

## **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

January 24, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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

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

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

#### **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. Gary Skinner, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. Mark Whitley, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Ms. Pamela Yeung, alternate Stafford County (V)  
Mr. Darrell English, alternate Stafford County (V)  
Mr. Joe Stainsby, alternate PRTC (V)  
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
Mr. Jeffery Sili, Caroline County  
Mr. Jeffrey Black, alternate Caroline County  
Mr. Aidan Quirke, alternate FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)  
Ms. Ciara Williams, alternate DRPT  
Ms. Tonya Holland, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
Mr. Cedric Rucker, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)  
Mr. Matthew Rowe, alternate CTAC

**Others Present (remotely):**

Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County  
Mr. Chip Boyles, George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC)  
Ms. Linda LaSut, VDOT  
Mr. Rodney White, Spotsylvania County  
Mr. Drew Morrison, VHB

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator  
Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner/ Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator (remotely)  
Mr. Matthew Lehane, Transportation Planner  
Ms. Jordan Chandler, Transportation Planner  
Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager

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

Vice-Chair Jason Graham called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Graham led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Recognition of New Committee Members**

Mr. Graham recognized new committee members; Ms. Lori Hayes alternate Spotsylvania County, Ms. Meg Bomke Stafford County, and Ms. Monica Gary Stafford County.

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

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

**5. Approval of the November 15, 2021 Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the November 15, 2021 Policy Committee agenda.

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

**6. Public Involvement**

No additional comments from members of the public were made.

**7. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of October 18, 2021 Policy Committee Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion: Ms. Vanuch; Second: Mr. Kelly  
Abstained: Ms. Bomke, Ms. Gary, Ms. Hayes  
Motion passes with 3 abstentions

**b. Resolution 22-12: Approving the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan and FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program Air Quality Conformity Report (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

## 8. **FAMPO Administrator Report**

Mr. Ollis provided an update on recently introduced early bus service at FREDericksburg Regional Transit. Further, he provided an update on FAMPO activities where he discussed the FAMPO vision, future transportation trends, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, I-95 Through and Local traffic data between Exits 130 and 133, updates on construction at Fredericksburg area train stations, legislative priorities of the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce with an RTA, and further updates on FAMPO activities.

## 9. **Action/Discussion Items**

### a. Variable Speed Limits Update – Ms. Marcie Parker, Virginia Department of Transportation Fredericksburg District

Ms. Parker gave an update on an ongoing project to add variable speed limits to I-95 between milepost 115 in Caroline County to Exit 130 in the City of Fredericksburg. She discussed that the speed limit sites are currently under construction and algorithm testing and data collection is ongoing. A soft launch will begin sometime in February where the signs will be illuminated by speed limits will not change until a week after the soft launch. She further discussed the public communications plan and future development of the variable speed limit program with near term and longer-term priorities.

Mr. Kelly asked a question in regards to the amount of tractor trailer traffic northbound and southbound and the issues that they cause when driving in the left lane. Ms. Parker said that she wrote to the trucking association in regards to this issue, requested that the first sergeant enforce more, and would have the overheard display boards repost about no trucks being allows in the left lane. And that they are further pursuing additional signage and looking into their messaging.

Mr. Ross asked if it was northbound only. Ms. Parker said that yes, it was only going northbound. Mr. Ross followed-up and asked if the purpose was for data collection. Ms. Parker said that while data collection is apart of this project and there will be presentations to the CTB, the main purpose is to reduce congestion and have less accidents. Mr. Ross also asked the time-frame for those presentations. Ms. Parker said that she believed it would be looked at over a 3-month, 6-month, and 1-year time frame.

### b. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Project Selection Process – Mr. Ian Ollis

1. Resolution 22-15 Approving the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program Project Selection Process (ACTION ITEM)
2. Resolution 22-16 Approving the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Project Selection Process (ACTION ITEM)
3. FY23-28 Modified Call for Projects (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ollis presented on the CMAQ/STBG project selection process where he discussed the progress to date, outstanding items, and next steps, including the modified call for projects, whereas jurisdictions would submit one active transportation project each. Mr. Ollis mentioned that the TAC did not come to an understanding section 3.1.2 in both documents which discusses the application intake limits for jurisdictions and eligible agencies. Option one for application limits was: jurisdictions receive five applications (they can choose respective mode as long as they are eligible), other eligible agencies receive three applications (they can choose respective mode as long as they are eligible). Option two for application limits was: number of applications are broken down by mode – two/three applications for roadways based on jurisdictions population size, two applications for active transportation, one application for transit/TDM, one application for studies (STBG funds only).

Mr. Ollis said that in regards to 3.1.2, there is no urgent need to approve it; however, there is an urgent need to approve the rest of the CMAQ and STBG documents to allow for a modified call for projects.

Further discussion was had among committee members and Mr. Ollis in regards to options one and two.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve resolutions 22-15 and 22-16 with option 1. Mr. Yakabouski seconded the motion. Mr. Graham made a friendly amendment to the motion to approve the modified call for projects.

The vote was done by roll call:

Nay Mr. David Ross  
Aye Mr. Chris Yakabouski,  
Nay Ms. Lori Hayes,  
Nay Ms. Meg Bomke,  
Aye Ms. Monica Gary  
Nay Ms. Crystal Vanuch  
Aye Mr. Jason Graham  
Aye Mr. Matthew Kelly  
Aye Mr. Timothy Baroody  
Aye Dr. Robert Schneider  
Aye Ms. Marcie Parker

The vote passed 7-4

c. FAMPO Regional Studies – Mr. Ian Ollis

1. Resolution 22-17 Approving Additional Funding Allocations for the FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study and Preliminary Engineering for the Virginia Central Railway Trail Tunnel/Bridge Crossing Study (ACTION ITEM)
2. Resolution 22-18 Directing a Public Comment Period for an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (ACTION ITEM)

3. Resolution 22-19 Authorizing Staff to Execute a Contract with VHB for the FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study – Phase II (ACTION ITEM)

4. Resolution 22-20 Authorizing Staff to Execute a Contract with Michael Baker International for the Preliminary Engineering for the Virginia Central Railway Trail Tunnel/Bridge Crossing Study (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ollis presented on two FAMPO Regional Studies; FAMPO East-West Mobility Study and the VCR Trail Crossing Study. He said that these studies would prepare projects for the next rounds of funding programs. The total cost of the East-West Study Phase II was \$301,250.00 and the total cost of the VCR Trail Crossing Study was \$107,850.06. Whereas small amounts of funding were already available, staff was requesting \$136,250.00 for East-West Phase II and 32,850.06 for the VCR Trail Crossing Study. Both of these would be funded with HIP funding.

With this agenda item, Mr. Ollis said that there were 4 resolutions to approve the funding, UPWP changes, and execute contracts with the consultants.

Ms. Vanuch asked if the East-West study would look at Route 610 and I-95 overpass. Mr. Ollis and Mr. Lehane responded that this is an item within the study.

Ms. Bomke asked how the VCR Train Crossing Study came about. Mr. Ollis mentioned that apart of this project was a possible SMART SCALE application where VDOT said further study was required.

Ms. Parker asked why the East-West study was looking at some of these roads, such as Courthouse Road in Stafford County which was just rebuilt. Mr. Ollis stated that some of these decisions came from jurisdictions and workshopped with the stakeholder group as well as the FAMPO Travel Demand Model which is managed by VDOT and said that these particular roadways would be under severe congestion by 2050. Ms. Gary also added that in some of these locations, even as work has been completed recently, high growth rates may create future congestion.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve Resolutions 22-17, 22-18, 22-19, and 22-20. Mr. Yakabouski seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

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

1. Resolution 22-21 Directing a Public Comment Period for the Draft 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ollis discussed the draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. He mentioned that everything was complete except for Appendix H: Congestion Management Process which should be coming next month.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve Resolution 22-21. Ms. Bomke seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

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

1. Resolution 22-XX Directing a Public Comment Period for an amendment to the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add UPC T-

26254, FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study – Phase II, UPC 111682, Preliminary Engineering of the Virginia Central Railway Trial Tunnel/Bridge Crossing Study, and Seven FREDericksburg Regional Transit Projects (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Chandler discussed the TIP amendments for previously discussed studies and seven FREDericksburg Regional Transit projects.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to approve Resolution 22-22. Ms. Bomke seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

- f. Elect Stafford Representative to fill Second Vice-Chair Position (ACTION ITEM)  
Mr. Ian Ollis

Ms. Vanuch made a motion for Meg Bomke to fill the Second Vice-Chair position. Mr. Yakabouski seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

- g. FAMPO Bylaws – Mr. Ian Ollis  
Mr. Ollis discussed potential changes to the FAMPO bylaws as requested by the Policy Committee. Staff had met with County Administrative Officers to discuss potential changes. Key items to address were related to the determination and breaking of quorum and adding agenda items for action on the day of the committee meeting without prior notice.

Further discussion was had among committee members in regards to these potential changes.

Mr. Graham requested that if committee members had particular changes they would like to see, they should be sent to staff. He also asked that the proposed changes be reviewed by the attorney general's office and be sent to other elected officials to achieve a quicker response.

## 10. Correspondence

Mr. Ollis discussed a letter from FHWA and FTA on FAMPO's Conformity Finding in regards to the LRTP and TIP and found that the region demonstrates conformity and that the EPA confirmed this conformity.

Mr. Ollis also presented letters for localities on their new committee members.

## 11. Staff Reports

Mr. Ollis mentioned that the committee meeting currently scheduled for November 2022 is on the week of Thanksgiving, he asked that the committee may wish to change this meeting date.

After discussion the meeting was moved to the 28<sup>th</sup> of November.

## 12. Member Comments

Mr. Scharpenberg of CTAC mentioned that the committee is transitioning into doing more advocacy work.

13. Adjourn/Next Policy Committee Meeting: February 28, 2022 at 7:30pm

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## **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

February 28, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

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

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Mr. David Ross, Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Spotsylvania County (V)  
Ms. Meg Bohmke, Second Vice-Chair, Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Monica Gary, Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, Stafford County (V)  
Mr. Matthew Kelly, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Mr. David Brown, alternate Representative City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Ms. Marcie Parker, Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)  
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Ms. Susan Gardner, VDOT  
Ms. Jamie Jackson, FRED  
Mr. Hank Scharpenberg, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

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

Mr. Joe Stainsby, alternate PRTC (V)

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Mr. Kevin Marshall, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
Ms. Deborah Frazier, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
Ms. Lori Hayes, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. Jason Graham, First Vice-Chair, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Mr. Timothy Baroody, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Ms. Pamela Yeung, alternate Stafford County (V)  
Mr. Darrell English, alternate Stafford County (V)  
Dr. Robert Schneider, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) (V)  
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Mr. Aidan Quirke, alternate FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)  
Mr. Jeffery Sili, Caroline County  
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**Others Present (remotely):**

Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County  
Mr. Rodney White, Spotsylvania County  
Mr. Brandon Brown, Stafford County  
Mr. Alex Owsiak, Stafford County

**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 Policy Committee Meeting to Order**

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair McLaughlin led the pledge of allegiance.

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

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

Chair McLaughlin asked staff to reduce the list of members for the vocal roll call to only those who are voting members or alternates of voting members. Mr. Ollis agreed to have a sign in roster for non-voting members in the future.

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

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

Motion: Mr. Ross; Second: Ms. Vanuch  
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**5. Public Involvement**

Mr. Ollis read comments received on February 20, 2022 from Brian Wilkerson.

**6. Public Hearing**

*Comments and questions from members of the public related to the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program, FY22 Unified Planning Work Program, and 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).*

Mr. Ollis reported that a significant number of detailed technical comments have been received on the 2050 LRTP and that staff is incorporating changes that are relevant. Prior to the next Policy Committee meeting, all public comments will be published, along with the full 2050 LRTP.

Ms. Bohmke asked when the public comments would be available, and Mr. Ollis replied they are compiled and posted on the 2050 LRTP page as [Appendix J – Public Comments](#).

## 7. Consent Agenda

### a. Approval of January 24, 2022 Policy Committee Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Bohmke  
Motion passes with unanimous consent.

## 8. FAMPO Administrator Report

Mr. Ollis reported that there are a number of bills in the Virginia State Legislature to reduce local and state taxes for various reasons. It is possible that funding for transportation projects may be impacted to make up for shortfalls in tax revenue, resulting from passage of these bills. He noted several key points of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) Fact Sheets from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) including a 2.5% set-aside on specified planning activities to increase safe and accessible options, Travel Demand Data and Modeling, and coordination of housing and transportation planning. He also highlighted Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) first day of fare free service via a 4-year TRIP Grant from DRPT and CARES Act funding.

Mr. Ollis also reviewed upcoming work activities for staff:

- New Public Engagement and Title VI Coordinator has been hired
- Comment period closed for the 2050 LRTP
- Consultant studies to begin: East-West Mobility Study and VCR Trail Crossings
- Preparing for a 1-day Freight Summit to be held in the fall of 2022 to help address FAMPO's vision toward economic growth

Mr. Ollis then asked the Policy Committee this question: "What is the future transportation and planning vision for FAMPO?" and the board responded with:

- Incorporating new technologies in transportation
- Additional funding for transportation
- Exploring secondary road expansion. Example roads are Potomac Run and Brooke Road.
- Exploring the broader movement of people, instead of focusing on individual roads
- Move the jobs, not the people. Local economic development.

Mr. Kelly wanted to make sure that safety, particularly freight storage, is included as a priority during the Freight Summit. Mr. Ollis acknowledged the issue of storage of chemicals on rail spur lines in the City of Fredericksburg is one of the known concerns.

## 9. Action/Discussion Items

### a. GWRC - FAMPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Mr. Ollis shared the document that renews the current business arrangement between FAMPO and GWRC. The committee had no comments or suggested changes.

b. A Letter of the Fredericksburg Area MPO to the Virginia Secretary of Transportation (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ollis summarized elements of the letter, seeking approval for staff to send to the Secretary of Transportation.

Motion to approve: Ms. Vanuch; Second: Mr. Kelly  
Motion passes with unanimous consent.

c. SMART SCALE Round 5 Update

Ms. Barber presented the type of projects eligible for SMART SCALE funding, and the two-year process that includes scoring and approval processes. She presented the Round 4 project sketches and scope of each. The TAC will review the projects that will come to the Policy Committee at their May meeting for action.

d. Transportation Alternatives Program

1. Presentation

2. Resolution 22-24 Allocating Transportation Alternatives (TA) Funding for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 within the Transportation Management Area (TMA) of Stafford County (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Barber presented on TMA projects eligible for TA funding. Two projects are allocated funding in Resolution 22-24: Flatford Road Sidewalk and Staffordboro Sidewalk.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-24: Ms. Vanuch; Second: Mr. Ross  
Motion passes with unanimous consent.

e. FAMPO Regional Studies

1. Resolution 22-25 Approving the Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ollis explained the public comment period ended for amendments to the UPWP to add two (2) regional studies: FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study – Phase II, and Virginia Central Railway (VCR) Trail Bridge/Tunnel Crossing Study. No public comments were received.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-25: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Bohmke  
Motion passes with unanimous consent.

f. Draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

1. Resolution 22-26 Directing a Public Comment Period for the Draft 2022 Congestion Management Process (CMP) (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ollis explained that Resolution 22-26 opens a 15-day comment period for Appendix H of the LRTP, the Congestion Management Process.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-26: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Gary  
Motion passes with unanimous consent.

g. FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program Update

1. Resolution 22-27 Directing a Public Comment Period for 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 Improvements (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Chandler explained that Resolution 22-27 seeks Policy Committee approval to open a public comment period for two projects to be added to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Motion to approve Resolution 22-27: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Mr. Kelly  
Motion passes with unanimous consent.

2. Resolution 22-28 Approving an amendment to the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add UPC T-26254, FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study – Phase II, UPC 111682, Preliminary Engineering of the Virginia Central Railway Trail Tunnel/Bridge Crossing Study, and Five FREDericksburg Regional Transit Projects (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Chandler explained that Resolution 22-28 closes the public comment period for two projects requested from VDOT and five projects from FRED to be added to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), seeking Policy Committee approval of the TIP amendment.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-28: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Vanuch  
Motion passes with unanimous consent.

h. Bylaw Discussion

Mr. Ollis shared the Attorney General's (AG's) response to the Policy Committee which states that MPO's are not able to seek direction from their office on matters such as by-laws. Mr. Kelly recommended that Ms. Tara Durant be the signator of the letter, since she is a member of the Virginia House of Delegates from the 28<sup>th</sup> District, an entity for which the AG's office provides counsel. Chair McLaughlin directed staff to reach out to Ms. Durant, redraft the letter for her signature, and add to the March 28<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee meeting agenda.

## 10. Correspondence

## 11. Staff Reports

The Quarterly Report of the UPWP was included in the Policy Committee's packet.

## **12. Member Comments**

Chair McLaughlin asked for consideration to change Policy Committee meetings to be on the same date as GWRC Board meetings, starting with the upcoming March meeting, to allow members who represent localities on both committees to fulfill their obligations one evening per month instead of two. Mr. Kelly and Ms. Bohmke both agreed this matter should be a formal agenda item to be considered deliberately at a future meeting.

Motion to hold the March meeting of the FAMPO Policy Committee on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30, and add an agenda item that all future meetings be held on the same dates as the 6:00 pm GWRC Board meeting:

Motion: Mr. Ross; Second: Ms. Vanuch

Motion passes 6 yeah votes / 5 nay votes

## **13. Adjourn/Next Policy Committee Meeting: March 28, 2022 at 7:30pm**

Motion to adjourn: Ms. Vanuch; Second: Mr. Ross

Motion passes with unanimous consent.

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Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County

Devyn Bell

**Staff Present:**

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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.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

April 18, 2022 – 6:00 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. David Ross, Spotsylvania County (V)  
Ms. Lori Hayes, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. Timothy Baroody, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Ms. Meg Bohmke, Second Vice-Chair, Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Monica Gary, Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, alternate Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)  
Dr. Robert Schneider, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) (V)  
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
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)  
Mr. Hank Scharpenberg, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

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

#### **Committee Members Absent:**

Mr. Tim McLaughlin, Chair, Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. Matthew Kelly, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Mr. Kevin Marshall, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
Ms. Deborah Frazier, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
Ms. Pamela Yeung, alternate Stafford County (V)  
Mr. David Brown, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Ms. Marcie Parker, Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)  
Mr. Joe Stainsby, alternate PRTC (V)  
Mr. Darrell English, Stafford County (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  
Ms. Cathy Binder, alternate King George County  
Mr. Matthew Rowe, alternate CTAC

### **Others Present (remotely or in person):**

Mr. Alex Owsiak, Stafford County  
Mr. Nick Ruiz Virginia Railway Express  
Devyn Bell  
Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County  
Mr. Chip Boyles, GWRC  
Mr. Rupert Farley, CTAC member

**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

**Staff Present (remotely):**

Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner II

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

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chair Graham 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 April 18, 2022 Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the April 18, 2022 Policy Committee agenda.

Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Mr. Ross

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**5. Public Involvement**

Mr. Rupert Farley, member of the CTAC made comments about the committee and I-95 considerations. Mr. Farley mentioned that there was a non-unanimous vote during the last CTAC meeting (<https://youtu.be/FQq6L50ouFc>) where the Chairman of CTAC, Mr. Hank Scharpenberg, wanted to make suggestions for an Outer Connector to the Policy Committee. Mr. Farley wanted the Policy Committee to know that he is amongst the 30 percent who did not vote in favor of Mr. Scharpenberg making comments because his suggestions are short-sighted and impractical. Mr. Farley suggests that the region make sustainable and affordable changes, to reduce the demand for the roads by increasing the gasoline sales tax to incentivize people to get off the roads. Mr. Farley recognizes that the gasoline sales tax gets people off all the roads, but it only helps if it gets people off congested roads. Therefore, he suggests congestion pricing, but state laws do not allow it to apply to roads. His final suggestion is to have a Legislative Committee to go to Richmond or Washington D.C. to get the laws changed to utilize congestion pricing; the tolls for this can pay for public transit.

No other public comments were made.

## 6. Consent Agenda

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

Motion to approve the consent agenda:  
Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Mr. Ross  
Abstentions: Ms. Vanuch  
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

## 7. FAMPO Administrator Report

Mr. Ollis provided a quick overview of congestion in the region, the upcoming Freight Summit, and IJJA funding. Mr. Ollis shared that traffic trends data show freight traffic has grown massively since COVID. Mr. Ollis explained that between our region and D.C., has the worst freight delay times in the state of Virginia. The Freight Summit hopes to capture freight problems and encourage a discussion about these issues to help solve the problems. The goal is to produce a report on the freight needs and problems in the region. The Freight Summit, which is in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), will be in September 2022. Mr. Ollis then gave an update on IJJA funding.

A suggestion was made that the Hazard Mitigation group should be invited to the Freight Summit because of the chemicals coming into and out of this area. A question was asked about how many freight cars are coming out of New York, with trash, and through the FAMPO region to King George County.

8. In response to a comment made that Butler Road is a big congestion area for freight traffic, Mr. Ollis mentioned that the East-West Study is looking at that area.

## 9. Action/Discussion Items

### a. Virginia Railway Express (VRE) Ridership Trends Before & During COVID – Mr. Nick Ruiz, Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

Mr. Ruiz presented data about VRE's ridership before and during COVID. Discussion ensued about VRE running weekend service and reverse service, the volume of thru traffic ridership, and cross-platform agreements with Amtrak. Mr. Ruiz responded that ridership is not thru traffic, but terminating at the Core, and that weekend service and reverse service would not be available until 2026. Cross-platform agreements are not operational at this time, but are a part of VRE's System Plan.

### b. I-95 Outer Connector History and Process – Ms. Michelle Shropshire and Mr. Stephen Haynes, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Mr. Haynes provided a presentation on the region's 35-year history to try and implement an Outer Connector.

Ms. Shropshire then provided an explanation of current Outer Connector options including the projects' timeframe, costs, and locations.

### c. SMART SCALE Round 5 – Ms. Kari Barber

Ms. Barber provided an update on SMART SCALE pre-applications and said the next update will show TAC's recommendation for the removal of one project from the pre-application list as only four final applications are allowed.

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

Ms. Chandler provided a presentation on the approved CMAQ applications and existing STBG projects. After scoring and ranking the applications, FAMPO will seek endorsement from TAC and approval from the Policy Committee in May. A question was asked about the timeline for these projects, of which the response was present time-FY25.

- e. DRAFT FY23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Mr. Ian Ollis and Ms. Becky Golden

**1. Resolution 22-32 Direction Public Comment Period for the Draft Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Golden provided highlights on the Draft UPWP projects and funding.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-32, approving a 30-day public comment period:

Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Dr. Schneider

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**2. Special Executive Committee Meeting May 18, 2022 Time: TBD**

The purpose of this is to authorize the Policy Committee Executive Committee Members to adopt the FY23 UPWP 30 days after the Public Comment Period has ended (on May 18, 2022) on behalf of the Policy Committee, since there will only be 28 days in between the Policy Committee meetings.

Motion to approve Special Executive Committee Meeting:

Motion: Dr. Schneider; Second: Ms. Bohmke

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

- f. Bylaw Discussion – Chairman Tim McLaughlin

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

The Chairman was not present and did not send any remarks about this item, therefore the item was skipped.

**10. Correspondence**

Ivan Rucker's correspondence was included in the Agenda Pack. No other correspondence was received.

**11. Staff and Agency Reports**

No Staff or Agency reports were provided.

**12. Board Member and Chair Comments**

The Chairman of CTAC, Mr. Scharpenberg, provided a handout suggesting ideas for an Outer Connector, which included an Eastern and Western crossing. Concerns were raised by members in regard to sprawl and that transit is a service just like roads are. Other concerns noted that if I-95 is backed up, it is a public safety issue to get into or out of Stafford County, because residents would have nowhere to go. The solution was proposed to incorporate a combination of modes to solve the problem, including transit. Mr. Ollis explained the principle of induced demand. Comments were made about “triple convergence theory” where a “beltway” would not have a long-term impact on traffic because it creates inevitable congestion when the only option for people is to get in a car. However, public transit does provide options for people who could take public transit instead of drive.

**13. Adjourn/Next Policy Committee Meeting May 16, 2022 at 6:00pm.**

Vice Chair Graham adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

May 16, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

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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.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

June 27, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Jason Graham, First Vice-Chair, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Mr. Matthew Kelly, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Mr. David Brown, alternate City of Fredericksburg (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)  
Ms. Ciara Williams, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) - virtual  
Ms. Jamie Jackson, FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)  
Ms. Cathy Binder, alternate King George County  
Mr. Hank Scharpenberg, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)  
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)  
Ms. Meg Bohmke, Second Vice-Chair, Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, alternate Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)  
Ms. Tonya Holland, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
Mr. Todd Horsley, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)

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

Ms. Pamela Yeung, alternate Stafford County (V)

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Mr. Tim McLaughlin, Chair, Spotsylvania County (V)  
Ms. Lori Hayes, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. Stephen Haynes, alternate Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
Mr. Kevin Marshall, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
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Mr. Jeffery Sili, Caroline County  
Mr. Jeffrey Black, alternate Caroline County  
Mr. Matthew Rowe, alternate CTAC  
Mr. Cedric Rucker, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

### **Others Present (remotely or in person):**

**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 & Pedestrian Coordinator  
Ms. Lana Bizeau, Transportation Planner

**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**

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

**4. Approval of the June 27, 2022 Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the June 27, 2022 Policy Committee agenda.

Motion: Dr. Schneider; Second: Ms. Bohmke

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**5. Public Involvement**

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

No other public comments were made.

**6. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of May 16, 2022 [Policy Committee Meeting Minutes](#) (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion: Ms. Vanuch; Second: Mr. Kelly

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**7. FAMPO Administrator Report – Mr. Ian Ollis**

Mr. Ollis provided a quick overview of goals for FAMPO including: a Vision Statement, surveys and studies, how to source more funding, and cooperation among stakeholders.

Dr. Schneider explained that funding spent on consultants for projects helps with implementation of the projects, because surveys and studies are necessary for implementation.

**8. Action/Discussion Items**

**a. SMART SCALE Round 5 – Ms. Kari Barber**

**1. [Resolution 22-39 Authorizing Support for the George Washington Regional Commission \(GWRC\) SMART SCALE Project Applications](#) (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Barber explained that the George Washington Regional Commission Board meeting eliminated Warrenton Road Pedestrian Improvements and asked that the Policy Committee members vote on Resolution 22-39 and 22-40.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-39.

Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Bohmke

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

2. **Resolution 22-40 Authorizing Support for Locality Round 5 SMART SCALE Project Applications** (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Barber presented a resolution asking for the committee's endorsement for local SMART SCALE projects in the FAMPO Region.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-40.

Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Vanuch

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

b. **Safety Action Plan Grant** – Mr. Ian Ollis and Ms. Becky Golden

Mr. Ollis explained the Safe Streets for All, a grant under the IJJA funding. There are two types of grants under the program: one for developing an Action Plan and one for implementing projects under the plan. VDOT can assist with portions of developing the Action Plan, including a data analysis and an equity analysis.

c. **FAMPO Vision Survey** – Mr. Ian Ollis and Mx. Colie Touzel

Mx. Touzel provided results of FAMPO's Vision Survey. This survey was sent to 97 people: 6 FAMPO Staff and 91 members of each FAMPO Committee. Along with further research, this survey will help FAMPO create a Future Vision document.

d. Fiscal Year 21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Modification – Mr. Ian Ollis

1. **VDOT Requested Modifications**

Mr. Ollis explained that FAMPO has completed the requested modifications for these projects.

2. **Resolution 22-41 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add UPC 120321: #I95CIP EXIT 140 W. STAFFORD CNTY TO CAPITOL HILL (RT. 4), 120322: #I95CIP EXIT 126 TO EXIT 10 N CAROLINE CNTY TO DC CORE RT 1, and 120323: #I95CIP EXIT 133 TO EXIT 9 FREDBG TO PENTAGON / CRYSTAL CITY** (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ollis explained that VDOT requests these new projects be added to the TIP. The projects originate from the I-95 Corridor Study and include 3 commuter buses to Northern Virginia and D.C. DRPT will be funding these projects. Policy Committee's approval is needed because portions of the projects are within the FAMPO jurisdiction.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-41.  
Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Vanuch  
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

e. **Resolution 22-42 FFY21 Annual Listing of Transportation Project Obligations (ACTION ITEM) – Mr. Ian Ollis**

Mr. Ollis explained that this is an administrative step to audit the projects and funding after-the-fact for VDOT to close out the 2021 Fiscal Year.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-42.  
Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Mr. Kelly  
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

f. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Request for Non-Voting Membership on the Policy Committee – Ms. Kari Barber**

Ms. Barber explained that BPAC does not have a representative on the Policy Committee because this iteration of BPAC is only a couple years old. BPAC is thus requesting that the Policy Committee allow staff to draft a Bylaw change to add a non-voting representative to the Policy Committee. The Committee will vote on the change at the next meeting.

Motion made to draft a bylaw amendment.  
Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Gary  
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

g. **FAMPO Committee Calendar – Mx. Colie Touzel**

A reminder of the change over to the new fiscal year 2023 and a review of FAMPO's upcoming meeting calendar was provided.

h. **Resolution 22-43 Approving the Slate of Officers to Serve in the Fiscal Year 2023 (ACTION ITEM) – Vice Chair Graham**

The appointed Slate of Officers was announced with Mr. Graham as Chair, Ms. Bohmke as Vice-Chair, and Mr. McLaughlin as Second Vice-Chair.

Motion made to approve Resolution 22-43.  
Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Vanuch  
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

i. **Resolution 22-44 Recognizing the Dedicated Service of Tim McLaughlin (ACTION ITEM) – Mr. Ian Ollis**

The committee recognized the dedicated service of Mr. McLaughlin.

Motion made to approve Resolution 22-44.  
First: Dr. Schneider; Second: Ms. Vanuch  
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

## 9. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.



## **10. Staff and Agency Reports**

Ms. Parker explained that Mr. Rucker finished his term with the CTB and FAMPO will be hearing from the Governor's office about a new representative.

## **11. Board Member and Chair Comments**

There were no comments by board members or chairpersons.

## **12. Adjourn/Next Policy Committee Meeting: August 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

Motion was made to adjourn.

First: Dr. Schneider; Second: Ms. Bohmke

Vice-Chair Graham adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.

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## **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

August 15, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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

Mr. Jason Graham, Chair, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Mr. Matthew Kelly, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Mr. David Brown, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Ms. Meg Bohmke, First Vice-Chair, Stafford County (V)  
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Ms. Ciara Williams, DRPT  
Ms. Jamie Jackson, FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)  
Ms. Laura Sellers, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)  
Mr. Hank Scharpenberg, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

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

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Mr. Timothy Baroody, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Pamela Yeung, alternate Stafford County (V)  
Mr. Darrell English, Stafford County (V)  
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Spotsylvania County (V)  
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Mr. Jeffery Sili, Caroline County  
Mr. Jeffrey Black, alternate Caroline County  
Ms. Cathy Binder, alternate King George County  
Mr. Matthew Rowe, alternate CTAC

### **Others Present (remotely or in person):**

Mr. David Swan  
Mr. Paul Milde  
Ms. Leigh Anderson

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator  
Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager  
Dr. John Ridout, Transportation Planner II  
Mx. Colie Touzel, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator

1. **Call Policy Committee Meeting to Order** – Chair Jason Graham  
Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**  
Chair Graham led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum** – Mx. Colie Touzel  
Mx. Touzel conducted roll call and determined a quorum present.
4. **Approval of the August 15, 2022 Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**  
Motion was made to approve the August 15, 2022 Policy Committee agenda.

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

5. **Public Hearing**

*Comments and questions from members of the public related to the request to amend the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add UPC 120321: #I95CIP EXIT 140 W. STAFFORD CNTY TO CAPITOL HILL (RT. 4), 120322: #I95CIP EXIT 126 TO EXIT 110 N CAROLINE CNTY TO DC CORE RT 1, and 120323: #I95CIP EXIT 133 TO EXIT 9 FREDBG TO PENTAGON / CRYSTAL CITY (ACTION ITEM).*

Mx. Touzel read aloud comments received from the public relating to the TIP Amendment.

Mr. Kelly asked what staff does when receiving public comments. Mr. Ollis and Mx. Touzel noted that staff responds initially, and if it is a technical issue, staff then sends the question to the respected technical expert, and if it is a general comment, staff thanks the public for their comment and responds accordingly.

6. **Public Involvement**

*Comments and questions from members of the public are welcome at this time. Staff will also read comments submitted by the public prior to the meeting.*

Mx. Touzel read aloud general comments from the public, which were received prior to the meeting.

7. **Consent Agenda**

- a. **Approval of June 27, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**  
Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Bohmke  
Abstentions: none  
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

## **8. FAMPO Administrator Report – Mr. Ian Ollis**

Mr. Ollis reviewed the FAMPO Travel Demand Model, studies, and provided a Staff update. FAMPO staff have sent the updated travel demand model to VDOT. FAMPO will update the transit demand model after January in order to get a complete 2022 set of data. Updates will now happen every 5 years instead of every 7 years. GWRideConnect collected “slugging” data earlier this month, of which prior data was collected in 2015. Mr. Ollis updated the committee on the timelines for the East-West Mobility Study and the VCR Trail Bridge and Tunnel Study. The Freight Summit “conference” was approved today, so staff is working with Cambridge Systematics to make sure they still have the time to compile data. Mr. Ollis provided an update on the Fredericksburg train station renovation, which will begin early Fall. A workshop about congestion is in the works. Mr. Ollis introduced FAMPO’s newest staff member, John Ridout, Transportation Planner II. Mr. Ollis also welcomed new members from CTB (Ms. Laura Sellers) and VPRA (Mr. Charlie Payne). Mr. Ollis shared good news for the funding of the Spotsylvania RAISE grant.

Ms. Bohmke asked what would be the responsibility of the VPRA new member, specifically wondering if their job would conflict with voting on the Policy Committee. Ms. Parker helped to explain that the VPRA member is supposed to abstain from any conflicting points of interest.

Mr. Kelly asked what we are doing to help explain projects to the public. Mr. Ollis noted that Mx. Touzel is responsible for this in their fulltime job. Mx. Touzel noted that there are many public involvement activities they do and want to do more of and are open to suggestions from committee members. Mr. Ollis also noted that he writes educational op-eds in the paper on occasion.

## **9. Action/Discussion Items**

### **a. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application Safety Action Plan Development**

#### **1. Presentation – Mr. Ian Ollis**

Mr. Ollis provided an update on the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant, which is an action plan. Since VDOT assists with critical portions of action plans, they will assist with two necessities for this grant: data and equity analysis. There are five other items needed to apply. The TAC proposed to work as a region to support all the GWRC localities instead of only the FAMPO localities. Mr. Ollis explained that Caroline County voted to support this grant and pay their match. King George county will vote on their participation for the SS4A Tuesday night.

Mr. Kelly noted that all localities want to participate, and if King George does not join, then the FAMPO localities will participate regardless, and therefore endorses Option B—to support all of the GWRC localities.

#### **2. Option a: Resolution 23-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE FREDERICKSBURG AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF**

TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT TO DEVELOP A SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR THE FAMPO LOCALITIES

3. Option b: Resolution 23-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE FREDERICKSBURG AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SAFE STREETS FOR ALL (SS4A) GRANT TO DEVELOP A SAFETY ACTION PLAN FOR GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION LOCALITIES

Motion was made to adopt Resolution 23-02 (option B) which will support all of the GWRC localities.

Motion: Dr. Schneider; Second: Ms. Bohmke

Abstentions: none

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

- b. Amendment to Policy Committee Bylaws for Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Non-Voting Membership – Ms. Kari Barber

Motion to approve the amendment to the Policy Committee bylaws and add a non-voting member from BPAC.

Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Bohmke

Abstentions: none

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

- c. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Ms. Becky Golden

1. Fiscal Year 2024 – 2027 TIP/STIP Implementation Rollover Process Update

Ms. Golden provided an update on the TIP rollover process, where the STIP is placed in a lock down status so that planning partners have time to incorporate public participation efforts, rural cooperation efforts, and development/production of draft and final TIP/STIP documents.

2. Fredericksburg Transit (FRED) Administrative Modifications to update the funding year: STIP ID FRT0019 Maintenance HVAC; STIP ID FRT0020 Central Control System Replacement

Ms. Golden noted that items c2, c3, and c4 are administrative modifications for FRED to reallocate the funding allocations from one year to the next (2022-2023). Since these are Administrative Modifications, there is no impact on FAMPO, but is necessary to inform the Policy Committee.

3. Fredericksburg Transit (FRED) Administrative Modifications to update the funding allocations: STIP ID FRT00017 Radio & Emergency Management, STIP ID FRT00018 Security & Fiber, STIP ID FRT0019 Maintenance HVAC; STIP ID FRT0020 Central Control System Replacement
4. Fredericksburg Transit (FRED) Administrative Modifications to update the funding allocations: STIP ID FRT0002 Replacement Rolling Stock

5. **Resolution 23-03 Approving three amendments to the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add UPC 120321: #I95CIP EXIT 140 W. STAFFORD CNTY TO CAPITOL HILL (RT. 4), 120322: #I95CIP EXIT 126 TO EXIT 110 N CAROLINE CNTY TO DC CORE RT 1, and 120323: #I95CIP EXIT 133 TO EXIT 9 FREDBG TO PENTAGON / CRYSTAL CITY (ACTION ITEM)**

Thanks to comments received from the public, staff informed VDOT and DRPT the need to fix a mistake on UPC120322. A corrected TIP block was provided to attendees changing “Exit 10” to be “Exit 110”. A question was asked to clarify whether Rt. 4 on Capitol Hill was actually Rt. 4 and not exit 4. Ms. Golden ensured members that it is indeed Rt. 4 which is in Maryland and turns into Pennsylvania Ave. on Capitol Hill.

Motion was made to approve Resolution 23-03, as amended.

Motion: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Bohmke

Abstentions: none

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

10. **VDOT-FAMPO Travel Demand Model (TDM) update – Ms. Becky Golden**

Ms. Golden explained that staff is working with VDOT and Cambridge Systematics to update the TDM data for FAMPO.

11. **Correspondence**

Correspondence received from VRE that was included in the agenda packet.

12. **Staff and Agency Reports**

Mr. Ollis introduced John Ridout, Transportation Planner II, and said that FAMPO is hiring for one last vacancy.

13. **Board Member and Chair Comments**

There were no comments from board members or chairpersons.

14. **Adjourn/Next Policy Committee Meeting: September 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

Chair Graham adjourned the meeting at 6:59pm.

## **POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

September 19, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

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Mr. Matthew Rowe, CTAC

**Others Present (remotely or in person):**

Mr. Henry Scharpenberg  
Mr. Chip Boyles, GWRC Executive Director  
Mr. Paul Prideaux, Michael Baker International  
Mr. Drew Morrison, VHB  
Mr. Chris Daily, VHB (Remote attendance)  
Mr. Darrell Smith, VHB (Remote attendance)  
Mr. Alex Owsiak, Stafford County (Remote attendance)  
Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County (Remote attendance)  
Mr. Colin Burch, VPRRA (Remote attendance)

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator  
Ms. Kari Eaves, Transportation Planner/Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator  
Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager  
Dr. John Ridout, Transportation Planner II  
Mx. Colie Touzel, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator

**1. Call Policy Committee Meeting to Order – Chair Jason Graham**  
Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**  
Chair Graham led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Mx. Colie Touzel**  
Mx. Touzel conducted roll call and determined a quorum present.

**4. Approval of the September 19, 2022 Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**  
Mr. Ollis requested to add a new item 8.f., Letter of Support for University of Mary Washington’s (UMW’s) Center for Preservation and Resilience of at-Risk Transportation Infrastructure (C-PARTI) proposal.

Motion was made to approve the September 19, 2022 Policy Committee agenda as amended.

Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Dr. Schneider

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**5. Public Involvement**

Mx. Touzel read aloud general comments from the public which were received prior to the meeting.

**6. Consent Agenda**

**a. Approval of August 15, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**  
Ms. Bohmke pointed out two typographical errors in the minutes.

Motion to approve the consent agenda with corrections.

Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Dr. Schneider

Abstentions: none

Motion passed with unanimous consent.



## 7. FAMPO Administrator Report – Mr. Ian Ollis

Mr. Ollis advised attendees that there will be a pause in the Travel Demand Model until March 2023, due to a delay in the National Household Survey data that helps generate traffic. Traffic trends for the region were provided showing a noteworthy increase in freight traffic: it is up 11% from pre-Covid numbers. Virginia Railway Express (VRE) is experiencing a significant increase in ridership to just about 120,000 per month through August. FRED Transit (FXBGO!) is also experiencing increased ridership. Amtrak ridership has increased about 29% between June and July 2022—the highest ridership on record—and an almost 20% increase between July 2022 compared to pre-pandemic ridership in July 2019. Dr. Schneider advised attendees that Amtrak now utilizes a Dynamic Pricing model with increased fares during peak periods and lower fares for non-peak periods, similar to airlines. Mr. Ollis provided an overview of two studies to be discussed later on the agenda: the Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study and the Virginia Central Railway (VCR) Trail Crossing Study. Freight operator attendee acceptance to the September 29<sup>th</sup> Freight Summit is low, and the event has been scaled back. The FY 24-29 TIP update process is underway, and two letters have been received from FAMPO jurisdictions requesting research into a potential river crossing.

## 8. Action/Discussion Items

### a. FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study

#### 1. Introduction / Progress to Date

Mr. Ollis gave the history and overview of the study: Phase I is complete and Phase II is in process.

#### 2. Transmittal of Phase I Draft report

The Phase I report outlines existing conditions, project definitions and provides initial Transit proposals. As such, the Phase I report does not initiate a public comment process.

#### 3. Phase II Presentation

Mr. Darrell Smith of VHB explained the Transit portion of Phase II. Key points include: successful examples of a corridor-based Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) with level boarding, faster travel times, short headways and 14-hour service span during weekdays and 10-hour service on weekends. Four options of the BRT route were examined with the recommended option's Phase I serving stops between the Old Salem Church Road park-and-ride lot in Spotsylvania County, along Primary Route 3 to the Spotsylvania Towne Centre, through Central Park with a stop at Walmart, along Cowan Boulevard and deviating to a stop at the Mary Washington Hospital, then up US Route 1 to University of Mary Washington, through Fredericksburg with several stops, to the Fredericksburg Train Station. A Phase II of the recommended option would extend west to the Gordon Road park-and-ride lot and course along the Phase I route.

Spotsylvania County representatives shared the following concerns with the portion of the proposal between Spotsylvania Towne Centre and the two Route 3 park-and-ride lots: is the proposal meeting a demand through this segment of Route 3; commuter ridership would be better served by shuttles between the park-and-ride lots and the Fredericksburg train station; the route looks good for UMW students to access shopping and restaurant locations throughout the weekday and weekend hours; and, there are no population centers that are served by this portion of the route.

VHB is recommending the Stafford Courthouse Road park-and-ride lot for a Transit Center that would provide: park and ride for commuter buses, a turnaround point for local buses, layover space, break room facilities for bus operators, a transfer point for connecting passengers, a waiting room with passenger amenities and real time arrival information. In addition to the Transit Center, the Phase II Transit Report recommends new Transit Stops to provide connectivity within the Courthouse Urban Area Development Plan (Stafford Downtown) included in Stafford County's Comprehensive Plan.

Stafford County representatives advised attendees that the plans for Stafford Downtown are being reexamined, and questioned the recommendation for new Transit Stops shown on the Phase II Transit Report.

Mr. Drew Morrison of VHB explained the Pedestrian / Bicycle shared-use path routes to serve the Spotsylvania and Brooke VRE stations. Destinations for the Spotsylvania VRE station include Germanna Community College and the proposed East Coast Greenway route up Benchmark Road toward the City of Fredericksburg.

Destinations for the Brooke VRE station include the Stafford Courthouse / Hospital area, with two different routes: one route would run from Hospital Center Blvd south along a utility easement, through the Stafford Civil War Park to Mt Hope Church Road (SR 677) to Brooke Road (SR 608); another route would run along Courthouse Road (State Route 630) from the Stafford Courthouse area, and along Andrew Chapel Road (SR 629), to access the Brooke VRE station.

Stafford County representatives voiced concern for the route running along the utility easement to Brooke Road. This route passes the Stafford Regional Landfill, and the Brooke Road proposed shared use path will cause heavy impacts to adjacent property owners, since that road and right of way width is very narrow. Courthouse Road is currently used by cyclists and makes sense.

#### 4. Phase II Transit Report

Mr. Ollis thanked members for their input, and requested consideration to commence the public comment period for the Phase II Transit Report.

#### 5. **Resolution 23-01 Directing a Public Comment Period for Adoption of the FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study, Phase II Transit Report (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to adopt Resolution 23-01.

Motion: Mr. Baroody; Second: Dr. Schneider

Motion passed.

**b. VCR Trail – Selection of Preferred Alternatives**

Mr. Paul Prideaux of Michael Baker International presented the scope and results of the study for grade separated crossings of the VCR Trail at three major highways: I-95 near Hazel Run, US Route 1 at Kings Mill Drive, and the Blue and Gray Pkwy (PR 3) / Lafayette Blvd. Members support the following: tunnel for I-95, a bridge for US Route 1 at Kings Mill Drive, and a bridge somewhere in the vicinity of the Blue and Gray Parkway. Fredericksburg representatives asked for a follow up meeting with staff to discuss the specifics of the Blue and Gray Pkwy crossing.

Motion to approve the tunnel crossing for I-95, the bridge crossing for US Route 1, and two of three bridge options for Blue and Gray Pkwy.

Motion: Mr. Yakabouski; Second: Ms. Vanuch

Abstentions: none

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**c. CMAQ – STBG Call for Projects**

Ms. Golden explained the type of projects eligible for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) and the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) programs, and outlined the schedule of work.

Motion was made to approve the CMAQ – STBG Call for Project schedule.

Motion: Ms. Vanuch; Second: Dr. Schneider

Abstentions: none

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**d. Resolution 23-04 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY 21–24 Transportation Improvement Program to Add UPC T11606: Fredericksburg Station Rehabilitation (ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Ollis explained the nature and scope for the project to rehabilitate the Fredericksburg Train Station, and requested approval to commence the public comment period to add the project to the TIP.

Motion was made to approve Resolution 23-04.

Motion: Ms. Vanuch; Second: Dr. Schneider

Abstentions: none

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**e. Resolution 23-05 Supporting DRPT Grant Application to the Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (ACTION ITEM)**

Resolution 23-05 supports an application to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for improvements that will increase grade crossing safety for both rail and vehicular traffic at Brent Point Road in Stafford County and Summit Crossing Road in Spotsylvania County. The two counties have committed funds toward the local match.

Motion was made to approve Resolution 23-05.

Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Dr. Schneider

Abstentions: none

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**f. Letter of Support to the US Secretary of Transportation for University of Mary Washington's Center for Preservation and Resilience of at-Risk Transportation Infrastructure (C-PARTI) (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve UMW's Letter of Support.

Motion: Dr. Schneider; Second: Mr. Brown

Abstentions: none

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**9. Correspondence**

Mr. Ollis summarized correspondence received including: VRE ridership information, letters from Stafford County and the City of Fredericksburg requesting research for another Rappahannock River Crossing, and information for the DRPT Transit Equity and Modernization Study related to an earlier public comment.

**10. Staff and Agency Reports**

Ms. Parker advised attendees the Orange Plank Road / Route 3 Public Hearing is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>; and that votes can be cast for the Chatham Bridge Rehabilitation and Shared Use Path project that is among twelve finalists for the America's Transportation Awards. Voting ends October 21<sup>st</sup> <https://americatransportationawards.org/> , and votes may be cast each day from any device.

**11. Board Member and Chair Comments**

There were no comments from board members or chairpersons.

**12. Adjourn/Next Policy Committee Meeting: October 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

Chair Graham adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
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**Others Present (remotely or in person):**

Mr. Paul Milde, Chamber of Commerce  
Dr. Andrea Smith, University of Mary Washington  
Mr. Chip Boyles, GWRC Executive Director  
Mr. Nick Carsgo, citizen  
Mr. Matt Wade, Virginia Clean Cities (remote attendance)  
Mr. Matthew Fuhr, Advanced Logistics Systems (remote attendance)  
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- 1. Call Policy Committee Meeting to Order** – Chair Jason Graham  
Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**  
Chair Graham led the pledge of allegiance.
- 3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum** – Mx. Colie Touzel  
Mx. Touzel conducted roll call and determined a quorum present.
- 4. Approval of the October 17, 2022, Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**  
Motion was made to approve the October 17, 2022 Policy Committee agenda.

Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Mr. Brown  
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**5. Public Hearing**

- a. Comments and Questions from members of the public related to proposed TIP amendment T11606: The Department of Rail and Passenger Transportation's rehabilitation and expansion of the Fredericksburg Train Station's side platforms for tracks 2 and 3*

No comments from members of the public.

- b. Comments and Questions from members of the public related to the FAMPO Intraregional East-West Mobility Study, Phase II Transit Report*

Dr. Andrea Smith, a transportation planner and faculty member of the University of Mary Washington, spoke on behalf of herself and the university to support transit options for students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the Fredericksburg region. During her comments, a letter from Dr. Troy Paino, the UMW president was highlighted on the presentation screen, which stated UMW's support for more of the transit options included in the East-West Mobility Study's Transit Report. Dr. Smith noted that these

transit options are important for safety, the vitality of Fredericksburg, and for allowing UMW students to be active members of the region.

Mx. Touzel read aloud comments received prior to the meeting from Adam Lynch of Friends of the Rappahannock, in which he states their support of the transit options included in the East-West Mobility Study, but they suggest ending the high-capacity bus route at the Spotsylvania Towne Center instead of at the Salem Church Rd. park-and-ride.

## **6. Public Involvement**

*Comments and questions from members of the public are welcome at this time. Staff will also read comments submitted by the public prior to the meeting.*

No comments from members of the public.

## **7. Consent Agenda**

### **a. Approval of September 19, 2022, Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Mr. Brown  
Abstentions: Mr. English

Motion passed.

## **8. FAMPO Administrator Report – Mr. Ian Ollis**

Mr. Ollis noted that FAMPO hired a new GIS Technician/Transportation Planner, Connor Anderson. He also stated a reminder to jurisdictions that FAMPO has commenced the call for projects for CMAQ/STBG.

## **9. Action/Discussion Items**

### **10. Draft Vision 2075 Update – Mr. Ian Ollis and Mx. Colie Touzel**

Mr. Ollis provided an overview of FAMPO's progress on creating a Vision 2075 document. '2075' refers to the year—Mr. Ollis noted that other MPOs in the country have developed similar vision documents including the year 2100, but the TAC suggested staff rework the year for a sooner date. The document's purpose is to consider what the region will look like into the future and to create a common plan for the region. Mr. Ollis reviewed the current statement and objectives and asked that committee members send any feedback to FAMPO staff.

### **11. Discussion on DOE Funding Opportunity (DE-FOA-0002611) – Mr. Matthew Wade**

Mr. Wade provided a presentation on Virginia Clean Cities' request for endorsement on a grant where the cost would be shared between Advanced Logistics System and Dominion Energy to retrofit a distribution center outside of the Fredericksburg City limits to serve two city zip codes with electric vans.

Committee members asked if this was a new proposal and where the TAC stands on the proposal. TAC Chair Jackson clarified that the TAC didn't endorse because there was not enough information as to how it benefits FAMPO.

The grant is time-sensitive, due on November 9<sup>th</sup>, and that is why the Policy Committee was hearing this presentation at short notice. The Policy Committee decided not to move forward with this because of lack of information as to jurisdiction benefit.

12. Update on FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study, Phase II - Mr. Ian Ollis  
Mr. Ollis provided an overview of the East-West Mobility Study's Phase II Roadway Analysis, addressing thirteen roadway corridors that will be narrowed down to seven priority corridors. Mr. Ollis asked committee members to provide feedback on potential problems with the corridors in order to share with the consultants, VHB. The roadways include: Butler Rd., Courthouse Rd. in Stafford, Courthouse Rd. in Spotsylvania, Cowan Blvd, Enon Rd., Fall Hill Ave./Bragg Rd., Garrisonville Rd., Mills Dr., Mountain View Rd., Plank Rd., Ramoth Church Rd., Truslow Rd, and Warrenton Rd.

Feedback provided by committee members included: change the name on the Truslow Rd. slide from Melvin Dr. to Melchers Dr., update the consultants on Stafford's road repairs on Enon Rd., and ask consultants to review congestion analysis on Butler Rd. again.

The Roadway Report with proposed solutions will be shared with committee members next month.

Mr. Ollis also provided an overview of the Transit report's survey, which had 371 respondents at the time of the meeting. Mr. Ollis asked committee members for any further guidance staff could offer the consultants on the Transit report. Feedback from members included: review the Eskimo Hill pedestrian and bicycle path and look for a different route, and create an alternate, smaller version of the downtown Stafford Transit Center.

13. Update on FAMPO Freight Summit- Mr. John Ridout  
Mr. Ridout provided an overview of the recent FAMPO Freight Summit cohosted by Fredericksburg Regional Alliance which had 20+ attendees. Mr. Ridout noted that this region has the worst freight delay times in Virginia, and that the number of freight miles is more than Richmond and Hampton Rhodes combined. Attendees discussed issues about freight and agreed this is a good start to introducing FAMPO to freight players.

#### **14. Resolution 23-06 Approving an Amendment to the FY 21 – 24 Transportation Improvement Program to Add UPC T11606: Fredericksburg Station Rehabilitation (ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Ridout noted that this TIP amendment is not adding new funds, and therefore, committee members only need to vote to approve this project so it can move forward with construction.

Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Mr. Yakabouski

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

#### **15. Correspondence**

Mx. Touzel highlighted a press release detailing a lawsuit against the Maryland Transportation Authority calling on it to preserve the Governor Nice Memorial Bridge for pedestrian and bicycle use.



## **16. Staff and Agency Reports**

Ms. Parker advised attendees that voting ends on October 21<sup>st</sup> for the America's Transportation Awards, so be sure to vote for the Chatham Bridge Rehabilitation and Shared Use Path project at <https://americastransportationawards.org/>.

## **17. Board Member and Chair Comments**

Chair Graham reminded members that the next Policy Committee meeting is the same night as the GWRC Board meeting and will commence at 7:30pm instead of the usual 6:00pm time. This meeting will also include a presentation about the Roadways Report from VHB, so it could be a long meeting.

## **18. Adjourn/Next Policy Committee Meeting: November 28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

Chair Graham adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

**POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, November 28, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.  
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
[www.fampo.gwregion.org](http://www.fampo.gwregion.org)

A video recording of the meeting is posted on the Policy Committee web page:  
<https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/policy-committee/>

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

Mr. Jason Graham, Chair, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Mr. Matthew Kelly, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Mr. David Brown, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Ms. Meg Bohmke, First Vice-Chair, Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Monica Gary, Stafford County (V)  
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, Stafford County (V)  
Dr. Pamela Yeung, alternate Stafford County (V)  
Mr. Tim McLaughlin, Second Vice-Chair, Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. David Ross, Spotsylvania County (V)  
Ms. Lori Hayes, alternate Spotsylvania 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)  
Ms. Jamie Jackson, FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)  
Ms. Cathy Binder, alternate King George County  
Ms. Laura Sellers, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)  
Mr. Brian Geouge, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)  
Mr. Matthew Rowe, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

**Committee Members Absent:**

Mr. Timothy Baroody, City of Fredericksburg (V)  
Mr. Darrell English, alternate Stafford County (V)  
Mr. Kevin Marshall, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
Ms. Deborah Frazier, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)  
Mr. Joe Stainsby, alternate PRTC (V)  
Mr. Todd Horsley, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)  
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
Ms. Tonya Holland, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
Mr. Craig Reed, alternate FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)  
Mr. Jeffery Sili, Caroline County  
Mr. Jeffrey Black, alternate Caroline County

**Others Present (remotely or in person):**

Mr. Chris Daily, VHB  
Mr. Drew Morrison, VHB  
Mr. Nat Grier, VHB  
Mr. Darrell Smith, VHB  
Mr. Chip Boyles, GWRC Executive Director (remote attendance)  
Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County (remote attendance)  
Ms. Amy Garbarini (remote attendance)  
Mr. Alex Owsiak (remote attendance)  
Mr. Gavin Gardon, citizen  
Mr. Alan Mindlin, Celebrate VA  
Mr. Joe Bonds, Celebrate VA  
Ms. Kim Jacobs, Celebrate VA  
Ms. Fran Larkins, Celebrate VA

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator  
Ms. Kari Eaves, Transportation Planner II/Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator  
Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager  
Dr. John Ridout, Transportation Planner II  
Mx. Colie Touzel, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator

- 1. Call Policy Committee Meeting to Order – Chair Jason Graham**  
Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 7:42pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**  
Chair Graham led the pledge of allegiance.
- 3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Mx. Colie Touzel**  
Mx. Touzel conducted roll call and determined a quorum present.
- 4. Approval of the November 28, 2022, Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**  
Motion was made to approve the November 28, 2022 Policy Committee agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Bohmke  
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**5. Public Involvement**

*Comments and questions from members of the public are welcome at this time. Staff will also read comments submitted by the public prior to the meeting.*

Fran Larkins, a resident of Celebrate Virginia, asked Policy Committee members to consider an alternative for a river crossing, and not utilize Celebrate Parkway. Ms. Larkins submitted an alternative river crossing to FAMPO.

Joe Bonds, also a resident of Celebrate Virginia, asked Policy Committee members to delay a river crossing study for a year or two in consideration of changes in traffic data from road work near the I-95/Warrenton interchange. Mr. Bonds also noted that on and off ramps from I-95 to a

river crossing could potentially become a truck-thruway, and thus an issue for congestion if a new river crossing was built.

## 6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of October 17, 2022, Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)
- b. Resolution 23-10 FY22 Annual Listing of Transportation Project Obligations (ACTION ITEM)
- c. TIP Administrative Modification: UPC 111980 #HB2.FY17 I-95 Rappahannock River Crossing Southbound – GARVEE Debt Service

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Bohmke  
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

## 7. FAMPO Administrator Report – Mr. Ian Ollis

Mr. Ollis provided information on congestion policy, FAMPO project selection, and the potential for a new river crossing. Mr. Ollis explained that the list of alternatives to largescale roadway capacity increases will only address congestion issues if utilized in a combined effort with some of the following options: a network grid of roads to spread traffic, high-density development near existing transportation, operational improvements (e.g. bottleneck removal), more accessibility to reliable transit options, and increased Travel Demand Management strategies (e.g. vanpools, carpools, slugging, bicycling, walking, and teleworking). Mr. Ollis noted that none of these options will work on their own, but will need to be used together. He clarified that FAMPO has put together a working group to discuss the potential of a new river crossing and that we are considering multiple options, not just one. Mr. Ollis noted that the train station construction should start in January. He mentioned that CTB meetings in the fall were removed, and thus will meet again in the Spring. He also mentioned that he attended the Governor’s Transportation Conference.

## 8. Action/Discussion Items

- a. Transit Report Public Comment Summary

Mr. Ollis noted that the Public Comment Summary was provided in the agenda packet and therefore, members can read it at any time. Chair Graham officially closed the public comment period.

- b. CMAQ/STBG Call for Projects Update – Mr. John Ridout

Mr. Ridout explained that the call for projects ended earlier in November, with 27 total applications received. Some of the money from 5307 was moved from a previous fiscal year, and therefore extra money is available. Over two and a half million dollars for FY28 CMAQ funding, and just over \$2 million for FY28 STBG funding. We will know the FY29 funding in March 2023. Mr. Ridout provided a summary of the projects each jurisdiction submitted. Mr. Ollis explained that some of the applications from FAMPO localities/agencies will need to be reduced, but the projects will first be screened and then the localities/agencies can choose which projects they want for CMAQ and/or STBG.

c. Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study Roadway Report

Mr. Chris Daily introduced the VHB team who worked on the East-West Mobility Study: Mr. Drew Morrison, Mr. Darrell Smith, and Mr. Nat Grier. Mr. Daily noted that this is a planning process, meaning that this study is the first piece of that process and is theoretical for modeling purposes. The thirteen corridors identified in Phase I of the study were analyzed by VHB and narrowed down through their modeling process for the next phase of the study which would include engineering details.

1. Phase II - Road & Bicycle / Pedestrian Presentation - Mr. Chris Daily and Mr. Drew Morrison

Mr. Grier explained that VHB took previous information on these corridors into account, as well as data from FAMPO's Constrained Long Range Plan (which includes planned projects within each of FAMPO's jurisdictions), and also how they examined the peak times of congestion westbound and eastbound for each of the thirteen corridors. To identify the average peak volume to capacity (V/C) ratio along the worst congested areas on a macro scale, VHB reviewed the travel demand model which shows the volume of vehicles traveling compared to the total capacity of potential vehicles that could travel throughout the course of a day, over a period of several days. Mr. Grier explained that Butler Road was coded incorrectly in phase I modelling and therefore not as severely congested as they previously thought, and therefore was not included in the project selection process. Furthermore, Mr. Grier noted that east-west traffic is directly linked to north-south traffic because one will have to utilize east-west roads to travel north-south, and vice versa, and therefore one problem cannot necessarily be solved without looking at the other problem. He also stated that widening is not the only solution, but other operations and policies will need to be considered to develop the solutions.

Mr. Morrison highlighted their approach to recommend projects for the study was evaluated by congestion impacts, implementation constraints, cost considerations (which are high-level, and excluded design, property, and environmental costs), regional impact, and targeted impact. Certain projects benefit how people experience congestion in the region overall, and certain projects benefit specific corridors. Some projects are better at the regional impact and some are better at a localized impact. VHB identified three "bundles" of priority projects which include a: "western network," new river crossing and interchange, and arterial widenings/lane conversions.

Ms. Bohmke suggested that Truslow Rd widening in the western network proposal should not be considered. Mr. Ollis noted that the planning staff at Stafford did like the western network proposal.

Policy Committee members voiced a unified concern for the proposed new interchange that was modeled at Gordon W. Shelton Blvd, but generally supported a New River Crossing to southern Stafford County.

Ms. Bohmke and Mr. McLaughlin asked about the level of accuracy with the modeling traffic volumes. Ms. Shropshire advised attendees that traffic volumes for this study are from VDOT's Travel Demand Model; when projects reach the design phase, actual traffic counts and forecasts are utilized.

Mr. Ollis and the VHB consultants fielded questions raised by attendees.

2. Resolution 23-08 Directing a Public Comment Period for Adoption of the FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study, Phase II Road and Bicycle / Pedestrian Report (ACTION ITEM)

Motion to open a public comment period for the Phase II Roadway report, with an amended time period of 60 days, including a Public Education element: Mr. Kelly;  
Second: Ms. Vanuch  
Motion passed.

d. FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study, Transit Report

1. Phase II Amended Transit Report – Mr. Chris Daily and Mr. Drew Morrison

Mr. Smith and Mr. Morrison provided an overview of the changes VHB made to the Transit report based on input received during the public comment period.

Ms. Hayes voiced concern for the Benchmark Road shared use path, due to the impacts on residential properties and a business. Mr. Ollis advised attendees that the next phase of the East-West Transit Report will ensure impacts on homes will be included when deciding which projects will be advanced.

Dr. Yeung emphasized that multi-use / shared bicycle and pedestrian paths need to consider the neighborhoods through which they will course.

Chair Graham and Mr. Ollis clarified that adoption of the Phase II Transit Report in no way obligates expenditure of funding for specific projects.

2. Resolution 23-07 Adoption of the FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study, Phase II Transit Report (ACTION ITEM)

Motion to adopt the Phase II Transit report: Mr. Kelly; Second: Ms. Gary  
Motion passed.

d. Letter to OIPI - Problems with Economic Development Site Eligibility in SMART SCALE Applications (ACTION ITEM)

Item withdrawn by staff.

e. Proposed 2023 Committee Meeting Calendar

Motion to approve the proposed Committee meeting calendar for 2023: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Mr. McLaughlin

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**9. Correspondence**

Mr. Ollis highlighted a letter from FHWA that was included in the agenda packet. The letter certified FHWA approval of the measures for the National Capital Region MPOs—FAMPO received this letter because of the TMA in northern Stafford.

**10. Staff and Agency Reports**

No staff or agency reports.

**11. Board Member and Chair Comments**

No chair or board member comments.

**12. Closed Session**

Policy Committee members held a closed session to discuss the contents of a FOIA request.

**13. Return to Open Session**

Policy Committee reopened the meeting to the public and held a roll call vote to determine that FOIA responsibilities were followed.

**14. Adjourn/Next Policy Committee Meeting: January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.**