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Tim Welsh
Chair

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FAMPO Administrator

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 11, 2024 - 6:00pm
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg
https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/

A video recording of the meeting is linked on the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) webpage:
https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/citizens-transportation-advisory-committee/

Committee Members Present:

Tim Welsh, Spotsylvania County, 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
Ruby Brabo, Stafford County
Jason Braaten, Stafford County
Joe Brito, Stafford County (joined at 6:01)
Yolanda Hipski, City of Fredericksburg Vice Chair (joined at 7:01)

Committee Members Absent:

Justin Chenault, Caroline County
Nicolas Kwatnoski, Stafford County
Denise Flatley, King George
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
Glenn Goldsmith, Stafford County

Others Present

Linda LeSut, VDOT
Gavin Gardon

Staff Present:
John Ridout, Senior Transportation Planner
Leda Hinkle, Transportation Planner/GIS Technician
Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

   Leda Hinkle 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.
   Motion: Ruby Brabo; Second: Rupert Farley
   Discussion: None.
   Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval August 14, 2024, CTAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

   Approval of the minutes were differed to the October meeting as the minutes were not linked in the agenda package.

5. **Public Comment:**

   Gavin Gardon of Spotsylvania made a comment thanking the committee for their work and meeting, getting people around the table and bringing ideas together.

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

   John Ridout noted that VDOT was acting about the pavement condition on US 17 at the Caroline/Spotsylvania Line. Linda LeSut of VDOT noted that that area was on the schedule for this year to be repaved. Joe Brito noted that several accidents have occurred near the northbound ramp of Exit 133 and those crashes should be investigated. Al Watkins added that there have been truck-haulers flipping on the southbound exit. Tim Welsh also noted the crash at Exit 130. Ruby Brabo asked about the long delay on the roundabout on Banks Ford and Celebrate.

7. **Action/Discussion Items**

a) **River Crossing Discussion by Al Watkins**

   Al Watkins presented a three-powerpoint discussion about his citizen options for the River Crossing corridors. Al focused on the status of development projects in Stafford County, specifically the Silver Company linked project and the impacts on the options. In addition, he showed maps about potential ideas and reasons for adjusting corridors

focusing on existing infrastructure. The CTAC had an extended discussion about the potential alignments focusing on impacts and cost. Ruby Brabo noted concern about the impacts for those on Greenbank Road, specifically, the likelihood of impacting or taking homes to widen the roadway. Clinton Wells asked how the information would be incorporated into the study. Ian Ollis noted that the actual alignment for the roadways and bridges would be determined by engineers at a later stage. Currently the corridors are for the analysis of the impacts, and VDOT/engineers will take over at the full NEPA stage and could adjust the corridors for various reasons which will include additional community engagement. Besides identifying land use, environmental, or property issues the important part of ongoing analysis is how the corridors connect to the existing road network.

b) **FAMPO River Crossing Parkway Study**

John Ridout presented an update on Michael Baker Inc's River Crossing Parkway Study from information presented to the August Stakeholder meeting looking at the Environmental findings for each corridor. The environmental analysis produced findings comparing the five corridor options and included impacts to property, flood zones, ecologically and culturally sensitive areas, and development. The study looks at a corridor that is about 2.5 as wide as the actual roadway to capture nearby concerns. The CTAC asked several detailed questions and had a robust discussion about the impacts – focusing on the alignment corridors, environmental impacts, and the difficulty with easements as a factor into the decision. CTAC and staff worked together to answer specifics related to the findings. John gave a brief update on the modeling work and noted that the next public meeting will be November 20th. John highlighted that while no option has been removed from consideration, there are options that are looking less likely. Ian Ollis noted that utilizing Greenbank Road is less appealing due to the high impacts on property owners.

c) **TIP Amendments**

The CTAC moved to endorse Resolution 25-07, Resolution 25-05, Resolution 25-06, Resolution 25-08 Resolution 25-09 Resolution 25-10, Resolution 25-11

Motion was made to endorse to the Policy Committee
Motion: Rupert Farley; Second Al Watkins. CTAC held a brief discussion about the history of the Germanna Point Extension (Resolution 25-07) as well as about opening public comment
Motion passed unanimously.

8. Staff Reports

d) **Policy Committee Meeting & TAC**

John Ridout reported that the PC discussed the VPRA additional track expansion and road closures. In addition, the PC discussed noted crash statistics identified by Becky Golden and were also updated on the CTAC road-user cost. The TAC discussed experiences related to submitting for Smartscale, CMAQ/STBG methodology, and learned about the new Travel Demand Model.

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9. **Member Reports**
   a) Rupert noted that he found an interesting article about the failures of American transportation policy that he would like to share with CTAC at the next meeting.

   b) Joe Brito noted he would like to provide CTAC a presentation about the river crossing and trail network for the next meeting.

   c) Tim Welsh noted he bumped into the Governor during a vacation and asked for help with the region's transportation woes. In addition, Tim noted the white flag markers near transportation corridors. Those markers show Verizon fiber optic installations. He noted that relocating utilities is a major transportation cost and that the region should be more aware about where those are being located. He shared the rational for his alternative alignments. The CTAC asked clarifying questions and discussed recent development concerns and right of way concerns. Finally, Tim noted that there is a lack of workers in the construction field leading to delays noted by Ruby in the VDOT report a problem and there is need to fix the workforce issue. The CTAC briefly discussed the workforce.

10. Public Comment: None

There was no public comment.

11. Future Agenda Item

John Ridout noted that Staff would like for CTAC to establish a format within accessibility needs for how member information is formatted and distributed.

Tim asked for an update and information on the George Washington Toll Authority.

12. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting October 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.
Motion: Rupert Farley; Seconded Ruby Brabo:
Motion passed by unanimous consent.

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