

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, February 6, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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Committee Members Present:

Chair Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
First Vice Chair Matthew Lehane, Stafford County
Second Vice Chair Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County
Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Mike Craig, City of Fredericksburg
Bryon Counsell, Stafford County
Susan Gardner, VDOT
Nick Minor, King George County
Rodney White, Spotsylvania County
Michelle Shropshire, VDOT
Stephen Haynes, VDOT
Nick Ruiz, VRE
Kate Gibson, GWRideConnect

Committee Members Present (remotely):

Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Amy Garbarini, DRPT
Mohamed Benomar, Spotsylvania County
Joe Stainsby, PRTC
Jim Ponticello, VDOT

Committee Members Absent:

Kimberly Wilson, King George County
Mike Finchum, Caroline County
Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Steven Minor, FHWA
Todd Horsley, DRPT
Dan Grinnell, VDOT
Craig Reed, FXBGO
Sharon Sullivan, FXBGO
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect

Others Present:

Fran Larkins (remote attendance)
Chris Daily, PE, VHB (remote attendance)
Drew Anderson, VHB (remote attendance)

Staff Present:

Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator

Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager

John S. Ridout, Transportation Planner

Kari Eaves, Transportation Planner/ Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator (remote attendance)

Colie Touzel, Public Involvement and Title VI Coordinator

1. Call Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to Order

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

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Colie Touzel conducted roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

3. Approval of the February 6, 2023, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion to Approve the February 6, 2023, TAC Agenda.

Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Matthew Lehane

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. Review of the January Policy Committee Meeting

Ian Ollis provided a summary of the Policy Committee's January meeting to attendees, including the comments received during a public hearing for the FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study, Phase II Roadway Report. Other topics included a presentation by the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority, origin and destination data from the New River Crossing research, SMART SCALE Round 5 results, CMAQ / STBG update and a presentation from a previous I-95 Corridor Study. Resolution 23-15 Endorsing the FY24-27 TIP Project List for Air Conformity Analysis was adopted, but the project list did not include DRPT transit projects.

5. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

6. Consent Agenda

Approval of the January 9, 2023, TAC Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve the February 6, 2023, Consent Agenda.

Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Bryon Counsell

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

7. Action/Discussion Items

- a. Endorse Resolution 23-09 Adoption of the FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study, Phase II Road and Bicycle / Pedestrian Report (ACTION ITEM)

Ian Ollis advised attendees that edits to the final report will include adjustments made by Stafford County. Matthew Lehane described their comments. The map of the new Western Network in Stafford County will be revised to align with Mine Road instead of Austin Ridge Road at the northern terminus on Courthouse Road, as well as address the impacts to Centreport Parkway and Plantation Drive with the new Western Network.

Paul Agnello suggested that project #11 on *Table 4 - Identified Projects for Evaluated Corridors* be separated into two projects, and the VHB representatives agreed.

- b. Senate Bill 1137 (Virginia, 2023) Creation of Fredericksburg Area Transportation Authority

Ian Ollis advised attendees that SB1137 did not pass the Senate by one vote, and that local representatives were not in favor. Further, local representatives had not been consulted by the bill's patron, Jeremy McPike, Democrat, District 29 (Manassas City, Manassas Park City and a portion of Prince William County). Mr. Ollis and GWRC's Chip Boyles met with Mr. McPike to discuss contextual issues with the bill and gave TAC an overview of the impacts and Policy Committee history regarding a Transportation Authority. Attendees engaged with Mr. Ollis with personal experience (Hampton Roads – Chair Jackson) and made comments and observations of value. The upcoming Congestion Workshop with the Policy Committee in March lends discussion of a similar bill's potential to help solve transportation challenges.

- c. New Urban Areas from the Census 2020

Ian Ollis briefed attendees on the differences between the 2010 FAMPO Urban Area and the recently released 2020 FAMPO Urban Area. Potential exists for the 2030 FAMPO Urban Area to include areas in Caroline and Fauquier, based on trends observed between 2010 and 2020. The population of the 2020 Fredericksburg Urban Area is 167,679; Housing Units 64,150 and Square Miles was 89.6. The 2010 Fredericksburg Urban Area was 141,238; Housing Units were not measured, and Square Miles was 71.8.

- d. Freight Summit Report

The Freight Summit Draft Report was disseminated to attendees of the Freight Summit, and a presentation to the Policy Committee will be made during their February meeting. Mr. Ollis shared the attendee list and important facts found during the Report's development, including the freight delays through the region being the highest in the Commonwealth. OIPI staff is making policy changes for their VTrans metrics based on FAMPO's communication and efforts.

e. CMAQ / STBG Update

John Ridout briefed attendees on the existing project funding criteria, feedback from the CMAQ / STBG Scoring Methodology TAC subcommittee, existing project list and whether there is a potential or known funding increase associated with each project. Consensus was reached regarding the interpretation clarification of two criteria: the 10% project increase and “parking” funding without an eligible candidate.

f. SMART SCALE Round 5 CTB Score Review

Ian Ollis presented the recommended projects in the Fredericksburg District. The awards in Round 5 totaled \$48.2 Million and credit was given to staff of FAMPO, VDOT and the jurisdictions for their hard work and good communication.

g. CMP Performance Monitoring Program (PMP) Update

Becky Golden provided updates on staff’s efforts to develop the Performance Monitoring Program tool and the updated visualization of the high congestion corridors’ weekday and weekend congestion, speed and travel time index (TTI). Mr. Ollis emphasized that this is a Federal requirement of MPO’s.

h. Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA) Public Participation Process

John Ridout advised attendees that the roadway portion of the list is in hand, but transit projects will be forthcoming. The March TAC date, March 6th, will be the date of the Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) Conformity Meeting. TAC agreed to start the meeting at 9:00 with the ICG at the beginning.

8. Correspondence

Mr. Ollis summarized the notice of award for the Safe Streets and Roadways for All (SS4A) grant for preparation of a comprehensive Safety Action Plan (SAP) for the GWRC localities.

9. Staff Reports - None

10. Member reports

Chair Jackson advised attendees of upcoming scheduled leave, and welcomed FBXGO’s new Deputy Director, Melanie Fowler. Ms. Fowler will be the contact for transit projects and Mike Craig continues to be the point of contact for other transportation projects during Chair Jackson’s maternity leave.

11. Meeting Adjourned 12:00 pm.