

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 13th, 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://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8tHxjqP40>

Committee Members Present:

Nicolas Kwatnoski, Stafford County – Chair
Tim Welsh, Spotsylvania County – Vice Chair
David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg
Al Watkins, Stafford County
Joe Brito, Stafford County
TaMara Banks, At Large
Rupert Farley, At-Large

Committee Members Absent:

Jeron Hayes, King George County
Justin Chenault, Caroline County
Micah Cunningham, Spotsylvania
Patricia Encarnacion, City of Fredericksburg
Michael Hoyt, Caroline County
Ken Pogue, Caroline County
Dustin Savage, At-Large
Morgan Burch, Spotsylvania County
Rodney Thomas, At-Large
Larry Gross, At-Large
Brett Bearce, City of Fredericksburg

Others Present

Linda LaSut (beginning of meeting)

Staff Present:

John Ridout, Transportation Planner II
Connor Anderson, Transportation Planner & GIS Technician

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kwatnoski at 6:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

John Ridout conducted roll call and a quorum was present.

3. Approval of the September 23, 2023, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: TaMara Banks

Discussion: None.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. Approval August 9, 2023, CTAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the June minutes.

Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: Tim Welsh.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. Public Comment: None.

6. Action/Discussion Items

- a. Connor Anderson presented the GWRC Zoning and Future Land Use 3D Map and traffic data to the committee. This interactive GIS tool and website enabled viewers to move about the region with both land use information and traffic congestion displayed on the web map. The committee asked follow-up questions including zooming and pinpointing specific areas and asked about the specifications about the data point displayed. The committee discussed the peak congestion areas like US17 and Garrisonville Road. A few usability concerns were noted for those accessing the web map from personal devices.
- b. John Ridout provided an in-depth presentation on both the history and application of Congestion Pricing as a tool for regions to address traffic concerns. This included both congestion pricing tools currently in use in the FAMPO region as well as other tools such as cordon pricing used in other areas, particularly Northern Europe. The presentation resulted in a discussion with CTAC members over the values, merits and goals of congestion pricing. Questions about the goal of congestion pricing as well as the financial impacts were of the utmost concern.
- c. John Ridout presented the proposed TIP Amendments to the committee. The Committee broke out the vote on the bundled TIP amendments and added additional comments and discussion mostly about the cost associated with the projects including the cost to build the third track in UPC 20299, the cost for Exit 126, and the cost for operations for Amtrak. Additional comments included noting the public hearing at the Policy Committee on September 19th at 6:00pm. The CTAC took the

following actions.

- i. Motion was made to approve TIP Amendments UPC 20299 (Third Track Siding A)
Motion: Tim Welsh; Second: Rupert Farley.
Motion passed.
- ii. Motion was made to TIP Amendment 123908.
Motion: Joe Brito; Second: Rupert Farley.
Motion passed.
- iii. Motion was made to approve the June minutes.
Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: Tim Welsh.
Motion passed with unanimous consent
- iv. Motion was made to approve TIP Amendments 121802 and 119112.
Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: None
Motion failed, TAC committee members cited a lack of information as to the nature of the TIP amendments justifying the additional funds.
- v. Motion was made to approve TIP Amendments UPC 20299 (State Supported Amtrak Operations)
Motion: David McLaughlin; Second: Rupert Farley.
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

7. TAC and Policy Committee Updates

- a. John Ridout provided a synopsis of the TAC and PC meetings. The TAC reviewed and recommended TIP amendments, endorsed the CMAQ/STBG methodologies and open call for projects and discussed the upcoming SmartScale process. The Policy Committee received the same 3D Land Use and Congestion map as presented to the CTAC earlier in the meeting and their discussion of how to address needs with funding.
- b. John Ridout provided an update on the CMAQ and STBG and SmartScale process either being an open or upcoming open call for projects. If the CTAC members had specific projects they wish to apply for funding, now would be the time to contact their elected officials and jurisdiction staff.

8. Community Reports

TaMara Banks noted issues with the intersection Dixon and Princess Anne Street. It is difficult to see around the corner and traffic is often speeding. It is dangerous and needs immediate action. Al Watkins noted safety concerns with Sanford Drive and US17. The concern is with the dual right turn lane, the right-on-red turning movement, and the lane access for I-95. Signage is also an issue.

9. Final Public Comment: None

10. Future Agenda Items: None

11. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting August 9th

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Motion: Rupert Farley, Seconded: Tim Welsh.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

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