

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 - 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=IPjBafvTuAU>

Committee Members Present:

Nicolas Kwatnoski, Chair
Tim Welsh, Spotsylvania County, Vice Chair
TaMara Banks, At-Large
Rupert Farley, At-Large
Robert Fogg, Spotsylvania County
Larry Gross, At-Large
David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg
Al Watkins, Stafford County
Clinton Wells, Spotsylvania County
Kevin Wilkinson, Spotsylvania County

Committee Members Absent:

Ruby Brabo, Stafford County
Joe Brito, Stafford County
Glenn Goldsmith, Stafford County
Justin Chenault, Caroline County
Patricia Encarnacion, City of Fredericksburg
Jeron Hayes, King George County
Michael Hoyt, Caroline County
Ann Palbalker, Stafford County
Ken Pogue, Caroline County
James Powell, Stafford County
Matthew Rowe, City of Fredericksburg
Rodney Thomas, At-Large

Others Present

Linda LaSut, VDOT
Jamie Jackson, FXBGO!

Staff Present:

John Ridout, Transportation Planner II
Colie Touzel, Public Involvement and Title VI Coordinator

1. Call to Order

At 6:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Chair Kwatnoski

2. Roll Call

John Ridout conducted roll call and a quorum was present.

3. Approval of the March 13, 2024, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: Clinton Wells.

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval January 10, 2024, CTAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the February minutes.

Motion: Rupert Farley; Clinton Wells

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

6. VDOT/Transit Report a Problem

Al Watkins shared a video identifying Warrenton Road I-95 interchange concerns. His concerns included construction debris creating a blind spot for cars exiting I-95 south, the limited merge space for cars under the I-95 overpass, and the delayed signage identifying the right turn only lane for cars headed southeast on Warrenton Road after passing under the I-95 overpass. The committee discussed improved signage or road marking identifying the right turn lane and evaluated the magnitude of the problem.

7. Action/Discussion Items

a) FXBGO! Transit Presentation and Discussion with FXBGO! Staff

Jamie Jackson presented an overview of Fredericksburg Transit. She reviewed the history of the service, its service area, hours, and staffing. She also shared the service's routes, regional partners, and funding. She reviewed the "fare free" system that had resulted from a DRPT grant, discussed the benefits of removing a fare for the public, ridership information, and recent, current, and future projects.

b) FAMPO Transit Outreach Activities – Colie Touzel

Colie Touzel shared their most recent and upcoming in-person outreach events. They also reviewed some feedback from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety

Action Plan public survey. Finally, they invited the committee to give suggestions for additional outreach locations.

c) Transportation Improvement Program (ACTION ITEM)

- i) Endorse Resolution 24-24 Adopt Amendments to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust Funding Allocations for 2 Projects: UPC 117026 #SMART22 – Rt 648 Shelton Shop Road Improvements; UPC 103085 #HB2.FY17 Rt 1/630 Area Corridor Improvements
- ii) Endorse Resolution 24-25 Approving Modifications to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for 2 Projects: FRT0002 Replacement Rolling Stock and FRT0009 Transit Preventative Maintenance Activities

Motion to not endorse Resolution 24-24

Motion: Tim McLaughlin; Second: Rupert Farley

The CTAC had a in depth discussion about the amount of information that should be included in the TIP boxes to decide if the CTAC needed to support a amendment or modification. After John Ridout reviewed both resolutions, the initial motion was withdrawn.

The committee discussed the proposed amendment and modification to the Transportation Improvement Plan.

Motion to endorse Resolution 24-24

Motion: Al Watkins; Second: Tim Welsh

Motion passed.

Motion to endorse Resolution 24-25

Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: Robert Fogg

Discussion: Establishing that the figures in the TIP modification are scaled and can be modified into the future.

Motion passed.

- d) SS4A Supplemental Safety Action Plan – Survey and Public Comment is now open.

Colie Touzel shared the SS4A Safety Action plan, the press release for the public comment period, the survey, and where the committee may find those resources.

- e) CTAC Bylaws Confirmation

John Ridout shared changes to the CTAC bylaws made at the last committee meeting. There was no dissent or action taken by the committee.

8. Staff Reports

- a) Policy Committee Meeting & RTA Subcommittee

John Ridout reviewed the most recent Policy Committee and RTA Subcommittee agendas. The committee discussed the RTA subcommittee's members' standing with regards to the proposed RTA and the timeline for the region getting the proposed RTA. They discussed the revenue sources of a Transportation Authority and proposed projects that would receive local match funding.

b) TAC

John Ridout discussed the most recent Technical Advisory Committee meeting. He emphasized their focus on SMART SCALE pre-application and pipeline project studies.

c) FAMPO River Crossing Parkway NEPA Alternatives Study Public Meeting Information

John Ridout reminded the committee of the public meeting where the consultants of Michael Baker International (MBI) will present on alternatives to a new River Crossing. He reviewed the open house style of the meeting.

9. Member Reports

a) John Ridout shared the city's modification to parking at the intersection of Dixon and Princess Anne.

b) Public Outreach & Acknowledgement

TaMara Banks raised a concern that public comments are not being adequately addressed and noted that the CTAC bylaws state that CTAC members should solicit public comment within their respective communities. Kevin Wilkinson reviewed public comments from the past 20 CTAC meetings and asserted that FAMPO staff already adequately addresses comments, and it is not the committee's place to do so. Chair Kwatnoski proposed having room for discussion after receiving public comments in committee. Al Watkins commented on the purpose of public comments and noted that they often do not necessitate a response. Staff discussed the response that FAMPO staff provide to people who submit public comments as a receipt that their comment was received and that their comments will be forwarded to the appropriate person or place. The committee decided to include room for discussion of public comments on a future agenda.

10. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11. Future Agenda Item

- a) FAMPO River Crossing Parkway NEPA Alternatives Discussion and Comment
- b) VRE/VDOT Presentation

12. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting April 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.
Motion: Tim Welsh; Seconded: Clinton Wells
Motion passed by unanimous consent.

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