CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes DRAFT
Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 - 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
Rupert Farley, At-Large
Robert Fogg, Spotsylvania County
Al Watkins, Stafford County
Joe Brito, Stafford County
Ruby Brabo, Stafford County
Denise Flatley, King George
Glenn Goldsmith, Stafford County
TaMara Banks, At-Large (online)
Larry Gross, At-Large (online)
Rebekah Herrin, City of Fredericksburg (online)
David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg (online)
Clinton Wells, Spotsylvania County (online)
Jason Braaten, Stafford County (online)

Committee Members Absent:
Yolanda Hipski, City of Fredericksburg Vice Chair
Justin Chenault, Caroline County
Cassandra Jagroop, City of Fredericksburg
Michael Hoyt, Caroline County
Ken Pogue, Caroline County
James Powell, Stafford County
Matthew Rowe, City of Fredericksburg
Rodney Thomas, At-Large
David Fauth, City of Fredericksburg
Kevin Wilkinson, Spotsylvania County

Others Present
Lucy Torres (online)
Barbara Wright, Stafford County, Celebrate Virginia (online)
Elizabeth Spragins (online)

Staff Present:
John Ridout, Senior Transportation Planner
Leda Hinkle, Transportation Planner/GIS Technician

Eugene Hlaing, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator
Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator (online)

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 determined that a quorum was present.

3. **Approval of the January 8th, 2025, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion was made to approve the agenda.
   Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: Denise Flatley
   Discussion: None.
   Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of the December 11th, 2024, Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion was made to approve with correction.
   Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: Allen Watkins
   Discussion: None
   Abstentions: Ruby Brabo
   Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Comment:** None

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

   Rupert Farley mentioned out of sequence traffic lights on Route 3 and Tim Welsh remarked on the signal timing at Southpoint. John Ridout noted a comment made to them about the timing at Central Park Boulevard and Route 3 and the light timing not allowing traffic to clear.

7. **Action/Discussion Items**

   a. **FAMPO Public Outreach and Website Updates**

      Eugene Hlaing presented the report on public involvement from the past calendar year. He shared FAMPO's growth in social media following, the mailing list, and summarized the in-person events attended. He also reviewed the work-in-progress website updates and finished his presentation soliciting feedback/input from CTAC members.

      Ms. Brabo asked about the goal/purpose and information shared at in-person events. Mr. Hlaing answered that people are typically uninformed about what FAMPO is, and

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he mostly shares introductory information.

Ms. Brabo recommended that FAMPO attend the Fredericksburg Area Realtors Association Expo held in September.

Joe Brito asked how many survey responses FAMPO received for the river crossing study. John Ridout answered that the 1,500 responses was an impressive number for engagement.

TaMara Banks announced her intention to share her list of public involvement events with Mr. Hlaing.

Glenn Goldsmith asked if the website update would be mobile compliant. Mr. Hlaing answered that it would be.

b. River Crossing Survey and Endorsement Option

i) Dr. Ridout reviewed the public outreach for the River Crossing, including the public meeting held in November. He also provided an initial summary of survey responses. In his summary, he reviewed the geographic distribution of survey responses, how respondents were notified of the survey, how many respondents work, live, or travel through the region, frequency of river crossings, and crossing alternative preferences.

The committee briefly discussed the mechanics of the survey, and Dr. Ridout finished by describing the next steps in the study.

Motion to amend the agenda to reorder Allen Watkin's presentation before the committee decides on a crossing endorsement.

Motion: Ruby Brabo; Second: Tim Welsh
Motion passed unanimously.

ii) Allen Watkins presented his review of the river crossing alternatives and the consultants' evaluation (in terms of the environment, traffic and operations, and public support) of these alternatives. He presented detailed alignment possibilities considering existing roadways, development plans, and landscape characteristics. He proposed certain considerations for the various alternatives, including bicycle/pedestrian needs and roadway safety, and he presented several "citizens'" options against the existing study alternatives.

The committee had much in-depth discussion about the presentation. Ian Ollis identified the flaw in Mr. Watkins' critique of the consultants: he failed to raise his concerns and address his questions to the consultants when they had presented to the CTAC. Mr. Ollis offered to forward a list of questions from Mr. Watkins, and anyone else on the committee, to the consultants for them to address.

The committee discussed the various options and what their role would be advising the Policy Committee. Ms. Brabo emphasized the committee's

responsibility to advise the Policy Committee and encouraged the committee to vote to officially endorse an option.

Clinton Wells motioned to not endorse any of the options and to consider other options. After the vote began, Mr. Wells withdrew his motion.

Ms. Brabo then motioned to endorse option C considering potential modifications.

Motion: Ruby Brabo; Second: Jason Braaten
Discussion:

Rupert Farley voiced his disapproval of a river crossing. The committee discussed the alternatives further. Ms. Brabo defended option C as a compromise appeasing Spotsylvania County. The committee discussed Spotsylvania county's involvement in the river crossing and the crossing options.

Motion to endorse option C considering potential modifications passed with a roll call vote:

Tim Welsh: Aye
TaMara Banks: Abstain
Jason Braaten: Aye
Ruby Brabo: Aye
Joe Brito: Nay
Rupert Farley: Nay
Denise Flatley: Aye
Robert Fogg: Aye
Glenn Goldsmith: Nay
Larry Gross: Nay
Rebekah Herrin: Aye
Allen Watkins: Aye

c. CTAC Future Topics for Consideration

Chair Welsh and Dr. Ridout asked the committee to consider what future topics they would like to discuss in future CTAC meetings and send them to Dr. Ridout.

8. Staff Reports

a. Dr. Ridout described Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ), Carbon Reduction (CR), and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds and how they have previously been allocated by FAMPO throughout the region. He summarized the upcoming Technical Advisory Committee meeting that would workshop a new allocation methodology.

Rupert Farley recommended that population per road mileage should determine the allocation of CMAQ/CR/STBG funds to reward efficient use of roadways.

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9. Public Comment

Roslyn Reeder commented that the committee discounted public input from the community at Celebrate by Del Webb. She claimed that, rather than noise or any other consequence of a crossing, safety was the primary concern for her community.

10. Future Agenda Items

11. Adjourn/Next CTAC Special Meeting December 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.
Motion: Rupert Farley; Second: Allen Watkins
Motion passed by unanimous consent.

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