

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 - 6:00pm
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg
<https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/>

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Committee Members Present:

Matthew Rowe, City of Fredericksburg – Chair
Joe Brito, Stafford County (arrived just after roll call)
Jennifer Combs, City of Fredericksburg (Remote)
Rupert Farley, At-Large
Larry Gross, At-Large
David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg
Tim Welsh (Spotsylvania County)

Committee Members Absent:

Nicolas Kwatnoski, Stafford County – Vice Chair
Jeron Hayes, King George County
Rodney Thomas, At-Large
TaMara Banks, At-Large
Brett Bearce, City of Fredericksburg
John Castellarin, City of Fredericksburg
Justin Chenault, Caroline
Jacob Clay, Spotsylvania County
Micah Cunningham, Spotsylvania
Tara Durant, Stafford County
Patricia Encarnacion, City of Fredericksburg
Glenn Goldsmith, Stafford County
Michael Hoyt, Caroline
Ken Pogue, Caroline
Dustin Savage, At-Large

Others Present:

Fran Larkin (remote)
Linda LaSut, VDOT

Staff Present:

John Ridout, Transportation Planner II
Colie Touzel, Public Involvement and Title VI Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

John Ridout conducted roll call and a quorum was present.

3. Approval of the March 8th, 2023, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: Larry Gross

Discussion: Amend to add two items to the agenda. (1) Update on the VA Senate Bill 1127 and (2) A discussion on the FY-24-FY27 TIP/LRTP Air Quality Conformity Analysis process.

Motion passed as amended with unanimous consent.

4. Approval of February 8, 2023, CTAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the minutes as with correction of the date.

Motion: David McLaughlin; Second: Rupert Farley.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. Public Comment

No Public Comment

Correspondence:

Colie Touzel presented correspondence to the Policy Committee from Jane Leeds about light rail transport options. The CTAC members were made aware of the comments directed to the Policy Committee.

6. New Business and Action Items

a. The CTAC welcomed new member and representative from Spotsylvania County Tim Welsh.

b. Business Route Signage (Continued from February)

Matt Rowe continued the discussion from the previous CTAC meeting. Matt identified some errors in signage and noted these errors happened more often when roadways either converged into one facility or diverged for local business routes. CTAC Previously discussed the options to either replace erroneous signs or potentially change designation for better route finding. Linda LaSut, representing VDOT, provided clarification and explained the VDOT process for the signage updates and designation options. VDOT is beginning the process to correct current signs along with the City of Fredericksburg where appropriate. CTAC discussed a few noted intersections of specific concerns after the motion for a recommendation to fix current signage passed.

Motion to recommend updating signage and make corrections of current designations.

Motion: Rupert Farley, Second: Tim Welsh

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

c. Local Funding and Leveraging Opportunities

Larry Gross asked the CTAC and FAMPO staff about what local funding were used or needed in the SmartScale process. They noted that Stafford was leveraging funds in Stafford applications. What was the Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg process? John Ridout provided a perspective on a lot of competitive funding and grants becoming more and more reliant on localities and applicants providing leverage funds. While not a screening tool at this point, projects without leveraged funds begin to become at a competitive disadvantage. Larry asked if there is a process of determining how much leverage funding is needed? John explained that it was a jurisdiction/application decision and that staff, if capable, would work to maximize the competitive of a project alongside the priorities of local officials. Larry asked how the LRTP factors into the process. John stated that typically being a part of local/regional planning scoring or approval process.

d. VA Senate Bill 1127

CTAC discussed the nature and funding source and conditions of the VA Bill 1127 that while it made it out of committee, it did not gather enough support and failed to pass the Senate. CTAC discussed prior funding considerations for the Transportation Authority concept along with pass localities bond referendum history.

e. FY24-FY27 TIP & LRTP Air Quality Conformity Analysis

David McLaughlin noted that the Policy Committee approved the TAC to oversee the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and open public comment. David pointed out the role of the

CTAC is a public forum and that CTAC should be notified. It was identified that AQCA process is listed in the Staff Report Presentation (Item 7 of the agenda). CTAC paused discussion to after the Staff Report.

7. Staff Reports

- a. TAC and Policy Committee Updates
John Ridout provided the following updates:

The Policy Committee Approved/Adopted:

- The GWRC/FAMPO MoU
- FY24-FY-27 Project List for AQCA and TAC Oversight
- the East/West Mobility Phase II Road and Bike/Ped Report.
- Freight Summit Report
- Election of new 2nd Vice Chair for Spotsylvania County.

The TAC

- Hosted the Interagency Consultation Group for FY24/F27 AQCA
- Recommended FAMPO Highway Safety Targets
- Recommended the FAMPO Asset Condition and System Performance Targets
- Amended the CMAQ/STBG Selection Process
- Received CMAQ/STBG Scoring

David McLaughlin asked questions about how the PC and TAC received the MOU, Safety Metrics, AQCA, and Performance Assessment. John mentioned that these were approved in the respective consent agendas. David has asked to have these items considered and explored for a future CTAC meetings.

- b. John provided a summary of submitted projects for the CMAQ/STBG Call for projects and associated scoring with a brief synopsis for some metrics that influenced the scoring outcome like facility volume and leveraged funding. John explained why the FAMPO project did not score its own projects and how FAMPO studies are required to request funding.

- c. John provided an update on the now adopted Freight Summit Report highlighting that the region has the most freight related congestion, the partners involved in the summit as well as potential changes to how the state considers freight activity.

8. Community Reports

- a. VDOT Report a Problem and Progress Update
- b. Members reports, topics of interest, partner information
- Joe Brito asked about the surveys done for the East/West Study. Colie Touzel opened and explored the survey results quickly for the CTAC.
 - David McLaughlin suggested to check the CTAC bylaws for membership numbers.

Might be currently underfilled.

- Larry Gross is concerned that VDOT is unable to correct the bike/ped experience on the Falmouth Bridge on Route 1 in the most recent maintenance project under design/development.
- Rupert Farley shared there is a recent organization chapter called Fifteen Minute Fredericksburg focusing on 15-minute focused bike/ped trips for necessary trips.
- Linda LaSut: VDOT is working on three projects for the next Pipeline projects. Kick off meeting is coming up shortly, perhaps next week.
- Tim Welsh made observations that the quality of asphalt in current paving projects has been declining in the past 20 years.

9. Final Public Comment: None

10. Future Agenda Items

- Add Safety Metrics, and Performance Assessment to next meeting.
- Explore a potential safety concern near the Exit 118 on I-95 that CTAC members noted some recent crashes or other safety updates.
- Survey Results for East/West Study follow-up.

11. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting: April 12, 2023

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Motion: Rupert Farley, Seconded: Tim Welsh.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.