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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Monday, February 3, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
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Committee Members Present:
Chair Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County
First Vice Chair, Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
Second Vice Chair Matthew Lehane, Stafford County
Adam Derrick, Stafford County (online)
Amy Garbarini, DRPT
Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Catherine Coffey, PE, VDOT
Kate Gibson, GWRideConnect
Linda LaSut
Matt Bewley, DRPT
Melody Fowler, FXBGO! (online)
Mike Craig, City of Fredericksburg
Nick Ruiz, VRE
Robert Schneider, PRTC (online)
Rodney White, Spotsylvania County

Committee Members Absent:
Bryon Counsell, Stafford County
Chelsea Beytas, FTA
Christine Hoeffner, VRE
Chris Clarke, King George
Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Craig Reed, FXBGO!
Daniel Koenig, FTA
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Joe Stainsby, PRTC
Khapel Akbari, Stafford County
Kimberly Cook, King George County
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Leon Hughes, Caroline County
Mohamed Benomar, Spotsylvania County
Shannon Fennell, Spotsylvania County
Steven Minor, FHWA
Todd Horsley, DRPT

Others Present:
Al Watkins, CTAC, Stafford County Citizen
Will Montgomery, VRE

Cassy Lord, VDOT (online)

Staff Present:
Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager
John Ridout, Senior Transportation Planner
Eugene Hlaing, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator
Leda Hinkle, GIS Technician/Transportation Planner
Kari Eaves, Transportation Program Manager

1. **Call Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to Order**

   The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am by Chair Agnello

2. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

   Ms. Leda Hinkle conducted roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

   Chair Agnello directed the committee to review items 7a and 7b and then return to all previous items once more members arrived.

   Following the review of items 7a and 7b, the committee returned to item 2 and Ms. Leda Hinkle conducted a second roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

3. **Approval of the February 3, 2025, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion was made to approve the February 3 Agenda.
   Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Matthew Lehane
   Abstentions: None

4. **Public Comment**

   There were no public comments.

5. **Consent Agenda**

   a. Approval of the January 13, 2025, TAC Meeting Minutes **(ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion was made to Approve the January 13, 2025, Consent Agenda.
   Motion: Matthew Lehane; Second: Mike Craig
   Abstentions: None
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

6. **TIP Amendments & Modifications**
   a) Endorse Resolution 25-26 Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust funding for FRT0018 FXBGO!'s Security & Fiber Project **(ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion was made to Endorse Resolution 25-25.

Motion: Mike Craig; Second: Nick Ruiz
Abstentions: None
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

7. Action/Discussion Items

a) VRE Master Agreement Survey – Mr. Nick Ruiz

Following the decision to review items 7a and 7b after item 2, Mr. Nick Ruiz decided to present 7b first.

Mr. Ruiz reviewed the VRE Master Agreement Survey presentation after the committee had reconducted the rollcall and continued down the agenda items as usual. Mr. Ruiz presented why and how VRE conducts the annual survey and the survey results.

The committee moved on to item 7c.

b) VRE Leeland Road Station Improvements and Parking Expansion & Brooke Station Improvements: Cost Estimates, Status and Schedule – Mr. Nick Ruiz

Following Item 2, Mr. Nick Ruiz reviewed the Leeland Road Parking Expansion plan. VRE proposed to OIPI that the project be canceled as VRE does not feel the project is the best use of capital funds with the expected ridership of the VRE. VRE proposed that SMART SCALE funding be reallocated to the Leeland Road and Brooke Station Improvement projects and is waiting for OIPI's approval on the proposal. Mr. Lehane clarified that parking lot development has not occurred on the nearby property, and the Committee discussed how VRE is unsure what will happen to ridership because there are competing proposals to significantly reduce the federal workforce. The committee discussed the future of VRE ridership, development and ownership of the parking expansion land, and the Leeland Road and Brooke Station Improvement projects that the funds will be reallocated to. Mr. Ollis asked if conversations about funding between VRE and GWRC referred to swapping $499,654 of CMAQ funding with 5307 funding. Mr. Ruiz directed Mr. Ollis' question to Ms. Christine Hoeffner, who was not present at the TAC meeting. Mr. Ruiz will review the funding methods used for the Brooke Station Improvements. FAMPO will not need to take action in order for VRE to reallocate funding to the proposed Station Improvements. Chair Agnello proposed allocating a portion of CMAQ funds to GWRideConnect. FAMPO does not have a funding source to hire a consultant to scenario plan for the LRTP.

The committee moved back to Item 2, and Ms. Leda Hinkle conducted a second roll call.

c) Endorse Resolution 25-27 Directing a Public Comment Period for a Modification to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) **(ACTION ITEM)** – Ms. Becky Golden
   1. Summary of Modifications
   2. Chapter 2 - Goals & Objectives Accessibility Edits
   3. Chapter 5 - Transportation Demand Management (Ridesharing and Vanpools)
   4. Appendix C - Active Transportation Plan

Motion was made to Endorse Resolution 25-27.
Motion: Matthew Lehane; Second: Rodney White

Abstentions: None
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

d) SMART SCALE Round 6 Summary – Ms. Kari Eaves
   1. SMART SCALE Round 6 OIPI Staff Recommended Scenario Results

VAMPO has decided to send a letter to CTB and OIPI to suggest that MPOs be able to comment on the Technical Guide. Ms. Kari Eaves reviewed major changes to scoring, compared FY 2026 results to prior years, funding distribution across districts in Round 6, and reviewed the funded applications in the Fredericksburg district. The committee discussed how changes in scoring impacted various projects and the reasons for the reduction in High-Priority Projects Program funding. Chair Agnello noted that he does not anticipate increases in funding for SMART SCALE projects. The committee reviewed the projects that were submitted and requested that Ms. Eaves continue to analyze the submitted projects. FAMPO and locality staff requested that VDOT provide more information about studies being conducted in advance. The committee agreed that the changes in SMART SCALE disadvantage the region's projects, and the region must work closer together to improve the chances of receiving funding. Prior to SMART SCALE Round 7, FAMPO would like to host a workshop to discuss locality submissions and improve regional cooperation.

e) CMAQ/CR/STBG Workshop
   1. CMAQ/CR/STBG Allocations Update
   2. TPB Letter to FAMPO Responding to Federal Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Recommendations
   3. FAMPO / National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) MOU

Dr. John Ridout presented the CMAQ/CR/STBG Allocations Update. Dr. Ridout reviewed the current breakdown of CMAQ/CR/STBG methodology and then presented the potential formulas FAMPO could use to allocate funding. Mr. Ollis clarified that using a new methodology, FAMPO would only screen whether submitted projects are eligible for funding, but jurisdictions may choose how much funding each project receives. The committee discussed the benefits of choosing a new methodology and the disadvantages of the current methodology. FXBGO! and VRE confirmed their preference for a methodology based on DVMT. VDOT did not provide input, as they believe the choice of new methodology must be a decision discussed and made by the committee.

The committee will seek the Policy Committee's input and revisit the subject during the March meeting.

8. Staff Reports

- 2025 Safety Performance Target Letter

When FAMPO updates the CLRP, the TAC will review a list of the top safety concerns in the GWRC/FAMPO region to ensure that current projects will alleviate the safety issues of those locations.

Motion was made to approve the 2025 Safety Performance Target Letter.
Motion: Matthew Lehane; Second: Jamie Jackson
Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

- MPO Transportation Planning Process Self Certification Statement

9. Adjourn/Next TAC Meeting: March 3, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned 11:40 a.m.

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