POLICY COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
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Committee Members Present: *(V) indicates voting member*
Ms. Lori Hayes, Chair Spotsylvania County (V)
Dr. Will Mackintosh, First Vice-City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, Second Vice-Chair Stafford County (V)
Ms. Meg Bohmke, Chair, Stafford County (V)
Ms. Monica Gary, Stafford County (V)
Mr. Jonathan Gerlach, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. Drew Mullins, Spotsylvania County (V) (online)
Ms. Jannan Holmes, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Cathy Binder, King George County (online)
Ms. Laura Sellers, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
Ms. Marcie Parker, Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Cathie Coffey, alternate Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Casandra Lord, alternate Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Ms. Melody Fowler, alternate Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!)
Mr. Timothy Welsh, Chair CTAC
Ms. Amy Garbarini, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) (online)
Mr. Chris Clarke, Vice-Chair BPAC (online)

Committee Members Absent:
Mr. Jacob Lane, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Gerald Childress, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Deuntay Diggs, alternate Stafford County (V)
Dr. Pamela Yeung, alternate Stafford County (V)
Mr. Jason Graham, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. David Brown, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. David "Sully" Sullins, alternate King George County
Dr. Robert Schneider, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)(V)
Mr. Joe Stainsby, alternate PRTC (V)
Ms. Jamie Jackson, Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!)
Mr. Steven Minor, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Mr. Ivan Rucker, alternate Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Mr. Daniel Koenig, Federal Highway Administration (FTA)
Ms. Chelsea Beytas, alternate Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Mr. Todd Horsley, alternate Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Ms. Nancy Long, Caroline County
Mr. Jeffrey Black, alternate Caroline County
Mr. Matthew Lehane, Chair BPAC

Others Present:
Mr. Allen Watkins, Stafford County Resident
Ms. Barbara Wright, Celebrate by Del Webb Homeowner Association
Mike McLaughlin, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) Chief Operating Officer
John Kearney, (VPRA) Vice President of Engineering and Construction
Jon Griffin, (VPRA) Engineering Project Senior Manager
Karina Romero, (VPRA) Communications Manager
Jessika Eglin, (VPRA) Government Affairs Manager
Jenna Friedberg, (VPRA) Community Affairs Manager

Staff Present:
Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Dr. John Ridout, Senior Planner
Mr. Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager
Ms. Kari Eaves, Senior Planner (online)
Mr. Eugene Hlaing, Title VI and Public Involvement Coordinator

1. **Call Policy Committee Meeting to Order**
   Chair Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   Chair Hayes led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**
   Mr. Hlaing conducted roll call and determined a quorum present.

4. **Approval of the August 19, 2024, Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

   Mr. Ollis requested that an item that was requested to be added late to the agenda by DRPT be removed as errors had been identified after the amended agenda was distributed.

   Motion was made to approve the August 19, 2024, Policy Committee agenda with removal of Amended Agenda item 7.e.

   Motion: Ms. Vanuch; Second: Dr. Mackintosh
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. **Public Hearings**

   Mr. Hlaing read aloud two comments received on the public hearing:

   Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust funding for UPC 123887 #SMART24 – Route 1 SB Widening with Pedestrian Accommodations

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6. **Public Involvement**

Ms. Jane Leeds provided written comments advising that she is relocating from the Fredericksburg area and expressed disappointment that her past contributions appear to have been disregarded by FAMPO decision makers.

Ms. Barbara Wright of the Celebrate by Del Webb community asked details of a proposed development in Stafford County south of the FBI property and advised attendees that the community is interested in the River Crossing study.

7. **Consent Agenda**

a. Approval of June 17, 2024, Policy Committee Meeting Minutes **(ACTION ITEM)**

b. Resolution 25-01 Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust funding for UPC 123887 #SMART24 – Route 1 SB Widening with Pedestrian Accommodations **(ACTION ITEM)**

c. Resolution 25-02 Approving Modifications to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for 2 Projects: Maintenance: Preventative Maintenance and System Preservation, and Maintenance: Preventative Maintenance for Bridges **(ACTION ITEM)**

d. Resolution 25-03 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project UPC 120943 Germanna Point Drive Extension **(ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the August 19, 2024, Consent agenda.

Motion: Ms. Vanuch; Second: Dr. Mackintosh
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

8. **FAMPO Administrator Report**

Mr. Ollis shared upcoming FY25 activities:

- Finalize the new FAMPO (VDOT Owned) Travel Demand Model, complete training, and roll it out for regional projects and studies
- Complete the River Crossing Study and report the findings
- Complete a range of 2050 LRTP modifications to update data and the CLRP list of projects
- Update the LRTP goals to include items requested by disability organizations
- Hear the results of Smart Scale round six
- Likely work on a new Safe Streets for All study, including River Road in Spotsylvania
- Close out our documents on the RTA
- Start preparations for the 2055 LRTP update with the need for a Scenario Planning Exercise
- Fulfill additional needs and requests as approved by the Policy Committee

A briefing of the Quantico 3rd track and platform construction was provided, and acknowledgement given that FAMPO staff is currently awaiting direction from the Policy

Committee on regional transit options. October 23-25 is the Governor's Transportation Conference in Norfolk.

9. **Action/Discussion Items**

a. VPRA Potomac Creek Third Track Project / Leeland Road Bridge Reconstruction Public Outreach

Mr. McLaughlin introduced the agenda item with a brief history and context of VPRA. Mr. Griffin provided the Potomac Creek Third Track project overview including the location, schedule and scope, with the focus on the upcoming September 18th Citizen Information Meeting to discuss community impacts during the road closure of the Leeland Road railroad bridge. Ms. Friedberg engaged with Policy Committee members on VPRA's outreach communications efforts with property owners, parents, business owners and emergency responders during the required closure necessary for the third track. The new Leeland Road railroad bridge will provide a span across the tracks that can accommodate a future fourth track.

b. I-95 Northbound and Southbound Crash Rates for Segments Between Exit 130 Plank Road and Exit 156 Dale City

Ms. Golden presented results of crash rates for I-95 segments, noting trends in the highest crash segments: northbound between Dumfries and Dale City; and southbound between Warrenton Road and Plank Road. Of note is the future southbound crash rate projection that is trending toward almost double the 2023 total. She thanked the Policy Committee for requesting the analysis.

c. Policy Committee Meeting Remote Participation

Mr. Ollis explained the two items: item c.1. ratifies the Policy Committee remote meeting policy and this action is required to be accomplished each year, and item c.2. is a consideration of a bylaw change.

Motion to adopt Resolution 25-04 Reauthorization of Resolution 20-32 FAMPO Remote Participation Policy
Motion: Mr. Gerlach; Second: Ms. Bohmke

The proposed bylaw language was read aloud: *For virtual meetings other than a declared state of emergency, pursuant to § 2.2-3708.3 (C) (9) of the Code of Virginia and Acts of Assembly enacted April 11, 2022, The Policy Committee may convene up to two (2) all-virtual public meetings per calendar year at the discretion of the FAMPO Policy Committee Chair and FAMPO Administrator under the following conditions: (1) all-virtual meetings may not be held consecutively; and (2) give notification to Policy Committee Voting Members and Alternates of the process used for making the decision to hold all-virtual meetings; and (3) follow all other meeting requirements stipulated in the Policy Committee bylaws including but not limited to three days public notice. These stipulations would also apply to the FAMPO Executive Committee.*

d. River Crossing Update

Dr. Ridout provided a briefing that included road and bridge corridor study environmental constraint analysis, explaining that the study corridor encompasses a 250-foot width, but the final corridor will be narrower and adjusted within that initial 250 feet to avoid the built environment and sensitive land area types. In addition, software issues with the traffic modeling analysis caused a delay resulting in a revised schedule for upcoming stakeholder and public meetings. The public meeting will be held in Fredericksburg, likely in mid to late November.

e. FAMPO Letter of Support for Spotsylvania County's Federal Planning Grant for the Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program

Mr. Ollis described the grant application scope to provide road grade separation for Lansdowne Road and Mine / Benchmark Road.

Motion to approve Letter of Support for Spotsylvania County's Federal Planning Grant for the Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Program
Motion: Dr. Mackintosh; Second: Ms. Gary

10. Correspondence

- Caroline County Board of Supervisors Resolution Requesting Opt-Out of Regional Transportation Authority

- King George Ready Set Go Phase I TAP Award Notification

  Policy Committee members extended congratulations to King George County for this Transportation Alternatives Project (TAP) award, noting Ms. Binder was online.

11. **Staff and Agency Reports**

Mr. Ollis introduced Mr. Hlaing, the new Title VI and Public Involvement Coordinator. Mr. Hlaing shared his history and experiences with committee members welcoming him to the FAMPO team.

- Round 6 Regional SMART SCALE Project Summary

- Presentation to CTAC – Nationwide Research User Fees for Roads

  Dr. Ridout and Mr. Ollis teamed up to explain the details of a presentation made at the request of the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee. The presentation summarized that all transportation is supported by revenue beyond user fees. Road User Fees (taxes on those driving vehicles on highways) in Virginia make up about 38% of the cost of highways.

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- VTA Awards

  Mr. Ollis described those who were recognized during the 2024 VTA conference.

- New Route 208 Park & Ride FXBGO! VRE Feeder Service Press Release

- Fredericksburg Comprehensive Plan Update Process – FXBG Forward

  Ms. Holmes and Dr. Mackintosh shared their efforts to encourage survey participation, including radio interviews. Policy Committee members and attendees were asked to provide feedback.

- Reminder VDOT's Statewide Update to the Federal Functional Classification (FFC)

12. Board Member and Chair Comments

    Ms. Parker advised attendees of upcoming lane closures at US Route 1 and Southpoint Parkway and a major lane closure at the Lick Run culvert crossing of Route 3 in western Spotsylvania County. Ms. Bohmke requested information about the Falmouth Bridge deck replacement.

    Chair Hayes expressed appreciation to Kyle Bates, PE, the Fredericksburg Resident Engineer, for his assistance in attending a recent Town Hall meeting regarding the safety at the Tidewater Trail (US 17 Business) / Glendas Way / Briarwood Lane intersection. Mr. Mullins expressed appreciation as well to Mr. Bates for the recent shoulder trench widening along River Road as a low-cost road departure countermeasure that makes a big safety improvement.

13. Chair Hayes adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.

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