

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 8th, 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=W8OKYTYS-do>

Committee Members Present:

Nicolas Kwatnoski, Chair
Ruby Brabo, Stafford County
TaMara Banks, At-Large
Robert Fogg, Spotsylvania County
Larry Gross, At-Large
David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg
Allen Watkins, Stafford County
James Powell, Stafford County
Clinton Wells, Spotsylvania County
Kevin Wilkinson, Spotsylvania County
Joe Brito, Stafford County
Yolanda Hipski, City of Fredericksburg (last half hour)
Denise Flatley, King George County

Committee Members Absent:

Tim Welsh, Spotsylvania County, Vice Chair
Rupert Farley, At-Large
Glenn Goldsmith, Stafford County
Justin Chenault, Caroline County
Michael Hoyt, Caroline County
Ken Pogue, Caroline County
Matthew Rowe, City of Fredericksburg
Rodney Thomas, At-Large

Others Present

Linda LaSut, VDOT

Staff Present:

Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Leda Hinkle, Transportation Planning Intern

1. Call to Order

At 6:01 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Chair Kwatnoski

2. Roll Call

Ian Ollis conducted roll call and a quorum was present.

3. Approval of the May 8, 2024, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Ruby Brabo corrected the next meeting date at the end of the agenda.

Motion was made to approve the May 8, 2024, CTAC Agenda with one amendment.

Motion: Ruby Brabo; Second: Allen Watkins

Discussion: None.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion was made to approve the April minutes.

Motion: Kevin Wilkinson; Second: David McLaughlin.

Motion passed with one abstention.

5. Public Comment:

The committee received no public comments.

6. VDOT/Transit Report-a-Problem

Chair Nicolas Kwatnoski mentioned the pending completion of the Route 17 interchange. Linda LaSut stated that completion of the project should hopefully resolve issues in the area reported by the committee. Mr. Ollis read aloud an email from VDOT's communication director, Kelly Hannon, that identified the project's completion deadline as May 17, 2024.

Ruby Brabo asked about the status of street signs for South Gateway Drive that had previously been incorrect. Allen Watkins shared that he had received a response from VDOT that everything had been corrected. He reminded the committee about the original signage issue.

Mr. Ollis shared his assumption that once construction finishes the new road surface, new arrows will be painted to indicate through and turn lanes. The committee briefly discussed the lack of signage for through lanes at one intersection that become turn lanes at the next.

Kevin Wilkinson identified a possible traffic light timing cycle issue at the Four Mile Fork and Route 208 intersection. He also identified a back-up up Southpoint Parkway at the intersection with Route 1. Mr. Wilkinson also inquired about the progress of the Route 17 bridge over I-95. He commented on the length of construction so far.

Chair Kwatnoski identified another possible traffic light timing cycle issue at the intersection of Litchfield and Route 17.

Clinton Wells identified two problems on Route 17 North. The first is the three-inch lip in the roadway on the north bound exit to Route 17, causing low riding vehicles to slow upon entering the intersection. He also commented on confusion with the opening of the far-left lane. He also commented on the lack of clarity for lane termini. Ms. Brabo added that while both right lanes are exits off I-95 north, only the far-right lane is identified as such. She described the backup this caused. Mr. Wells also identified a yield sign obscured by tree foliage at the intersection of Hospital Boulevard and Route 17. He also mentioned a far-left lane on route to Courthouse that had become so short that it wasn't being used.

The committee briefly discussed the intersection of Southpoint Parkway and Patriot Highway. Further discussion occurred during member reports.

7. Action/Discussion Items

a) Nominations of Officers (Elections in June)

Tim Welsh was nominated to Chair the CTAC and David McLaughlin was nominated to serve as Vice Chair.

Mr. McLaughlin responded to his nomination for Vice Chair with a plan to reach out to other CTAC members representing Fredericksburg who may be interested in holding the position.

b) Endorse Resolution 24-35 Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust funding for UPC FRT0019 FXBGO!'s Transit Maintenance Facility HVAC (**ACTION ITEM**) – FAMPO Staff

Motion was made to Endorse Resolution 24-35.

Motion: David McLaughlin; Seconded: Allen Watkins.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

c) CMAQ / STBG Projects & Draft Spreadsheet (**ACTION ITEM**) – FAMPO Staff

Mr. Ollis shared that the project list was currently out for public comment until May 15th. He presented the project list to CTAC and reviewed the funding distribution of CMAQ/CR and STBG funds per project type. He reviewed the timeline for scoring projects and allocations thus far and presented next steps.

Mr. Watkins shared that the staff recommendation for revisiting dual-eligible project applications in the methodology had produced some discussion at the May Technical Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Ollis clarified for the committee how dual-eligible applications have complicated the scoring process and staff plans for revision.

Motion to Endorse the CMAQ / STBG Project List

Motion: Ruby Brabo; Seconded: Allen Watkins.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

8. Staff Reports

- SMART SCALE Update

Mr. Ollis reviewed the timeline for SMART SCALE Round 6. He identified the project that had been screened out of the FAMPO project list, leaving four remaining project applications. None of the four FAMPO projects would need to be removed from the list, but one of the five GWRC projects would have to be removed before the full application deadline.

The committee briefly discussed the scoring methodology established by the SMART SCALE Technical Guide. The committee also discussed their role in advising the Technical Advisory Committee and the Policy Committee. When asked to rank the projects for how impactful they might be or how well they might score, Mr. Ollis reviewed all five projects on the GWRC project list. The committee had a detailed discussion of each of the five projects to decide which projects they would endorse as a committee.

Motion was made to Endorse Enon Road / Centreport Parkway Connector for GWRC's Project List for SMART SCALE Full Application.

Motion: Ruby Brabo; Seconded: Joe Brito.

Abstention: TaMara Banks

Motion passed.

Motion was made to Endorse the I-95/Exit 136 Interchange/Centreport Parkway/US Route 1 for GWRC's Project List for SMART SCALE Full Application.

Motion: David McLaughlin; Seconded: Allen Watkins.

Abstention: TaMara Banks

Motion passed.

- Policy Committee Meeting & TAC

Before Mr. Ollis reviewed the meeting agendas for the Policy Committee and Technical Advisory Committee meetings, Mr. Watkins asked what course of action was available to the CTAC upon receiving no feedback from the Policy Committee with regards to the request of development information that may impact the various river crossing alternatives. Mr. Ollis answered that Policy Committee members have the opportunity to raise matters for discussion and it is up to them to take that opportunity. Chair Kwatnoski shared the recipients of the letter and the lack of any response. Ms. Brabo suggested that rather than addressing individuals, the CTAC address boards.

Motion was made to Address a Letter to the Board of Supervisors, City Manager, and the acting Stafford County Administrator Requesting Development Information Be Made Available to FAMPO and Michael Baker International.

Motion: Joe Brito; Seconded: Ruby Brabo.
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Mr. Ollis continued to review the Policy Committee April meeting agenda. He presented a TIP modification approved by the Policy Committee, action items concerning Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) and the Unified Planning Work Program. He also reviewed discussion and decisions concerning CMAQ / STBG project allocations. He also shared the CTB public meeting to take place May 9th and the new date for the final RTA subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Ollis also presented the agenda of the May Technical Advisory Committee meeting, sharing the various endorsements for Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments and modifications. He also reviewed the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) timeline and identified the funding need for scenario planning.

Mr. Watkins requested that the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee review the public feedback collected through Michael Baker International's survey. Mr. Ollis began to present the slides from the TAC agenda. He reviewed geographic identity of survey participants, the interactive map exercise, option ratings, and a break down of the option rankings by jurisdiction and zip code. Mr. Watkins identified the contradictions present in comments on the different river crossing options.

The committee decided to postpone discussion of the survey results and changes from the next stakeholder meeting until the August CTAC meeting. Mr. Watkins shared a final thought, that he had also shared with the TAC, that ranking three western river crossing options against one eastern river crossing option would disproportionately favor an eastern option over a western option.

- VDOT CTB Public Meeting FY25-30 Six-Year Improvement Program

9. Member Reports

- a) Joe Brito recommended an extension of Atlantic Drive between the Lowe's and the Walmart in Spotsylvania County to connect to Route 1 at the intersection with Route 17. Robert Fogg shared current planned roadway developments in the same area. The committee discussed the feasibility of both options.

10. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11. Future Agenda Item

- a) VRE Presentation June 12 & VDOT Presentation in August

12. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting June 12th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.
Motion: TaMara Banks; Seconded: Yolanda Hipski.
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

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