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Chairman

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## **CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - 6:00pm  
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg  
<https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/>

A video recording of the meeting is posted on the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) web page: <https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/citizens-transportation-advisory-committee/> and on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/m3G8ymSP6HU>

### **Committee Members Present:**

Mr. Matthew Rowe, City of Fredericksburg – Chair  
Mr. Nicolas Kwatnoski, Stafford County – Vice Chair (remote attendance)  
Ms. TaMara Banks, At-Large  
Mr. Brett Bearce, City of Fredericksburg  
Mr. Joe Brito, Stafford County (remote attendance)  
Mr. Morgan Burch, Spotsylvania County  
Ms. Jennifer Combs, City of Fredericksburg  
Mr. Rupert Farley, At-Large  
Mr. Larry Gross, At-Large (remote attendance)  
Ms. Jeron Hayes, King George County (remote attendance)  
Mr. David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg  
Ms. Ann Palbalkar, Stafford County  
Mr. James Powell, Stafford County

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Mr. John Castellarin, City of Fredericksburg  
Mr. Justin Chenault, Caroline  
Mr. Jacob Clay, Spotsylvania County  
Mr. Micah Cunningham, Spotsylvania  
Ms. Tara Durant, Stafford County  
Ms. Patricia Encarnacion, City of Fredericksburg  
Mr. Glenn Goldsmith, Stafford County  
Mr. Michael Hoyt, Caroline  
Mr. Ken Pogue, Caroline  
Mr. Dustin Savage, At-Large  
Mr. Rodney Thomas, At-Large

### **Others Present:**

Ms. Roslyn Reeder  
Mr. Randy Bruce  
Ms. Fran Larkins (remote attendance)

**Staff Present:**

Mr. John Ridout, Transportation Planner II

Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Manager

Mx. Colie Touzel, Public Involvement & Title VI Coordinator

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Rowe at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Mr. Ridout conducted roll call and a quorum was present.

**3. Approval of the January 11, 2023 Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Mr. Farley; Second: Mr. Burch

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**4. Approval of November 9, 2022 CTAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion: Mr. Farley; Second: Ms. Palbalkar

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**5. Public Comment**

Roslyn Reeder voiced concern for two questions in the Survey for the East-West Mobility Study Roadway report. Question #3: *Do you support the development of a new river crossing bridge west of I-95 between Central Park and southern Stafford?* The question is not specific as to the location of the roads that will be used for the new river crossing. Some residents of the Celebrate by Del Webb community support a new river crossing, but not in the location shown in the report. Question #4: *Should the region invest in the development of a new I-95 interchange at:* respondents could choose one of four answers (*Gordon Shelton Boulevard/Central Park, Harrison Road, Both or Neither*). Concern was raised that the first three options should not be lumped together to infer “Yes”.

Mx. Touzel advised attendees that written comments related to the upcoming Policy Committee public hearing on the East-West Mobility Study Roadway report will be disseminated at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Policy Committee meeting. Chair Rowe requested that these be sent to CTAC members when the public comment period closes.

## 6. New Business and Action Items

### a. East/West Mobility Roadway Study Update

Mr. Ridout summarized the presentation provided to the Policy Committee during their November 2022 meeting. Chair Rowe clarified that the level of service in the report is in the future, considering completion of projects in the FAMPO Long Range plan.

Mr. Brito shared the following issues with some of the Roadway Report's recommendations:

- A new road heading west from Centreport Parkway to Berea Church Road is a better alternative than the recommended extension of Plantation Drive to Centreport Parkway. Plantation Drive has a high crash rate, limited right of way width and over 14 street intersections and commercial entrances. Berea Church Road aligns with Celebrate Virginia Parkway by way of Banks Ford Road, and there has been past support of this concept.
- The recommended 4-lane widening of Truslow Road will have heavy impacts on existing residences and businesses, and the need for this widening is questionable.

Chair Rowe advised attendees that the extension of Enon Road to Centreport Parkway is in Stafford County's Comprehensive Plan as a concept road, as well as the new road described by Mr. Brito from Centreport Parkway to Berea Church Road. The Roadway Report's recommended extension of Plantation Drive to Centreport Parkway is not in Stafford's Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Ridout described the Roadway Report's other recommendations:

- New Rappahannock River Crossing
  - Recommended in the Roadway Report to ease regional congestion.
  - Letter for FAMPO to research options from Stafford and Fredericksburg
  - Mr. Farley shared that the support of Fredericksburg officials is surprising, considering past opposition by residents and city officials of an additional bridge, due the pristine nature of the river that is one of the last rivers on the east coast that still looks like it did when Europeans settled in the continent. The Roadway Report does not give any value to losing a national treasure.
  - Mr. Brito estimated that a new river crossing will reduce emissions and congestion.
- Garrisonville Road Widening
- Stafford County's Courthouse Road Widening
- US Route 17 (Warrenton Road) Widening
- Portion of US Route 17 (Mills Drive) Widening
- Portion of Mountain View Road Widening
- Cowan Blvd Widening
- I-95 / Harrison Road Interchange
  - The widening of Harrison Road between Salem Church Road / Leavells Road and US Route 1 is required for this recommendation.
- Fall Hill Ave shared use path to Spotsylvania Towne Centre
- Chatham Bridge / Kings Highway / Chatham Heights bicycle path / bicycle lanes
- Spotsylvania County's Courthouse Road Crosswalks at Four Mile Fork Center

Mr. Farley advised that the Roadway Report appears to accommodate congestion and additional traffic, counter to statements in the introduction that additional strategies to reduce demand / traffic were to be analyzed. Mr. Touzel encouraged comments and concerns to be articulated during the public comment period.

Mr. Farley asked if the Roadway Report recommendations include the westbound to southbound flyover at Route 3 to Spotsylvania Towne Centre shown in the bicycle / pedestrian section. The flyover is part of the Route 3 Corridor Pipeline Project and is included in the Roadway Report in order that it be considered with the Fall Hill to Spotsylvania Towne Centre shared use path. Since it is in the Roadway Report, comments about the flyover can be made during the public comment period.

Mr. Farley asked about the Bridge Crossing Working Group, and the membership thereof. Mr. Ridout explained that members include staff from VDOT, FAMPO jurisdictions and current easement holders along the river. Mr. Farley voiced concern that Friends of the Rappahannock and similar groups are not part of the Working Group.

## **7. Staff Reports**

### **a. TAC and Policy Committee Updates**

Mr. Ridout provided the following updates:

- The Policy Committee approved the East/West Mobility Transit Report.
- The TAC and Policy Committee were updated on the CMAQ/STBG process.
- VRE staff provided the TAC an update on their VRE System Plan 2050.
- CMAQ / STBG Draft Scores.
- VDOT State Trails projects.
- OIPI Review of VTRANS needs in 2023.

### **b. FAMPO 2023 Tasks and Outlook**

- Wrapping up some major project such as the East/West Study, Freight Summit Study, SMART SCALE results, and the King George Courthouse Area Bike and Pedestrian plan.
- FY24-FY27 TIP Update
- River Crossing Study
- Congestion “Policy”
- FY24 UPWP Unified Planning Work Program
- TAP Funding
- Transportation Demand Model Update, New Census Information and TMA/Urbanized Area Adjustment
- Rural Work Plan
  - US Route 301 Bridge Opening and better Barnesville Park Access
  - Caroline County Comprehensive Plan – Transportation Chapter

## 10. Community Reports

### a. VDOT Report a Problem and Progress Update

Mr. Farley reported a successful Report a Problem experience at Andora Drive in Spotsylvania County.

Chair Rowe described route signage and labeling problems that he has noticed, and there is a need to correct the confusing signs. He also discussed whether business routes should be eliminated. Vice Chair Kwatnoski agreed, and Mr. McLaughlin recommended a representative from VDOT address the issue at a future CTAC meeting.

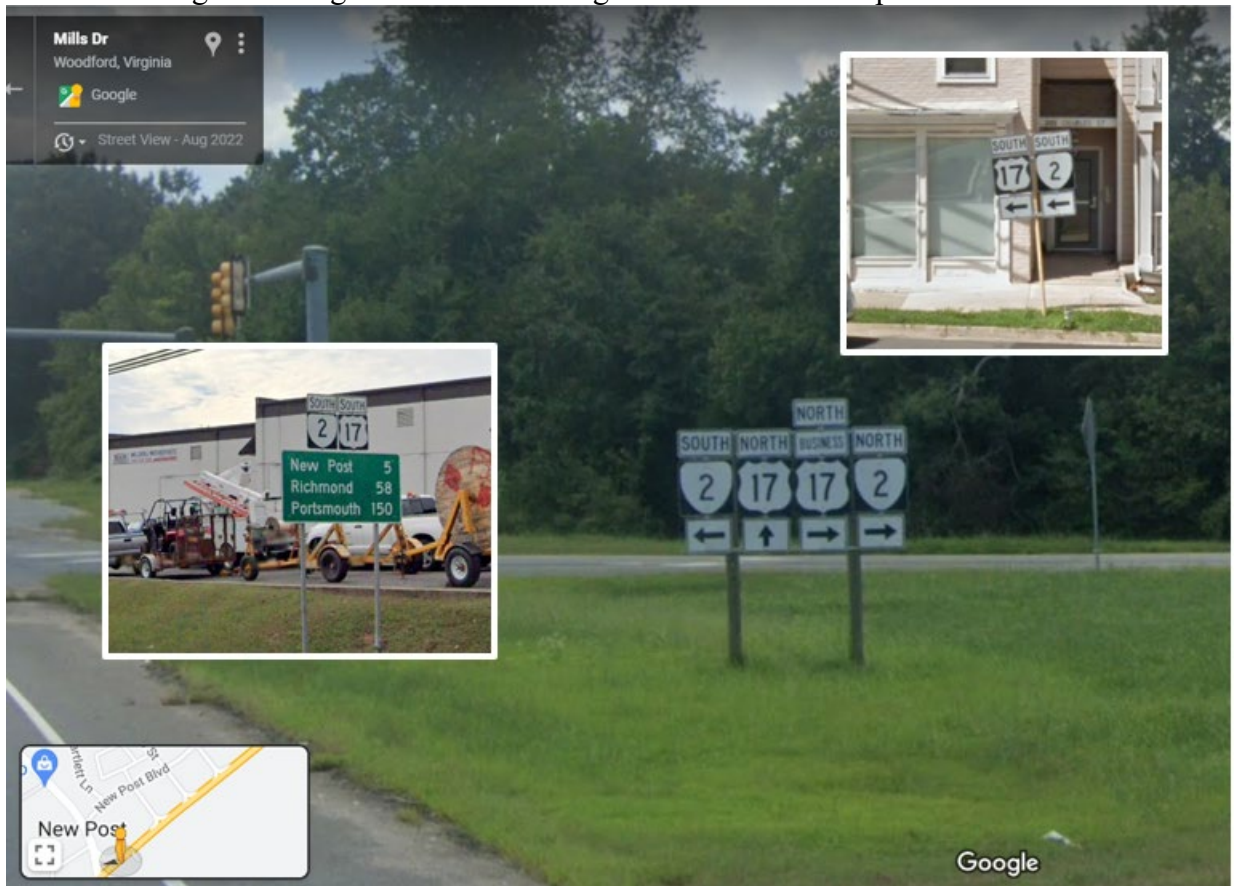
- When motorists cross the US Route 1 Falmouth Bridge heading south, they see this sign. The routes that course through Fredericksburg downtown are Business Routes for US Route 1 and US Route 17:



- Four Mile Fork. Chair Rowe asked if Virginia Primary Route 208 should replace Business Route US Route 1:



- Business US Route 17 courses along Tidewater Trail in Spotsylvania County and Dixon Street in Fredericksburg. Route signs in Fredericksburg lack the “Business” placard:



- b. Members reports, topics of interest, partner information

Mr. Farley shared a recent news item about California paying people not to buy a car, and this is an interesting idea to address the demand for the roads instead of increasing the supply of the roads.

## **11. Final Public Comment**

Mr. Bruce voiced opposition to Celebrate Virginia Parkway being shown as the connection for the New River Crossing in the renderings found in the Roadway Report. Having heard at CTAC about the Bridge Working Group, he feels that the output of that study should be incorporated into the Roadway Report.

## **12. Future Agenda Items**

- a. None were proposed by staff or members.

## **13. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting: January 11, 2023**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Farley; Second: Mr. Burch

Motion passed by unanimous consent.