CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 09, 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
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
Al Watkins, Stafford County
Clinton Wells, Spotsylvania County
Kevin Wilkinson, Spotsylvania County
Joe Brito, Stafford County
David Fauth, City of Fredericksburg, online.

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
Ruby Brabo, Stafford County
Jason Braaten, Stafford County

Others Present

Linda LaSut, VDOT
Barbara Wright, Stafford County, Celebrate Virginia

Staff Present:

John Ridout, Senior Transportation Planner
Leda Hinkle, Transportation Planner/GIS Technician

1. **Call to Order**

   At 6:03 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 October 9, 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 August 14, 2024 & September 11, 2024, CTAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion was made to approve the Minutes with correction.
   Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: David McLaughlan
   Discussion: Noted to correct the spelling for Linda LaSut's name.
   Motion passed unanimously

5. **Public Comment:**

   Leda Hinkle presented a written comment submitted to FAMPO from jeanette Hernandez Guilleaume asking to additional transportation options for those with special needs in Stafford.

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

   Tim Welsh noted a new pothole in new asphalt on Landsdown Road. It is on the lane heading towards the railroad between Deep Run Creek and the Park Road. Robert Fogg noted frustration of a lack of signage noting that drivers need to perform an alternating merge during lane reductions. More notice needs to be provided to drivers. Tim Welsh noted another fatality on Glenda's Way and Route 2. VDOT has since visited the area but did not have a specific update. Tim suggested that streetlights might help. John Ridout provided the Austin Ridge safe concern follow up with the submitted correction provided by the public. FAMPO staff noted that it would warrant specific study and consideration in the future. Action/Discussion Items

7. **Action/Discussion Items**

a. GWRideConnect Presentation and Report

John Ridout provided a short summary of the purpose and operation of the GWRideConnect program. John Described what a Transportation Demand Management agency accomplishes, recent trends after COVID, and the most recent park-and-ride counts of "Slugging" or informal carpool accomplish. CTAC members questions, including if there was data about the number of carpoolers using the express lanes and noted that there was a GW RideConnect commercial active on the radio.

b. GW Toll Authority

John Ridout provided a link to the Geroge Washington Toll Road Authority legislation and a summary of the 2009 enabling legislature which was tied to the operation of the inactive toll road running parallel to Route 3 between I-95 and Gordon Road. It is an Authority that exist only on paper with no practical application since the road required was never constructed. CTAC asked clarifying questions about the ability to toll, the alignment and corridor and the history in regard to an RTA.

c. TIP Endorsements

TIP item 25-13 was removed from consideration. John Ridout provided a brief synopsis for the TIP actions. David McLaughlin noted that 25-13 allocated 8 vehicles for $250,000 per vehicle, 25-15 noted the public comment at the beginning. David as well as Rupert Farley noted the public comment dates was not defined in a few of the resolutions and was not uniformed. Staff would correct the date consistency.

The CTAC moved to endorse with modification, Resolution 25-14, Resolution 25-15, Resolution 25-16 and Resolution 25-12

Motion was made to endorse to the Policy Committee with modification for comment dates.
Motion: David McLaughlin; Second Yolanda Hipski.
Motion passed unanimously.

d. Calendar Approval

John Ridout provided the initial draft calendar for CTAC meeting for 2025 and in addition offered that the Consultants for the River Crossing would be available in December on the 11th if the CTAC decided to hold an extra meeting

Motion was made to hold a special CTAC meeting on December 11th 2024 at 6:00p.m.
Motion: Yolanda Hipski; Second Al Watkins.
Motion passed unanimously.

e. CTAC Presentation and Agenda Criteria

John Ridout provided the required timeline and data requirements for CTAC member

created materials. John noted that staff did not have a content concern, but PDF was preferred Tim Welsh recommended that CTAC member needed to get materials to Staff at least one week prior to the meeting. Clinton Wells asked if there should be a time limit? A few CTAC member noted that presentations could be complex and would not fit with ridged time requirements. The CTAC discussed the compromises related to limiting time and the discussion. Tim proposed that presentation should keep to 20 minutes with up to 30 minutes for discussion with an option for the CTAC to vote to extend.

8. Staff Reports

a. John Ridout reported that the PC received a River Crossing Update, an analysis of the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality/ Carbon Reduction, and Surface Transportation Block Grant process. FAMPO is looking to approve the Transportation Demand Model with congestion building increasing in 2050 with major updates. The TDM will lead into a new Future Integrated Network Analysis FINA. FAMPO/GWRC was awarded the Safe Streets for All and we are in process of the Functional Classification System update. John provided that the TAC discussed the SmartScale process. Other items were the TDM update and LRTP. Al Watkins noted that the PC was introducing exploring a river crossing between Spotsylvania and Stafford near New Post

9. Member Reports

a. Public Outreach

Tim Welsh asked if anyone was going to the Governor's Transportation Conference. John Ridout noted that Ian would be in attendance. David McLaughlin also noted that the TAC meeting materials were not available yet on the website.

b. Rupert Farley Article

Rupert provided a link to a Slate article about how America Can Break its Highway Addition and it was a two-parter focusing on how we go in this mess and the next steps.

c. Joe Brito's River Crossing Report

Joe provided a presentation to the committee about the River Crossing, including a history of various projects, a synopsis of the options; infrastructure supporting various options; transit offerings, pedestrian amenities, active development projects in the region, environmental and cultural resources. CTAC members asked questions and discussed various factors related to the river crossing, including the role of VDOT and localities acquiring land and proffers from

development projects.

10. Public Comment

Barbara Wright, Vice President of the Celebrate Community made comment that if the River Crossing used the Celebrate Virginia Parkway, it would increase traffic in the community and decrease the serenity of the area. There would be direct impact of the noise and pollution of using the parkway on the community.

11. Future Agenda Items

Tim initially noted that they had a conflict for the next Policy Committee meeting and asked if the Vice Chair Yolanda Hipski could attend. The meeting time was clarified, and Tim was able to attend on October 21st.

John Ridout noted there would be a River Crossing Discussion Part III

Robert Fogg asked for a clarification. Is Caroline County a member? John clarified that technically, Caroline County is not a member jurisdiction of FAMPO but Caroline County are represented for CTAC purposes with voting privileges but can't hold an officer position. Robert noted that they have not participated and was concerned about quorum. John stated that the Caroline representatives are akin to at-large member as they count towards the five-person quorum requirement but do not count towards the jurisdiction requirement for quorum that requires two of the three FAMPO jurisdictions to be present at the meeting.

12. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting November 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.
Motion: Rupert Farley; Seconded Clinton Wells:
Motion passed by unanimous consent.