TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 7, 2025 – 9:30 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 (online)
Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Catherine Coffey, PE, VDOT
Kate Gibson, GWRideConnect
Chris Clarke, King George
Linda LaSut, VDOT
Melody Fowler, FXBGO!
Nick Ruiz, VRE
Rodney White, Spotsylvania County

Committee Members Absent:
Bryon Counsell, Stafford County
Chelsea Beytas, FTA
Christine Hoeffner, VRE
Craig Reed, FXBGO!
Craig Pennington, Caroline County
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
Todd Horsley, DRPT
Mohamed Benomar, Spotsylvania County
Steven Minor, FHWA (online)
Mike Craig, City of Fredericksburg
Robert Schneider, PRTC (online)
Shannon Fennell, Spotsylvania County
Todd Horsley, DRPT

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

Donna Cloninger, VDOT
Josh Crump, City of Fredericksburg

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

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

   The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by Chair Agnello

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

   Mr. Eugene Hlaing conducted roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

3. **Approval of the April 7, 2025, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion was made to approve the April 7, 2025 Agenda.
   Motion: Matthew Lehane; Second: Rodney White
   Abstentions: None

4. **Public Comment**

   There were no public comments.

5. **Consent Agenda**

   a. Approval of the March 3, 2025, TAC Meeting Minutes **(ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion was made to Approve the March 3, 2025, Consent Agenda.
   Motion: Matthew Lehane; Second: Basam Amin
   Abstentions: None
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

6. **TIP Amendments & Modifications**
   a) Endorse 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 **(ACTION ITEM)**

   b) Endorse 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)**

   c) Endorse 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)**

Motion was made to Endorse Resolution 25-31, 25-32, and 25-34.
Motion: Matthew Lehane; Second: Melody Fowler
Abstentions: None
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

7. Action/Discussion Items

a) Endorse Resolution 25-33 Directing a Public Comment Period for the Draft Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program **(ACTION ITEM)** – Ms. Becky Golden & Mr. Ian Ollis

As FAMPO has not received the final FY26 DRPT 5303 budget amounts, Mr. Ian Ollis estimated the amounts in the UPWP based on the FY25 UPWP budget. Due to funds that have rolled over from FY25, the budget has increased; at a lower rate than in previous years, however. Mr. Ollis noted that $70,000 has been included in the UPWP for scenario planning that will be in the next LRTP. Mr. Ollis informed the committee that the budget will be updated, and he would like the UPWP to be released for public comment while FAMPO waits for the final amounts.

The committee discussed the amount allocated for scenario planning. Chair Agnello stated that while he supports opening public comment for the UPWP, the support does not extend to the amount allocated for scenario planning. Ms. LaSut informed staff of the process necessary for FY25 deprogrammed funds to be approved. The adopted FY25 UPWP needs to be updated to reflect the adjusted funding. Staff will initiate the process to accomplish this including the necessary public hearing and Mr. Ollis estimated it will take about two months for the revised FY25 UPWP to be adopted and sent to VDOT.

Motion was made to Endorse Resolution 25-33.
Motion: Nick Ruiz; Second: Kate Gibson;
Abstentions: None
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

b) CMAQ / CR / STBG Funding Adjustments – Dr. John Ridout & Mr. Ian Ollis
   i) CMAQ / CR / STBG Funding Adjustments Message from VDOT
   ii) GWRC Resolution 25-20 Allocating Vanpool Alliance Section 5307 Funding to Brooke Station Improvements Project
   iii) GWRC Resolution 25-21 Giving Executive Director Discretion Over Vanpool Alliance Section 5307 Funding for Leeland Road and Brooke Station Improvements Projects
   iv) Summary Presentation
   v) Draft proposals to adjust CMAQ/CR/STBG to account for shortfall – Spreadsheet

FAMPO will see a reduction in CMAQ / CR / STBG funding from FY26-FY31. 5307 Funds will displace the CMAQ funds for the Brooke Station Improvements Project. Dr. Ridout presented the funding reductions across FY26-FY31, noting that the largest reductions will be made in FY26 and FY27. Dr. Ridout reviewed the funding awarded and projects funded

in FY24 and presented the process of rebalancing the CMAQ / CR / STBG funds. Dr. Ridout presented two options for rebalancing the funds by reallocating when funding is awarded. Between FY25-31, Option 1 pulls funding into the later years to free up FY26-FY29 STBG funds, while Option 2 pulls funding into the earlier years and frees up FY31 funds for a future call for projects. Dr. Ridout provided a spreadsheet using both methods to adjust CMAQ/CR/STBG funding for committee members to review. The committee discussed the amount of reduced funding, the impact of reallocation on Stafford County projects, and how the spreadsheet is calculated in anticipation for the forthcoming changes to the CMAQ/CR/STBG funding allocation methodology. FAMPO will place any reminder of funds into the Balance Entry but requested that VDOT inform FAMPO if they determine that the remainder amount should be placed elsewhere. Dr. John Ridout will amend Option 2 to reallocate funds between Stafford County's projects with Mr. Lehane's input.

Motion was made to Endorse Option 2.
Motion: Mathew Lehane; Second: Nick Ruiz;
Amendments: Move funding from Mine Road projects to Garrisonville Road and fully allocate the remainder of CMAQ/CR/STBG funds.
Abstentions: None
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

c) CMAQ / CR / STBG Methodology Initial Draft – Dr. John Ridout
   i) Summary Presentation
   ii) Strikethrough CMAQ / CR / STBG Methodology --- Clean Version

   Dr. John Ridout presented the new methodology (using 50% total population and 50% urbanized population), the updates made to the CMAQ/CR Project Selection Process document, and the parts of the process that will stay the same. Mr. Ollis emphasized that FAMPO will not score locality projects but will score transit projects competitively. Committee members will send FAMPO their edits and input within the next three weeks. Around September, FAMPO will ask for projects and confirm that projects comply with federal regulations. While the allocation process is different the project submission process will remain similar compared to previous rounds. The committee further discussed the allocation process for existing projects and transit projects.

d) VTrans Needs Update – Ms. Kari Eaves

   Ms. Kari Eaves presented highlights from two recent OIPI presentations. She reviewed eligible VTrans needs for three travel markets and asked the committee to consider how many FAMPO Round 6 Applications were at Priority 1 or 2 locations and how well the Performance-Based Planning Metrics capture the region's priorities. As the last VTrans meetings were held pre-Covid, Ms. Eaves pointed out that MPOs no longer have meaningful input into the VTrans Needs process. Ms. Eaves presented the metrics used to determine VTrans Needs and asked committee members to consider how well the metrics reflect the needs of their jurisdictions. She advised the committee to ensure that OIPI had received any updates to their UDA designations and to refer to the policy guide when making their comments.

Chair Agnello concurred with Ms. Eaves and expressed a desire for VAMPO to provide the collective input of various regions' MPOs. Mr. Lehane suggested FAMPO add a line item in the UPWP Mid-Term Needs Analysis to use the same methodology used for roads on the TMC segments to see if they would then qualify for congestion. Ms. Eaves will follow up with Ms. Jackson once she receives correspondence from OIPI regarding her questions about pedestrian safety in Fredericksburg.
Mr. Ollis informed the committee that VAMPO's draft letter to OIPI expresses their disappointment with their process of developing the SMART SCALE Technical Guide and their inability to comment. Chair Agnello confirmed the committee would like to include their discussion regarding the lack of MPO input into VTrans Needs in the VAMPO draft letter to OIPI.

8. Correspondence

- Department of Conservation and Recreation Review Letter of the Rappahannock River Crossing Parkway Study & MBI Summary

The letter recognizes natural resources in the area that must be investigated during the full NEPA process. Mr. Ollis noted that the letter is not prohibitive of any river crossing option.

9. Staff Reports

- FY25 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Notice of Funding Opportunity Deadline for Applications June 26th

Although FAMPO has already sent a completed draft contract to FHWA, FAMPO is able to apply for a new SS4A grant. Mr. Ollis has asked Ms. Becky Golden to do further research into the projects that are applicable for funding. The committee discussed the previous grant applications and requirements.

- TAP & Revenue Sharing Application Timeline – Pre-Applications due May 30th; Full Applications due August 15th
- FY2026-2031 Six-Year Improvement Program - Spring Meeting May 6th 4:00 p.m. VDOT Fredericksburg District Auditorium, 86 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Mr. Ollis encouraged members to inform elected officials of the May 6th meeting and offer them talking points to discuss with VDOT. Ms. Linda LaSut noted that comments may also be submitted online.

- Rural TAC

Ms. Kari Eaves presented the purpose and benefits of the Rural TAC, a new committee which will begin meeting in Q1 FY26 comprised of King George and Caroline Counties. Spotsylvania has expressed an interest in participating in the committee due to its large rural area with similar concerns. Ms. Eaves responded that the meetings will be public and anyone may attend, however, the committee is being established with Rural SPR funding, which can only be used for the non-FAMPO jurisdictions of PDC16. She acknowledged that there were rural transportation issues in Spotsylvania and Stafford more akin to those in

Caroline and King George, however. Mr. Ollis proposed that once the committee is fully established, a discussion can be had on inviting staff representatives from FAMPO jurisdictions and allocating appropriate funding for that purpose.

- I-395 / 95 Commuter Choice Public Comment Period - Now Open
- Meeting with FAMPO staff & VDOT Transportation and Mobility Division – TDM

10. Agency Reports

- Pipeline & STARS Studies for GWRC localities – VDOT
    - Caroline County Ladysmith Road (SR 639) / I-95 Bridge STARS
    - New Pipeline Studies:
        - Fall Hill Avenue from Mary Washington Boulevard to Washington Avenue/Germania Street (City of Fredericksburg)
        - Route 218 from Route 694 to Bloomsbury Road (King George County)
        - Mine Road from Exeter Lane to Juggins Road Connector (Stafford County)
        - US 17 from Massaponax Church Road to Caroline County Line (Spotsylvania County)
        - Stafford Plaza Drive from US 17 to Truslow Road and Truslow Road from Stafford Plaza Drive to Berea Church Road (Stafford County)

Ms. Linda LaSut presented the intention and purpose of active VDOT studies in the GWRC/FAMPO region. Ms. LaSut noted the upcoming data collection and field visit dates; committee members may attend if they are interested. Ms. LaSut presented the timeline for Project Pipeline Program Round 3.

Mr. Nick Ruiz introduced Will Montgomery as the new primary TAC VRE representative.

Adjourned 11:36 a.m.

11. Adjourn/Next TAC Meeting: May 5, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.