

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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

Mr. Tim McLaughlin, Chair, Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Jason Graham, First Vice-Chair, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Lori Hayes, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Matthew Kelly, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. David Brown, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Pamela Yeung, alternate Stafford County (V)
Ms. Marcie Parker, 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)
Ms. Ciara Williams, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Ms. Jamie Jackson, FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)
Ms. Cathy Binder, alternate King George County
Mr. Hank Scharpenberg, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

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

Committee Members Absent:

Mr. David Ross, Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Timothy Baroody, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Monica Gary, Stafford County (V)
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
in Marshall, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Ms. Deborah Frazier, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Ms. Meg Bohmke, Second Vice-Chair, Stafford County (V)
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, Stafford County (V)
Mr. Joe Stainsby, alternate PRTC (V)
Mr. Darrell English, Stafford County (V)
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, alternate Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Tonya Holland, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Mr. Cedric Rucker, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
Mr. Todd Horsley, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
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 or in person):

Mr. Joe McAndrew, Greater Washington Partnership
Devyn Bell
Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Paul Milde, Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Colin Burch, VPRA
Ms. Kate Gibson, GWRC
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GW Ride Connect
Mr. Jake Hicks

Staff Present:

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

1. Call Policy Committee Meeting to Order

Chair McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair McLaughlin led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Mx. Touzel conducted roll call and determined a quorum present.

4. Approval of the May 16, 2022 Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the May 16, 2022 Policy Committee agenda.

Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Gary
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. Public Hearing

Mx. Touzel read aloud comments from the public related to the Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which were [received prior to the meeting](#). There were also several comments received directly prior to the meeting that supported a connector and trail network for the Fredericksburg Area.

No other comments were made.

6. Public Involvement

Mx. Touzel read aloud comments from the public which were [received prior to the meeting](#).

No other public comments were made.

7. Consent Agenda

a. [Approval of April 18, 2022 Policy Committee Minutes \(ACTION ITEM\)](#)

Motion to approve the consent agenda:

Motion: Ms. Yeung; Second: Mr. Schneider

Abstentions: Ms. Parker

Motion passed.

8. FAMPO Administrator Report

Mr. Ollis provided a quick overview of the travel demand model, the upcoming Freight Summit, and new projects. Mr. Ollis shared that the VDOT travel demand model must be updated every 5 years and so FAMPO Staff are looking to your jurisdictions for any new developments to report. Mr. Ollis thanked Germanna Community College for allowing FAMPO to host the Freight Summit at their facility free of charge. Mr. Ollis requested that the Policy Committee provide support to VDOT engineering to include a multi-use path in the US 1 Falmouth Bridge rehabilitation project. Mr. Ollis also explained that I-95 South Bound additional lanes and bridge will be fully opened on May 17, and that the North Bound bridge will take another year, but VDOT is ahead of schedule for these projects. Mr. Ollis mentioned that Dr. Schneider suggested the Policy Committee host a one-off workshop on what causes congestion and what to do about congestion.

Members discussed the importance of an information sharing workshop to understand these matters from outside experts. A suggestion was made that a study be conducted of congestion in the region.

Mr. Ollis explained that CTAC would like to remove the requirement for the chair office to rotate between jurisdictions for CTAC. A suggestion was made that the bylaws ensure a rotation of jurisdictions so as not to have a monopolized majority from one jurisdiction. A request was made that CTAC give a presentation on why they want to change this requirement.

Mr. Ollis reminded members that an election of Policy Committee officers is during the next meeting on June 27. This meeting is also on the same evening as the GWRC Board meeting due to the holiday of Juneteenth, and therefore this Policy Committee meeting will begin at 7:30pm.

9. Action/Discussion Items

a. [Connecting the Capital Region from Baltimore to Richmond](#) – Mr. Joe McAndrews, Greater Washington Partnership

Mr. McAndrew explained that the [Greater Washington Partnership](#) is as a nonprofit organization that provides support to the public sector. They work from Baltimore to Richmond with regional skills and talent on their Board and heading their organization working together to develop diversity, inclusive growth, and regional transportation. Mr. McAndrew noted the importance of the Fredericksburg Area to the region and as an asset to the talent of the future. Mr. McAndrew explained their Regional Blue Print for Mobility and the Capital Region Rail Vision and that the region needs to consider other modes of transportation besides highways and roads in order to better connect our region.

After the presentation, Mr. McAndrew requested a letter of support from the Policy Committee for a large federal grant to help the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority secure funding to speed up and invest in the Long Bridge construction. Staff prepared a letter that was provided to Policy Committee members with the evening's agenda.

Motion to approve letter of support:

Motion: Dr. Schneider; Second: Mr. Graham

Motion passes with unanimous consent.

b. [SMART SCALE Round 5](#) – Ms. Kari Barber

Ms. Barber provided an update on SMART SCALE pre-applications, listing the four projects TAC endorsed for Policy Committee approval to progress to full application status.

[Resolution 22-33](#) Approving Final Four FAMPO Applications for SMART SCALE (ACTION ITEM)

Motion to approve SMART SCALE Round 5:

Motion: Dr. Schneider; Second: Mr. Kelly

Motion passes with unanimous consent.

c. [Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program \(CMAQ\)/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program \(STBG\) Update](#) – Mr. Ian Ollis

[Resolution 22-34](#) Approving the FY23-28 CMAQ/STBG/HIP Allocations (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ollis provided an update on CMAQ/STBG programs and requested a Policy Committee approval of the TAC endorsement. Mr. Ollis also explained that September will begin a FY24-29 call for projects and so jurisdictions should start planning now.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-34:

Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Hayes

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

d. **[Resolution 22-35](#) Authorizing Staff to Execute a Contract with Cambridge Systematics for the 2022 Freight Summit (ACTION ITEM)** – Mr. Ian Ollis

Motion to approve Resolution 22-35:

Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Dr. Schneider

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

e. [FY23 Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#) – Mr. Ian Ollis and Ms. Becky Golden

Ms. Golden provided highlights to the UPWP including Freight Summit, FRED Transit Strategic Plan, FAMPO Vision Plan, East-West Mobility Study, and the VCR Trail Study. Ms. Golden mentioned that two projects were removed because the funds are not a part of FAMPO's funding program.

1. [Draft FAMPO Executive Committee Meeting Agenda](#) – May 23, 2022 at 5:45 p.m.

- f. [FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\) Modifications](#) – Mr. Ian Ollis

Mr. Ollis explained there were two requests to modify the TIP from DRPT and FRED Transit to continue their funding streams.

- g. **Resolution 22-36 Appointing Cindy Lamb as an At-Large Member to the CTAC (ACTION ITEM)** – Ms. Becky Golden

Resolution 22-36 was withdrawn by Ms. Gary.

- h. **[Resolution 22-37 Adopting Regional Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality \(CMAQ\) Improvement Program Performance Measure Targets Supporting TPB \(ACTION ITEM\)](#)** – Mr. Ian Ollis

Mr. Ollis explained the Transportation Management Area within the FAMPO jurisdiction and that a generalized letter is requested to approve the Regional CMAQ improvement program.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-37:

Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Hayes

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

- i. **[FAMPO Support for Spotsylvania County 2022 RAISE Grant Application \(ACTION ITEM\)](#)** – Mr. Ian Ollis

Mr. Ollis explained this is a letter of support for Spotsylvania's RAISE Grants application and that these are federal funds.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-37:

Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Hayes

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

- j. **[FAMPO Vision Survey](#)** – Mr. Ian Ollis and Mx. Colie Touzel

Mx. Touzel explained that members will be sent an email with a unique survey number for members to anonymously complete FAMPO's Vision Survey.

10. [Correspondence](#)

Correspondence from CTAC was read to contribute to the next LRTP update.

11. Staff and Agency Reports

No reports were made.

12. Board Member and Chair Comments

Mr. Kelly explained that VRE is reviewing their bylaws and that they need to appoint a representative on VRE's Executive Board for FAMPO.

13. Adjourn/Next Policy Committee Meeting: June 27, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: Dr. Schneider

Motion passes with unanimous consent.

Chair McLaughlin adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.