

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 - 6:00pm
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg
<https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/>

A video recording of the meeting is posted on the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) web page: <https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/citizens-transportation-advisory-committee/> and on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/LzDN8Q2csZA>

Committee Members Present:

Matthew Rowe, City of Fredericksburg – Chair
Nicolas Kwatnoski, Stafford County – Vice Chair
Tim Welsh, Spotsylvania County
Tamara Banks, At-Large
Brett Bearce, City of Fredericksburg
Joe Brito, Stafford County (arrived after roll call)
Larry Gross, At-Large (remote)
Glenn Goldsmith, Stafford County (remote)
Rodney Thomas, At-Large (remote)
David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg
Rupert Farley, At-Large

Committee Members Absent:

Jeron Hayes, King George County
Justin Chenault, Caroline
Jacob Clay, Spotsylvania County
Micah Cunningham, Spotsylvania
Patricia Encarnacion, City of Fredericksburg
Michael Hoyt, Caroline
Ken Pogue, Caroline
Dustin Savage, At-Large
Morgan Burch, Spotsylvania County

Others Present:

Linda LaSut, VDOT
Christina Server

Staff Present:

John Ridout, Transportation Planner II
Colie Touzel, Public Involvement and Title VI Coordinator
Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator

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. During this time John notified CTAC members that there is currently a problem with FAMPO records as far as the term limits of at-large members. FAMPO will be looking to confirm appointment dates and focusing on the June Policy Committee to reaffirm at-large members.

3. Approval of the May 10th, 2023, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: Tim Welsh

Discussion: Larry Gross asked to clarify item 6.f and if it was an action item. Staff stated the item was within the open public comment period. The committee discussed that it could both comment on as well as move to endorse the item if it chose to do so. No amendment to the agenda was requested.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

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

Motion was made to approve the minutes.

Motion: Rupert Farley; Second David McLaughlin.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. Public Comment

No Public Comment

Correspondence: None

6. New Business and Action Items

a. Amending the Bylaws.

Matt Rowe and FAMPO staff provided the initial draft to the amended CTAC bylaws. The committee reviewed and updated the bylaws section by section with discussion on the term limits of officers and the rotation of officer positions. The CTAC refined the

language provided in the draft bylaws. For clarity, the committee added the minimum number of CTAC members needed to elect officer positions and that this should reflect current voting procedures.

Motion was made to ensure that the officers meet the conditions in accordance with the bylaws and remove the word “occurs” in section 6 in addition to the tracked changes.

Motion: David McLaughlin; Second Rupert Farley

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Motion was made to approve the remainder of the bylaw amendments

Motion: Rupert Farley; Second Tim Welsh.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

b. CTAC Officer Discussion

The CTAC members discussed the upcoming election of Officers for the June 2023 meeting. The discussion included the duties required of the officer positions as well as the time capacities of the members. It was recommended that the current chair reach out jurisdiction appointed members that are eligible. Current eligible members should think about serving as officers before the next meeting. The CTAC will meet in June to elect new officers.

c. River Crossing Study

d. John Ridout presented the 2023 FAMPO River Crossing Study Draft as tasked by Stafford County and City of Fredericksburg governing officials. CTAC members asked questions about the impacts of the crossing, destinations of bridge users, comments about current growth and new developments, other route options, transit options, vehicular volume distribution, and a conversation about where congestion pricing is applicable.

Motion was made to endorse to the Policy Committee to pursue the next step of the River Crossing process and further study of options.

Motion: Nicolas Kwatnoski; Second Joe Brito.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

e. CMAQ, STBG, and CRP funding allocation

John Ridout provided a summary of the CMAQ, STBG, and CRP funding allocation. New projects in fiscal year 2024 through 2029 were provided along with the process.

Motion was made to recommend the allocations to the Policy Committee.

Motion: Tim Welsh; Second Nicolas Kwatnoski.

Discussion: David Mclaughlin asked if the CTAC was in a position akin to the TAC to thoughtfully be able to comment on the allocation procedure and allocation table.

Motion failed to receive the required vote, with most CTAC members abstaining.

- f. UPWP agenda item was removed from the agenda.
- g. FY24-27 Draft TIP

John Ridout informed the CTAC that the FY24-FY27 Draft TIP is now open for public comment. The CTAC acknowledge that they could discuss the TIP at the June meeting and tabled any action to the next meeting.

7. Staff Reports

John Ridout informed members that the CTAC agenda mirrored the TAC and Policy Committee discussion items and the topics discussed at this CTAC meeting covered the same items as the other committees.

8. Community Reports

- a. VDOT Report a Problem and Progress Update:
Tim Welsh asked for clarification of signs at bridges that read “emergency vehicles weight capacity 32 tons”. Is this for emergency response vehicles or an emergency weight restriction? Linda LaSut clarified it was an emergency restriction on vehicle weight.
Matt Rowe asked about any business route updates and CTAC and VDOT will coordinate on further specific concerns. Tim Welsh asked about the best contact for the Route 2 widening and Linda recommended Stephen Haynes or to email Linda and she can forward the email to the right VDOT staff member.
- b. Members reports, topics of interest, partner information: None

9. Final Public Comment:

Christina Server, a resident and homeowner, spoke about being impacted by option 2 of the river crossing research report. They noted their opposition and concern of a river crossing on the impacts on the environment, impact on homes, and quality of life. A bridge is not just a bridge, it changes neighborhoods.

10. Future Agenda Items: Revisit TIP Draft and future TIP amendment

11. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting June 14th

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.
Motion: Tim Welsh, Seconded: Joe Brito.
Motion passed by unanimous consent.