

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 8, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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Committee Members Present:

Chair Matthew Lehane, Stafford County
First Vice Chair Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County
Second Vice Chair, Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Catherine Coffey, VDOT
Mike Craig, City of Fredericksburg
Adam Derrick, Stafford County
Melody Fowler, FXBGO!
Susan Gardner, VDOT
Kate Gibson, GWRideConnect
Stephen Haynes, VDOT
Casandra Lord, VDOT
Nick Minor, King George County
Nick Ruiz, VRE
Robert Schneider, PRTC
Rodney White, Spotsylvania County

Committee Members Present (remotely):

Mohamed Benomar, Spotsylvania County
Steven Minor, FHWA
Paige DeBold, FHWA
Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Shannon Fennell, Spotsylvania County
Amy Garbarini, DRPT

Committee Members Absent:

Khapel Akbari, Stafford County
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Chelsea Beytas, FTA
Kimberly Cook, King George County
Bryon Counsell, Stafford County
Christine Hoeffner, VRE
Todd Horsley, DRPT
Leon Hughes, Caroline County
Daniel Koenig, FTA
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Craig Reed, FXBGO!
Joe Stainsby, PRTC

Others Present

Will Montgomery, VRE Intern

Staff Present:

Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator

Connor Anderson, GIS Technician and Transportation Planner

Kari Eaves, Transportation Planner III and Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Colie Touzel, Public Involvement and Title VI Coordinator

Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager (remote attendance)

John S. Ridout, Transportation Planner II

1. Call Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am by Chair Lehane.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Connor Anderson conducted roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

3. Approval of the January 8, 2024, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Paul Agnello requested that the agenda be amended to move item 8.c, CMAQ / STBG Update, to an earlier reading.

Motion was made to approve the January 8th Agenda as amended.

Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Rodney White

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. Review of the November Policy Committee Meeting

Ian Ollis summarized highlights including a UPWP amendment, several TIP amendments, SMART SCALE scoring discussions of the CTB, and a proposal sent by the Policy Committee Chair to the Secretary of Transportation for Primary Route 3 to be added to VDOT's Corridors of Statewide Significance. The Route 3 Memorandum was sent to jurisdictions through which Route 3 traverses to share the supporting criteria and allow communication to the Secretary directly from those localities. Discussion of a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) was robust and included members of the General Assembly who agreed at the conclusion of the meeting to not promulgate legislation to form a Fredericksburg region RTA in the upcoming session. A subcommittee was formed to engage in fact finding meetings through May and report to the full Policy Committee at their June meeting. Mr. Ollis scheduled the first subcommittee meeting for Monday January 29th at 6:00. Staff was authorized to examine options for local and regional transit, the Performance Monitoring Tool was updated, and the 2023 Public Involvement Report was presented.

5. Public Comment

Alan Watkins from Stafford County advised attendees that he appreciates the monthly updates given on the River Crossing NEPA Alternatives study and hopes the impact of local development projects in the study area can be included in future updates.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the November 6, 2023, TAC Meeting Minutes
- b. Endorse Resolution 24-15 Adopt Amendments to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust Funding Allocations for 2 Projects: Route 1 and Exit 126 Southbound Improvements; #SMART 22 - I95 Exit 126 STARS Study Improvements
- c. Endorse Resolution 24-16 FFY23 Annual Listing of Transportation Project Obligations

Motion to Approve the January 8, 2024, Consent Agenda.

Motion: Casandra Lord; Second: Nick Ruiz

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

7. TIP Amendments & Modifications

- a. Endorse Resolution 24-17 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to add UPC FRT0002 FXBGO! Rolling Stock Replacement
- b. Endorse Resolution 24-18 Approving a Rollover from the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program for 8 Projects: UPC 117026 #SMART22 – Rt 648 Shelton Shop Road Improvements, UPC 119112 #SMART22 – I-95 Exit 126 STARS Study Improvements, UPC 123908 River Crossing Study Only, UPC 110932 #SMART18 – Twin Lake – Kensington Bike / Ped Connector, UPC 115123 #SMART20 – Lafayette Blvd / Kenmore Ave / Charles St Roundabouts, UPC 105464 #HB2.FY17 Rt 606 West – Reconstruction of Mudd Tavern Rd, UPC 105535 #SGR17VB – Rt 3 (Business) Rappahannock River Bridge Rehabilitation, Bridge ID 18073 and UPC 109474 #HB2.FY17 – New Commuter Parking Lot Rt 1 at Commonwealth Dr.
- c. Endorse Resolution 24-19 Approving Modifications to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to adjust funding for 3 Projects: FRT0012 Expand Project Scope to Include Intrusion Security Alarm System at FXBGO! Central, Operations and Maintenance Facilities, FRT003 Expand Project Scope to Include Automatic Passenger Counters (APC's) and UPC FRT0018 FXBGO! Security and Fiber Project

Motion to Endorse Resolution 24-17, Resolution 24-18, and Resolution 24-19.

Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Adam Derrick

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

8. Action / Discussion Items

c. CMAQ / STBG Update

John Ridout presented the progress, schedule, and facts regarding the 36 total project submissions and scoring process underway. TAC members voiced appreciation to Dr. Ridout for his work on the revised prioritization system and concise delivery of the update.

a. SMART SCALE Round 6

Kari Eaves summarized CTB staff recommendations for Round 6:

- Calculate congestion factor to 7 years in the future
- Revise the economic development measure to reflect State priorities
- Number of applications will remain the same as Round 5
- Restrict High Priority Projects (HPP) eligibility to a list of project types and eliminate Funding Step 2
- Remove the land use factor from the scoring process altogether

Paul Agnello shared observations on changes to the safety and accessibility metrics and issues with fairness and equity between area types. Chair Lehane, Mr. Ollis, and Ms. Eaves engaged to explain the impacts of the proposed weightings on FAMPO projects. A meeting was scheduled to continue discussions on regional project ideas in light of the proposed changes with unanimous approval for the meeting to be held virtually in accordance with TAC bylaws.

A list of candidate regional projects was provided and discussed. Mr. Agnello shared with attendees the importance of STARS and Pipeline studies currently nearing the stage of project concepts and costs to be considered for Round 6 and regional eligibility status.

Catherine Coffey and Casandra Lord assisted with understanding of project development status and steps necessary for STARS and Pipeline projects to advance for Round 6. Mr. Ollis shared frustration that the intent of STARS and Pipeline studies when they were initiated was to produce projects for the concurrent SMART SCALE Round, but the studies weren't progressing quickly enough. Catherine Coffey mentioned that VDOT would like to have a list of regional priorities for pipeline studies.

VDOT and TAC representatives discussed the details of various projects, including the critical nature to improve safety and reduce congestion on high volume roadways. Ms. Lord pointed out the importance of a logical terminus for the VCR Trail Crossing west of I-95 to be finalized through properties to Harrison Road.

b. SS4A Corridors & Project Ideas

Becky Golden explained that the list of infrastructure countermeasures for 25 High Injury Network locations (5 locations for each GWRC locality) are being examined by the consultant for the Draft Safety Action Plan (SAP) to develop costs and crash reduction benefits. The draft SAP will be submitted to committees for approval to begin the public comment process in February for adoption in March.

d. VCR Trail Crossing Study Close Out Funds

Ms. Eaves explained that staff is recommending a transfer of surplus funds in a completed project, Freight Summit, to the VCR Trail Crossing Study. The consultant was requested to analyze additional scenarios beyond the original project scope resulting in additional cost.

Motion to Endorse a Resolution to approve a transfer of \$12,547 HIP funding from UPC 12179 FAMPO/GWRC Freight Summit to UPC 111682 VCR Trail Bridges Over Rt. 3 and US 1, closing out both projects.

Motion: Jamie Jackson; Second: Casandra Lord

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

9. Correspondence

- Performance Management Targets for Greenhouse Gas Emissions (in agenda pack)
- FXBGO! Transit Strategic Plan Public Review / Comment Period (in agenda pack)
- Route 3 STARS NEPA Review (in agenda pack)
- Letter received by Stafford County from OIPI on UDA VTrans Needs (New Item)

10. Staff Reports

- FAMPO River Crossing Parkway NEPA Alternatives Study Update

Dr. Ridout provided an update and reminder of the first stakeholder meeting scheduled for Wednesday January 17th.

- Route 3 Corridors of Statewide Significance Proposal

Mr. Ollis and Ms. Lord engaged in discussion regarding distribution of the Route 3 CoSS Memorandum from the Policy Committee Chair to the Secretary of Transportation to localities through which Rt. 3 traverses. Ms. Lord has been instrumental in advising localities in the Fredericksburg District on facts of the proposal, as well as sharing the memo with VDOT Culpeper District counterparts.

11. Member Reports

- a. Notification of changes to cost estimates on FAMPO projects – VDOT

Notification of new transportation projects by localities

- e. Meeting Adjourned 11:40 a.m.