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Tim Welsh
Chair

Ian Ollis
FAMPO Administrator

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, August 14th, 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=IoQ1st_FUgo

Committee Members Present:

Tim Welsh, Spotsylvania County, Chair
Yolanda Hipski, City of Fredericksburg Vice Chair
TaMara Banks, At-Large
Rupert Farley, At-Large
Robert Fogg, Spotsylvania County
Larry Gross, At-Large
David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg (arrived 6:28)
Al Watkins, Stafford County
Clinton Wells, Spotsylvania County
Kevin Wilkinson, Spotsylvania County
Glenn Goldsmith, Stafford County (online)
Ruby Brabo, Stafford County
Nicolas Kwatnoski, Stafford County
Jason Braaten, Stafford County
Denise Flatley, King George

Committee Members Absent:

Justin Chenault, Caroline County
Cassandra Jagroop, City of Fredericksburg
Michael Hoyt, Caroline County
Ann Palbalkar, Stafford County
Ken Pogue, Caroline County
James Powell, Stafford County
Matthew Rowe, City of Fredericksburg
Rodney Thomas, At-Large
Joe Brito, Stafford County

Others Present

Roslyn Reeder, Celebrate Virginia
Kim Jacoby, Celebrate Virginia

Staff Present:

John Ridout, Senior Transportation Planner
Eugene Hlang, Public Involvement and Title VI Coordinator

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

John Ridout conducted roll call and a quorum was present.

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

Motion was made to approve the agenda with amendments.
Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: Yolanda Hipski
Discussion: None.
Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval June 12, 2024, CTAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the March minutes with amendments.
Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: Ruby Brabo
Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Comment:**

Eugene Hlaing read aloud two comments. The first was from Joanna Witmer of Stafford of Stafford noting a pedestrian safety concern with vehicles movements in the Austin Ridge Community. The second was from Jeremy Witmer of Stafford with a concern about the impact of the proposed Bucee's on the adjacent area.

6. **VDOT/Transit Report-a-Problem**

Tim Welsh reiterated a prior reported problem that there is a significant pavement issue on US-17 at the Spotsylvania-Caroline County Line. Trucks are weaving into oncoming traffic and nearly spilling over to avoid the problem. Ruby Brabo updated the committee that VDOT has started the roundabout work in the Celebrate Virginia community.

7. **Action/Discussion Items**

a) **East West Mobility Study Refresher**

John Ridout provided a truncated summary of the FAMPO East-West Study. The study included multiple phases, addressing multiple modes and congestion points. Ian Ollis added some additional context The CTAC committee engaged in extensive conversation about various approaches mentioned in the study as was as other approaches not considered. Conversation included mobility options offered currently in the region, options available in other region, regional growth, congestion pricing, and the role of planning in the future.

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b) **List of Regional Priorities**

Tim Welsh introduced the goal of developing a list of regional projects and strategies for the region. He noted Spotsylvania opposition to the recent RTA discussion and that the RTA lacked specific projects to justify action. The CTAC should weigh in on those projects in the coming year. He noted changes to land use, zoning, the various comprehensive plans, and to starting and developing studies as part of the larger challenges. The committee discussed at length various factors driving growth development, RTA, and needs.

c) **Who Pays for Their Transportation?**

John Ridout presented a response question asked by CTAC in the June 2024 meeting. The core of the question was if road users paid for their roads and the comparison for transit user fees. The simple answer that was road users fees are less than half nationally, and Virginia ranks in the lowest five with only 38% percent road user fee recovery. Virginia's road funding is more diverse than other states and this does insulate from disruptions to limited revenue sources. The CTAC asked questions and conversed about the role of inflation, use of local funds, role of federal funding, and how funds are distributed.

d) **TIP**

Endorse Resolution 25-01
Motion was made to endorse to the Policy Committee
Motion: Ruby Brabo; Second Yolanda Hipski. No discussion.
Motion passed.

Endorse Resolution 25-02
Motion was made to endorse to the Policy Committee
Motion: Ruby Brabo; Second Al Watkins. No discussion.
Motion passed.

Endorse Resolution 25-03
Motion was made to endorse to the Policy Committee
Motion: Ruby Brabo; Second Yolanda Hipsksi. Rupert Farley noted that this is an interparcel connection.
Motion passed unanimously.

8. Staff Reports

a) **VPRA Expansion and Road Detour**

John Ridout provided a summary of the VPRA rail expansion and road closures needed to widen the bridges over the tracks, specifically Leeland Road Bridge. John noted future public hearings and the full timeline of the project. He noted that the other three bridge projects will not involve permanent closures.

b) **River Crossing Update**

John Ridout provided an update on the River Crossing Parkway Study. FAMPO discussed future connections with the Bike/Ped committee. The environmental screening

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is nearing completion after incorporating feedback from the stakeholder group, and a delay in the modeling results due to software incompatibility resulted in the September meeting being delayed to November.

c) Policy Committee Meeting & TAC

John Ridout reported that the PC last meeting was in and discussed the RTA, approved TIP amendments, and SmartScale projects. Tim Welsh asked about the SmartScale process. John Ridout responded that there were the normal last minute crunch but not abnormal for the process. The TAC received about the same VPRA presentation and endorsed the same TIP actions. Otherwise, it was a very short meeting.

9. Member Reports

a) Al Watkins presented some of his research and composite development maps. He noted previous iterations of the modeling exercises, consultant corridors, with the recent developments. Al then showed his citizens options and rational for his alternative alignments. The CTAC asked clarifying questions and discussed recent development concerns and right of way concerns.

No public outreach updates but FAMPO staff will reach out about the Austin Ridge safety concerns noted in public comments.

10. Public Comment: None

There was no public comment.

11. Future Agenda Item

Add Al Watkins's Bridge Discussion.

12. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting September 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

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

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