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FAMPO
Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Lori Hayes
Chair

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POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
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Committee Members Present: *(V) indicates voting member*
Ms. Lori Hayes, Chair Spotsylvania County (V)
Dr. Will Mackintosh, First Vice-City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, Second Vice-Chair Stafford County (V) (remote attendance)
Mr. Jonathan Gerlach, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Jannan Holmes, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. Drew Mullins, Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Spotsylvania County (V)
Dr. Pamela Yeung, Stafford County (V)
Ms. Meg Bohmke, Stafford County (V)
Mr. David "Sully" Sullins, alternate King George County (remote attendance)
Ms. Laura Sellers, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
Ms. Cathie Coffey, alternate Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Marcie Parker, Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Dr. Robert Schneider, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)(V)
Ms. Jamie Jackson, Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!)
Ms. Cathy Binder, King George County (remote attendance)
Mr. Chris Clarke, Chair BPAC
Ms. Donna Cloniger, alternate VDOT
Ms. Yolanda Hipski, CTAC, Vice-Chair, Designated CTAC Representative

Committee Members Absent:
Mr. David Brown, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. Jacob Lane, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Gerald Childress, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Jason Graham, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. Deuntay Diggs, alternate Stafford County (V)
Mr. Joe Stainsby, alternate PRTC (V)
Mr. Timothy Welsh, Chair CTAC
Ms. Melody Fowler, alternate Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!)
Mr. Steven Minor, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Mr. Ivan Rucker, alternate Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Mr. Daniel Koenig, Federal Highway Administration (FTA)
Ms. Chelsea Beytas, alternate Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Ms. Amy Garbarini, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Mr. Todd Horsley, alternate Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Ms. Nancy Long, Caroline County
Mr. Jeffrey Black, alternate Caroline County

Others Present:
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Ms. Linda LaSut, VDOT
Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County (Remote Attendance)
Mr. Al Wilson, Stafford County Resident
Mr. Allen Watkins, CTAC Representative
Mr. Brad Shelton, Michael Baker International Inc.
Mr. Paul Prideaux, Michael Baker International Inc.
Ms. Kecia Evans
Mr. Joe Brito, Stafford County Resident, CTAC Member

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

1. **Call Policy Committee Meeting to Order**
   Chair Lori Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   Chair Hayes led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**
   Mr. Hlaing conducted roll call and determined a quorum present.

   Motion to approve Crystal Vanuch to attend the April 21st Policy Committee meeting remotely.

   Motion: Pamela Yeung; Second: Drew Mullins
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of the April 21, 2025, Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion to approve the agenda amending the order of items as captured in these minutes.

   Motion: Meg Bohmke; Second: Will Mackintosh
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. **Public Hearing**

   The public hearings to consider Resolution 25-31 Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-32 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for UPC FRT0026 for FXBGO!'s Central Facility Office Renovation and Resolution 25-32 Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project: UPC 123903 Harrison Road Widening Study were opened and held. No comments were received.

6. Public Involvement

Joe Brito spoke to Stafford County's need for an alternate north/south corridor through the county west of I-95. He emphasized how such a corridor would reduce congestion. He requested the opportunity for a more thorough presentation to the Policy Committee, citing his representation of 5,000 people. The policy committee discussed his role on the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee and the possibility of him presenting again to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Hlaing read aloud comments received from Tiffany Nguyen, Lee Truslow, and Shannon. Tiffany commented "bus routes and sidewalk!" and Lee commented that their transportation concerns were buses, bikes, and pedestrian options. Shannon commented on the deteriorating condition of road markings on I-95 at exit 136.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of March 17, 2025, Policy Committee Meeting Minutes **(ACTION ITEM)**

b. Resolution 25-28 Adopting a Modification to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) **(ACTION ITEM)**

c. Resolution 25-31 Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for UPC FRT0026 for FXBGO!'s Central Facility Office Renovation **(ACTION ITEM)**

d. Resolution 25 – 32 Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project: UPC 123903 Harrison Road Widening Study **(ACTION ITEM)**

e. Resolution 25-34 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for UPC FRT003 Bike Racks, ITS or Miscellaneous Equipment **(ACTION ITEM)**

f. Resolution 25-38 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program to Approve Deprogramming of FY25 FHWA PL funds for Utilization in FY26 **(ACTION ITEM)**

g. Letter of Support for Spotsylvania County's FY 2026 Community Project Funding Request for the I-95 / Exit 126 Southbound On Ramp Project **(ACTION ITEM)**

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i. Letter of Support for Spotsylvania County's FY 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for the Germanna Point Drive Extension Project **(ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the April 21st, 2025, Consent Agenda with item c to be voted on separately later.

Motion: Meg Bohmke; Second: Drew Mullins
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

8. Action/Discussion Items

FAMPO Rappahannock River Crossing Parkway Alternatives Study

1. CTAC River Crossing Presentation

   Mr. Allen Watkins presented a video he created sharing the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee's preferred river crossing. His video discussed planned developments, environmental impacts, and travel demand implications for each crossing option. The CTAC preferred option was a modified option C. The option was modified to pass through Cannon Ridge in Stafford and cross the river further south, where option D crosses. The presentation also proposed an additional crossing that connects to Route 3 further west. The committee discussed the proposal, land ownership in the area, and conservation easements. The committee also discussed the role of the state and identified the next steps after selecting a preferred crossing alignment that would involve a more thorough NEPA process.

2. City of Fredericksburg Technology Overlay District

   Ms. Jamie Jackson presented the Technology Overlay District rezoning approved by the city. She shared the language that encourages future development in the TOD to reserve right of way to support a future river crossing.

3. Consultant Recommendation and Update

   Mr. Brad Shelton of Michael Baker International presented the rankings of each river crossing option in terms of intersection delay, travel demand, conservation and recreation, public input, impact to water resources, cultural resources, and built and planned developments. Finally, he presented the cumulative ranking of the river crossing options. Option B-1 scored the highest and is the consultant preferred option. Options A, B-2, and C followed (in that order) and should all be considered as viable. Option D is not recommended and should be screened out.

   The consultant's remaining task is to develop a detailed sketch and cost estimate for a river crossing option. FAMPO will have to proceed with the consultant recommended option or vote for a locally preferred option to proceed.

   The committee discussed the consultant's work throughout the duration of the study leading up to this presentation. They discussed the opportunity and quality of public input, concerns over funding sources, and the purpose and need of a river crossing.

   Committee members from each jurisdiction agreed that they would like to discuss the options with their boards and develop a local position. Members will return to the June Policy Committee meeting ready to act.

9. Motion to approve Resolution 25-31 Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for UPC FRT0026 for FXBGO!'s Central Facility Office Renovation **(ACTION ITEM)**

Motion: Will Mackintosh; Second: Lori Hayes
Motion passed unanimously.

10. Resolution 25-33 Directing a Public Comment Period for the Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program **(ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Ollis shared some of what FAMPO staff have accomplished in the FY25 work program and work tasks included in the FY26 draft work program. He inquired whether a New Post River Crossing study and scenario planning should remain in the FY26 UPWP. Chair Hayes advised him to remove the New Post River Crossing study. The committee directed a public comment period without removing Scenario Planning and adding investigation of transportation planning impacts on the river basin within the FAMPO region.

Motion: Meg Bohmke; Second: Drew Mullins
Motion passed unanimously.

11. (Number 8 on the Agenda) FAMPO Administrator Report

In his administrator report, Mr. Ollis updated the committee on the region's SS4A grant contract, collaboration with locality staff for potential new projects, and collaboration with VDOT for potential shoulder hardening candidates on the 2026 paving schedule. He reviewed the application timelines for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Revenue Sharing. Finally, he announced the upcoming VDOT FY26-2031 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) meeting and solicited committee member attendance.

12. Board Member and Chair Comments

Ms. Marcie Parker alerted the committee that it was National Work Zone Awareness Week.

Ms. Parker announced that she will be in a new role in VDOT Central Office working directly with the Chief Deputy Commissioner. Her last Policy Committee meeting will be in May. Mr. Ollis thanked her for her work in the region and the committee congratulated her on her new role.

13. Motion to Adjourn the March 17, 2025 Policy Committee meeting

Motion: Chris Yakabouski; Second: Jannan Holmes
The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.