

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 - 6:00pm

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg

<https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/>

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Committee Members Present:

TaMara Banks, At Large
Rupert Farley, At-Large
Larry Gross, At-Large
Joe Brito, Stafford County
David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg
Al Watkins, Stafford County
Kevin Wilkinson, Spotsylvania County
Glenn Goldsmith, Stafford County (Remote)
Robert Fogg, Spotsylvania County
Clinton Wells, Spotsylvania County
Kevin Wilkinson, Spotsylvania County
Ruby Brabo, Stafford County

Committee Members Absent:

Brett Bearce, City of Fredericksburg
Tim Welsh, Spotsylvania County – Vice Chair
Jeron Hayes, King George County
Justin Chenault, Caroline County
Patricia Encarnacion, City of Fredericksburg
Michael Hoyt, Caroline County
Ken Pogue, Caroline County
Morgan Burch, Spotsylvania County
Rodney Thomas, At-Large

Others Present

Linda LaSut

Staff Present:

Colie Touzel, Public Involvement and Title VI Coordinator – Online
Connor Anderson, GIS Technician and Transportation Planner
John Ridout, Transportation Planner II – Acting Chair for the Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Ridout acting as Chair at 6:00 p.m. Per the CTAC bylaws, in the absence of the CTAC Chair and Vice-Chair, FAMPO staff act as chair to conduct a meeting if quorum is present.

2. Roll Call

John Ridout conducted roll call and a quorum was present.

3. Approval of the January 10, 2024 , Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the agenda with modification.

Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: Kevin Wilkinson

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion was made to approve the June minutes.

Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: Larry Goss.

Motion passed with Ruby Brabus Absenting.

5. Public Comment:

Monty Zaben introduced themselves as a resident of the City of Fredericksburg and interested in community service and observing meetings.

Colie Touzel corresponded on behalf of Jane Leeds. Jane Leads provided [a letter outlining a need for audible signals, light rail transit, as well as improved accessibility for the impaired](#). It was noted that, if possible, to attach the letters in the agenda.

6. VDOT Report a Problem

TaMara asked if VDOT could provide a letter of when which transit shelters are owned by VDOT.

Joe Brito commended VDOT for the paving on Kellogg Mill Road as well as clearing a leaning tree before it could fall.

7. Action/Discussion Items

- a. John Ridout noted at the last meeting a potential proposal to amend the CTAC bylaws regarding quorum. David McLaughlin proposed to table the amendments due to Nicolas being absent and the amendments not being time critical.

Motion was made to differ the amendments until there is an attending chair.

Motion: David McLaughlin; Second: Ruby Brabos.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

8. TIP Amendments

John Ridout provided a summary of the eight listed TIP amendments as well as a summary of the TIP approval and amendment process for new members. Included in the TIP were the rollover projects from the 2021-2024 TIP as well as modifications related to FXBGO. John Ridout explained the difference between TIP modifications and amendments and the prerequisites for those actions. David McLaughlin provided comment that items A, B, D, and E are approving adjustments and rollovers projects and David proposes to endorse these actions as well as a call for comments. Item C is directing public comment and that as CTAC approves endorsing an action to receive public comment.

Motion was made to endorse the TIP actions.

Motion: David McLaughlin; Second: Ruby Brabos.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

9. Staff Updates

- a) John Ridout provided updates to the November PC meeting and the January TAC meeting. John summarized the conversation that the PC had with elected state representatives in attendance and the discussion about a regional transportation authority. The outcome of the authority discussion was that the PC would create an RTA subcommittee to further discuss the authority. David McLaughlin asked if the River Crossing was discussed. John Ridout responded that there was no substantial discussion of a river crossing project at that time. Al Watkins noted that they did not remember a river crossing discussion at the meeting. Al also noted an observation that they felt not all of the PC members were up to date or unfamiliar with details with previous RTA discussions and thus the subcommittee was decided upon. CTAC further discussed the RTA decision as well as the roll of the rural counties and their assumptions. John Ridout clarified that King George and Caroline are invited as non-voting representatives. TaMara Banks asked who would comprise of the subcommittee. John Ridout responded subcommittee is comprised of PC members. TaMara followed up that the subcommittee include the citizens. Joe Brito noted that citizens of other jurisdictions are driving on other jurisdiction roads. The CTAC further discussed the regional users of facilities and the revenue sources.
- b) John Ridout provided an update on the Safe Streets for All study with the initial projects identified and available. John encouraged the CTAC to review and provide comment and Ruby Brabo asked if there were any bike lanes on Indian Town project more than the improved shoulders. Also, would the rumble strips added be compliant with bicycle users. John specified that he was unsure about the bike lanes, it was likely out of scope, but rumble strips were likely a result of road departures. Ruby specified that how the rumble strips are implemented was the cause in this instance. Linda LeSut summarizes the comments and would follow up. The document would be open to public comment. Glenn Goldsmith noted they had a comment but could not connect to speak. Connor tried to assist to fix the connection issue. John Ridout noted the issue, continued with staff

reports, but specified that when Glenn could reconnect, they could interrupt.

- c) John Ridout noted that FAMPO's CMAQ/CR and STBG program is completing their screening of the 36 projects for approximately 6 million in funding. It is a competitive process, and this is the last year of a single year call for projects and will be into a 2-year cadence opposite to SmartScale. John Ridout pointed out areas of regional interest, specifically that all jurisdictions submitted Rt. 1 improvements and that Spotsylvania County worked in conjunction with FXBGO for two projects. The CTAC members discussed the Harrison Road Widen study. David McLaughlin asked if there was a place to review each project. John Ridout responded that during screening, the project specifics are not included as jurisdictions might change items. The project specifics would become public once scoring is complete. Ruby Brabo asked if the project list colors had a meeting and if the rural counties were a part FAMPO. John Ridout responded that the color denoted if the projects were applying for the CMAQ/CR funds or STBG funds.
- d) John Ridout provided an update on the River Crossing Parkway study. The consultants are in the data collection phase and will be conducting the first stakeholder meeting with identified jurisdiction staff, VDOT and easement holders like the Virginia Outdoor Foundation.
- e) John Ridout provided a summary of the Route 3 Corridor of Statewide Significance. FAMPO has sent a letter to the Secretary of Transportation and other jurisdictions along the Route 3 corridor. Ruby Brabo recommended that FAMPO reach out to the Northern Neck planning district. The CTAC discussed the need for the designation as far as funding.
- f) John Ridout notified the CTAC that the Performance and Safety targets has been proposed as FAMPO is waiting VDOT's action.

10. Community Reports

TaMara Banks suggest that FAMPO follow up with public comment with Janes Leeds and other future comments. In addition, we need to better support FXBGO transit and improve out involvement.

Joe Brito asked about the VDOT salt facility near England Run and was concerned about the groundwater aquifer recharge area and a salt facility's impact with trucks and transfers.

John Ridout noted that the City of Fredericksburg might need to consider representatives to serve as vice-chair in the coming months.

Alan Watkins updated CTAC on the impacts of the Neon development on the river crossing.

11. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting February 2024

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Motion: Rupert Farley, Seconded: Ruby Brabo

Motion passed by unanimous consent.