

FAMPO ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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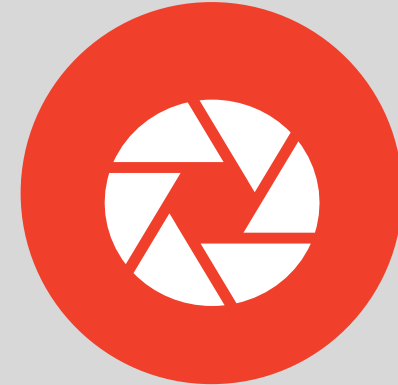
Overview



FY23 YEAR IN
REVIEW



POLICIES AND
VISION



FUTURE
DIRECTION

FY23 Review

- **Funding:**

- Smart Scale: Completed ten (10) regional project pre-applications for Round 5 consideration. (5 FAMPO, 5 GWRC), and 8 Final.
- Received a \$96,000 grant for Safe Streets and Roads for All to develop a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
- Worked with the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), VDOT, and FAMPO committees to allocate Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ), and Carbon Reduction funds for FY2024-2029.

- **Public Outreach**

- Sponsored several meetings and public hearings regarding multimodal transportation planning (bicycle, pedestrian, transit, and vehicular), air quality conformity, and related matters.
- Completed numerous Public Comment Periods on FAMPO Reports and Documents
- Completed 4 Surveys of Public Opinion on Transportation projects, studies and plans

FY23 Review

- **Completed Studies and Workshops:**
- Facilitated a Freight Summit to establish shortcomings in the regional freight transportation system for future planning work by FAMPO.
- Completed the Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study Phase I and Phase II and adopted the Transit report and Roadways report.
- Completed the VCR Trail Bridge and Tunnel Study.
- Completed the FAMPO River Crossing Research Report adopted June 2023.

- **Completed Federal and State Regulatory Requirements (Numerous)**
- FAMPO TIP - Completed the new federally mandated Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is the four-year list of fiscally constrained projects programmed for the Fredericksburg area.
- Congestion Management Process (CMP). Continued to utilize RITIS Probe Data Analytics INRIX data in FAMPO's planning program to support the Congestion Management Process (CMP).

Policies and Vision

- ❖ Continued to monitor all modes of Transportation Post-pandemic – Congestion, transit ridership etc.
- ❖ Started Process of developing a vision for FAMPO
 - ❖ Vision Survey
 - ❖ Congestion Workshop
 - ❖ Presentations by DRPT, VPRA, PRTC
 - ❖ Tonight – Discuss region growth and impacts on transportation
 - ❖ Tonight – Discuss regional transportation Priorities
 - ❖ Tonight and FY 24 – Discuss future funding for transportation Projects
- ❖ Aligning our policies and funding to a vision helps us to focus
- ❖ A shotgun approach to planning doesn't achieve results



Policies and Vision

❖ State Processes and policies

- ❖ Submitting requests and suggestions to improve Smart Scale outcomes
- ❖ Working for improvements to VTRANS Needs
- ❖ Attending CTB Spring Six Year Improvement Plan regional public hearings
- ❖ **CTB Meeting will be hosted in Fredericksburg in July 19th 8:30am**– Please attend.
Public Comment is first item on the agenda



Policy will flow out of the vision statement

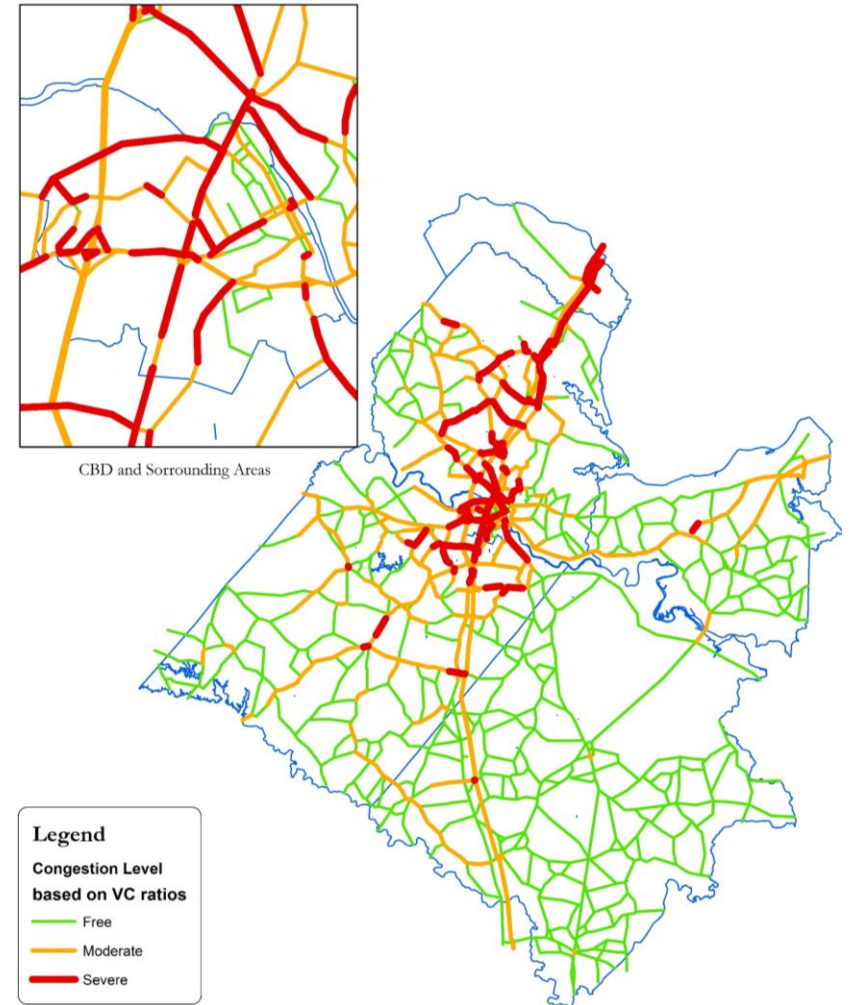
Examples of policies:

- ❖ People generally want to travel – our role is to facilitate **efficient movement** and encourage **better choices and options** for travel
- ❖ Everyone driving alone in a car at the same time on a limited number of roads, together with all the freight traffic is not a sustainable future – we could encourage multimodal options, and change development patterns as two levers towards sustainability?
- ❖ Getting more out of existing infrastructure is far less expensive than building tons of more infrastructure **eg. Better use of US 1. Better use of VRE, CSX and AMTRAK**
- ❖ We need to future proof FAMPO by identifying future trends and adjusting to prepare **eg. Electric vehicles, rapidly growing population**
- ❖ **Modernizing the transit and TDM** networks in our region and beyond is essential for the community
- ❖ Building a **selected number of new roads or connections**

Future Direction

What am I aiming to do at FAMPO?

- ❖ Develop a Vision for FAMPO
- ❖ Develop Policy to Implement that vision
- ❖ Conduct Studies and Surveys to identify projects to implement that vision & policies
- ❖ Source more Federal, State, local (and private) funding to implement that vision
- ❖ Foster co-operation between our stakeholders to implement that vision
- ❖ Retain the staff compliment to develop this process
- ❖ Work within Laws and regulations as the guardrails to implement our vision.



Rail

Capital Region Rail Vision

Maryland and Virginia have announced an official framework agreement to work together to implement **run-through rail service between Northern Virginia and Maryland** when the new Long Bridge opens. It is no easy feat coordinating across states lines and committing to a shared goal.

MTA Administrator Holly Arnold and **VPRA's Mike McLaughlin** worked to advance this big move and framework agreement for the region.

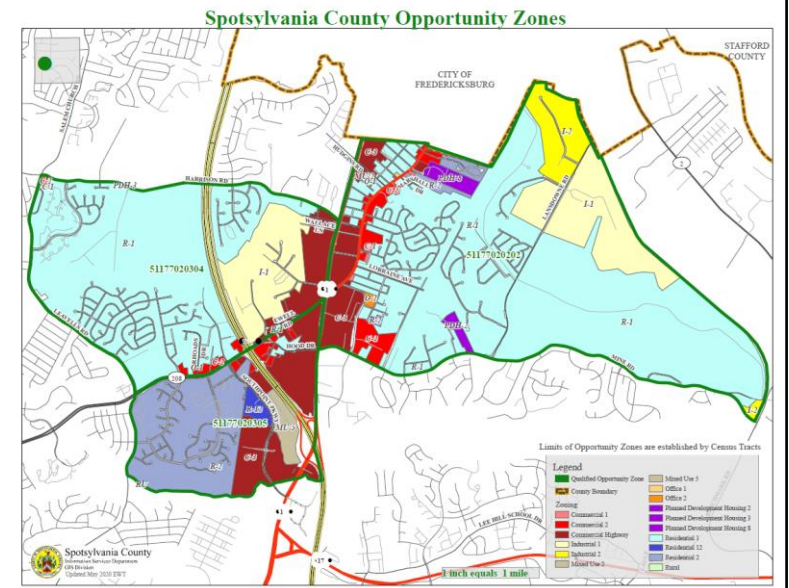
This is a 25-year vision - a pathway to building the seamless, reliable, and frequent regional rail network that can unlock inclusive economic growth from Baltimore to Richmond.

The new agreement will allow MARC trains to operate in Virginia and VRE trains to operate in Maryland.

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Land Use, Zoning and Density

- ❖ Federal Law is increasingly requiring MPO's to try to align land use and transportation developments.
- ❖ However, legislation does not explain how MPO's are to go about this, as Zoning and Land use is determined at the jurisdictional level.
- ❖ How should we handle this?



Future Direction

Meet the FAMPO team



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