Chris Clarke, Chair
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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, March 6th, 2025, – 6:00 p.m.

https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/ 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg VA 22401

Committee Members Present:
Chris Clarke, King George County
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Rachel Inman, Alternate, VDOT
Brian Ogle, Stafford County
Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Matthew Lehane, Stafford
Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg

Committee Members Present (remotely, with virtual participation request):
Aaron Frank, City of Fredericksburg Citizen Representative

Committee Members Not Present:
Debe Fults, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)
Brian Geouge, Alternate, Stafford County
Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Paul Agnello, Alternate, Spotsylvania County
Matthew Decatur, Alternate, Spotsylvania County
Jim Lynch, Potomac Heritage Trail Association (PHTA) and Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail (DRHT)
Deborah Lately, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)
Max Steinbaum, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance (FredTrails)
Kevin Brown, Citizen At-Large

Staff Present:
Kari Eaves, Transportation Program Manager
Leda Hinkle, GIS Analyst/Planner I

1. **Call BPAC Meeting to Order**
   Vice Chair Clarke called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**
   Ms. Hinkle called the roll.

3. **Approval of January 9th, 2025, BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
   Motion was made to approve the March 6th, 2025, BPAC agenda
   Motion: Mr. Pastwik; Second: Mr. Lehane
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of January 9th, 2025, BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION**

ITEM)
Motion was made to approve the January 9th, 2025, BPAC meeting minutes with corrections.
Motion: Mr. Pastwik; Second: Mr. Lehane
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. **Public Involvement**
   a. ***LRTP update Public Comment***
   Ms. Eaves notified the committee that the Public Comment period was open for the Long-Range Transportation Plan mini-update to Chapters 2, 5, and Appendix C, the Active Transportation Plan, and directed them to submit comments to the FAMPO website, via email, or in person at committee meetings.
6. **Public Comment**
   There was no public comment.

7. **Discussion/Action Items**
   a. SMART SCALE Update - Kari Eaves
   Ms. Eaves gave an update on the preliminary results for SMART SCALE Round 6 and summarized initial staff analysis. She explained the funding and scoring differences for this versus previous rounds and reviewed the characteristics of funded projects in the region and the rest of the state. Lastly, she highlighted the bicycle and pedestrian components of local funded projects in Spotsylvania with the help of Mr. Pastwik, who added extensive details. The committee discussed the need for more facilities in these locations and the region in general.
   Ms. Eaves concluded with remarks on the overall performance of regional applications and announced an upcoming staff workshop to plan for Round 7.

   b. Election of Vice Chair (ACTION ITEM)- Chair Chris Clarke

   This item carried over from the January meeting. Chair Clarke reminded the committee that Ms. Jamie Jackson had volunteered to serve as Vice Chair if no one else stepped forward. The Committee did not nominate any other members and agreed to Ms. Jackson's offer of service.

   Motion: Ms. Jackson; Second: Mr. Pastwik
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

   c. Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Program Report and Potential Sites- Leda Hinkle

   Ms. Hinkle gave a report on the two counters, the fixed location VDOT counter at Chatham Bridge and the FAMPO mobile counter which is being placed at requested sites. For the latter she presented data collected at Smith Run Trail, Hospitality Lane, VCR Trail at Legacy Woods, and Chatham Heights Road at Kings Highway.
   She then presented a proposal for a two-year schedule of approximately 25 sites between the three jurisdictions, monitored twice a year in different seasons. She asked the committee the types of sites they'd like to focus on-new sites such as desire paths, network gaps, or established trails.

She also introduced Strava Metro, another tool that could be used to determine popular bicycle routes and explore regional trends. Ms. Hinkle concluded by stressing the need for and viability of alternative modes of transportation citing Covid-19's impacts on cycling, projected congestion in the FAMPO Travel Demand Model (showing the region's travel times increasing even as daily trip distances decrease), and the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) bicyclist design user profiles.
The committee discussed possible sites for the counter, focusing on those that would support future funding applications.

d. BPAC Bylaws Approval (ACTION ITEM)- Chair Chris Clarke

Chair Clarke led the committee through a final review of the bylaws.
Bylaws were approved as amended.
Motion: Mr. Lehane Second: Mr. Pastwik
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9. Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

10. Member Reports

Mr. Pennington reported that the Ladysmith Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, produced by GWRC through the Rural Work Program, was being presented to the Caroline Board of Supervisors.
Mr. Pastwik, Mr. Pennington, and Ms. Eaves discussed the need to formally reroute the East Coast Greenway down US 1.

Mr. Ogle reported that he would bring the LRTP back to the University of Mary Washington Sustainability Council.

Ms. Anderson reported that Bike to Work Day is May 16th and she would like to encourage any business interested to partner with GWRideConnect on their initiative.

Ms. Inman reported that VDOT had just had their Revenue Sharing Webinar and that the recording should be available shortly, and that their Transportation Alternatives Preapplication Webinar would be the following Wednesday, the 19th.

Mr. Frank reported that the Pathways Committee is working with the city staff on the Comprehensive Plan update and the Downtown Traffic Study to evaluate turning some of the one-way streets into two way, as well as opportunities for more bike facilities, for adoption this spring.

Chair Clarke reported that Ms. Eaves had appeared before the King George County Board of Supervisors last Tuesday and they had approved the Dahlgren Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan 4 to 1 and had also approved a Resolution of Support for the Rural Technical Advisory Committee. He said the [Dahlgren Naval] Base was very excited about the plan.

11. Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting / Next meeting **May 8th, at 6:00 pm**

    Motion was made to adjourn the March 6th, BPAC Meeting at 8:03 pm.
    Motion: Ms. Anderson Second: Mr. Pennington
    Motion passed with unanimous consent.