members and alternates (about 105 people) will receive a short survey that will help develop a vision statement for FAMPO. Recipients are being asked to complete the survey by May 20th.

8. Correspondence

Mr. Ollis advised attendees that FHWA has responded to the Policy Committee on proposed by-law changes, and TAC members would receive a copy of the letter by way of an e-mail.

9. Staff Reports

Ms. Chandler advised attendees the date and time of the Freight Summit is September 29th between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The location of the event is the Germanna Community College Center for Workforce & Community Education, Fredericksburg Center for Advanced Technology (FredCAT) in Central Park Plaza.

10. Member Reports

Mr. Owsiak advised attendees that Brandon Brown, Stafford’s Transportation Planner, has resigned, and the County is preparing notice of replacements for Mr. Brown’s appointments on FAMPO committees.

11. Adjourn/Next TAC Meeting: June 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Motion: Mr. Owsiak Second: Ms. Jackson

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.