# TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Monday, May 5, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
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**Committee Members Present:**
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
Chris Clarke, King George
Daniel Koenig, FTA (online)
Josh Crump, City of Fredericksburg
Kate Gibson, GWRideConnect
Leon Hughes, Caroline County
Linda LaSut, VDOT
Melody Fowler, FXBGO!
Rodney White, Spotsylvania County
Steven Minor, FHWA (online)
Will Montgomery, VRE

**Committee Members Absent:**
Chair Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County
First Vice Chair, Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
Bryon Counsell, Stafford County
Chelsea Beytas, FTA
Christine Hoeffner, VRE
Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Craig Reed, FXBGO!
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Joe Stainsby, PRTC
Khapel Akbari, Stafford County
Kimberly Cook, King George County
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Mike Craig, City of Fredericksburg
Mohamed Benomar, Spotsylvania County
Nick Ruiz, VRE
Robert Schneider, PRTC
Shannon Fennell, Spotsylvania County
Todd Horsley, DRPT
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**Others Present:**
Al Watkins, CTAC, Stafford County Citizen
Donna Cloninger, VDOT

**Staff Present:**
Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager
John Ridout, Senior Transportation Planner
Kari Eaves, Transportation Program Manager
Leda Hinkle, GIS Technician / Transportation Planner

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

   The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Vice Chair Lehane

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

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

3. **Approval of the May 5, 2025, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

   In advance of the TAC meeting, Chair Agnello requested the committee remove item 7b as an action item. The item will be presented and discussed but not voted on.

   Motion was made to approve the May 5, 2025, Agenda with the removal of item 7b as an action item.
   Motion: Rodney White; Second: Bassam Amin
   Abstentions: None

4. **Public Comment**

   Mr. Al Watkins, a member of the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC), shared the details of the CTAC's preferred Modified C River Crossing option.

5. **Consent Agenda**

   a. Approval of the April 7, 2025, TAC Meeting Minutes **(ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion was made to Approve the April 7, 2025, Consent Agenda.
   Motion: Melody Fowler; Second: Josh Crump
   Abstentions: None
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

6. **TIP Amendments & Modifications**
   a) Endorse Resolution 25-36 Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for UPC FRT003 Bike Racks, ITS or Miscellaneous Equipment **(ACTION ITEM)**

b) Endorse Resolution 25-37 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for UPC FRT0001 Public Transportation Projects **(ACTION ITEM)**

c) Endorse Resolution 25-41 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Remove UPC FRT0023 Driving Simulator **(ACTION ITEM)**

Dr. John Ridout presented the three TIP actions and clarified that public comment is necessary for amendments that remove items.

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

**7. Action/Discussion Items**

a) Review of April Policy Committee FAMPO Rappahannock River Crossing Parkway Alternatives Study – Dr. John Ridout and Mr. Ian Ollis

Dr. Ridout reviewed the CTAC Modified C River Crossing Option, the Consultant Preferred Option (option B-2), and the City of Fredericksburg's presentation regarding the tech center overlay district.
The consultant prepared their preferred option by developing a preliminary ranking of traffic delay, traffic demand, and environmental factors, and then including the public input rankings of each option. While the average ranking shows preference for option B-2, option A had the most rankings in first choice. The consultants used both scoring methods in calculating a preferred option. The consultant preferred option is option B-2, while scoring across the board suggested that options A, B-1, and C have no critical flaws, but option D is not recommended.
The CTAC Modified Option C uses Celebrate Virginia and the portion of Option D that cuts across the south. The CTAC noted during their presentation to the Policy Committee that the roadway would allow for an additional river crossing further West in the future.
The Policy Committee will not vote on a preferred option until June. Several workshops will be hosted for Policy Committee member localities to discuss the options
During their presentation, the City of Fredericksburg noted that a right of way will be preserved for the river crossing through the Technology Overlay District. Mr. Ollis noted that he had been invited to meet the developer of the data center to discuss the river crossing.
The TAC discussed the timeline for completing a SMART SCALE application for the River Crossing and confirmed that work conducted on a SMART SCALE application may only move forward if the Policy Committee successfully votes on an option.

b) CMAQ / CR / STBG Methodology – Dr. John Ridout
   1. Updated CMAQ / CR / STBG Methodology

   As Dr. Ridout did not receive comments on the updated CMAQ / CR / STBG Methodology, he proceeded with making minor grammatical edits. Dr. Ridout presented the final draft version to the TAC members. Mr. Ollis noted that it is up to localities to decide where to

allocate their funding, but FAMPO will confirm that projects comply with federal funding requirements. For transit projects, FAMPO will continue to score them unless there is only one applicant.

Second Vice Chair Lehane asked if there has been discussion with the Policy Committee regarding how the Stafford Transportation Management Area (TMA) will receive funding, particularly if funding will or will not be split between Active Transportation and Transit. Dr. Ridout confirmed that the funding methodology for the Stafford TMA has not changed and is incorporated into the new methodology.

Second Vice Chair Lehane requested that FAMPO provide the Policy Committee a refresher on the amounts projected for each locality to receive.

The final Methodology will be presented to the TAC in June and then presented to the Policy Committee once approved.

c) Endorse Resolution 25-44 Directing a Public Comment Period for the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2026-2031 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), and Carbon Reduction Program (CR) Funds **(ACTION ITEM)**
   i) Summary Presentation
   ii) Draft FAMPO CMAQ / STBG / CR Allocations for FY26-FY31

Dr. Ridout presented a summary of the allocations of Fiscal Years 2026-2031. Dr. Ridout reminded the committee that $2 million has been cut across 5 years and absorbed into FY2031, with $3.5 million left over. The budget has been rebalanced so there are no remaining funds in each year. Dr. Ridout reviewed and implemented the suggestions from the TAC.

Mr. Rodney White noted that Spotsylvania County would like to see the Scenario Planning item removed from the LRTP. An email from Chair Paul Agnello stated that Spotsylvania County does not agree with the $70,000 allocated to Scenario Planning. Mr. Ollis noted that Spotsylvania County did not voice these concerns during the Policy Committee meeting, and instead suggested that FAMPO should include the planning staff of the counties and cities if they were to hold a scenario planning workshop. Chair Agnello's email also stated that he found $100,000 too low for planning the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The email suggested that $50,000 be added to the 2026 budget to avoid FAMPO running out of funding for the LRTP.
Mr. Ollis noted that it is the TAC's decision whether to add money to the LRTP and remove Scenario Planning. Mr. Ollis asked the committee to consider what should be done with the Scenario Planning chapter of the LRTP if Scenario Planning is removed.

Linda LaSut noted that VDOT supports scenario planning as it provides direction to the LRTP.

Second Vice Chair Lehane suggested that FAMPO continue their research and continue the discussion during the June meeting, and the TAC would look to the FAMPO Administrator to advise what funds would be needed for the LRTP.

Motion was made to Endorse Resolution 25-44.
Motion: Melody Fowler; Second: Bassam Amin
Abstentions: None
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

d) FY26 TAP Locality Candidate Projects – Ms. Leda Hinkle

Ms. Leda Hinkle reviewed the locality projects that are in the preapplication stage for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. The TAP expands/enhances the non-motorized travel network, has a biennial allocation period, and is a federal reimbursement program. Pre-applications are due at the end of May. Ms. Hinkle reviewed the Spotsylvania County, Stafford County, Caroline County, and Fredericksburg City TAP Projects. The projects will be presented to the Policy Committee in June and receive a Resolution of Support. Ms. Cathie Coffey encouraged TAC members to contact Ms. Rachel Inman and inform her of applications to be submitted. Ian encouraged TAC members to contact Ms. Kari Eaves and Ms. Hinkle to clarify the wording and names of the project applications submitted.

e) SMART SCALE Workshop Summary – Ms. Kari Eaves

Ms. Eaves reviewed a summary and next steps of the FAMPO Regional SMART SCALE Discussion. During the workshop, staff discussed how FAMPO can improve applications, what staff resources are available around the region, the possible next steps to take to the TAC for consideration, and concerns for the CTB. Ms. Eaves presented the comments collected during the workshop for each item. The committee discussed the necessity of receiving final cost estimates much earlier than previously. Cathie Coffey encouraged localities to be forward about their needs with VDOT, to be proactive about choosing their projects, and to include more details in their cost estimates. Mr. Ollis emphasized the need for project review by VDOT Central office to occur earlier. Mr. Rodney White expressed his desire for the final cost estimate deadline to be pushed back 30 days to give locality boards time to discuss. Ms. Kari Eaves pointed out the need to prioritize cost estimates for projects above $15 million to allow time for validation, She reviewed additional steps to improve Pipeline studies, available staff resources around the region for improving applications, and possible concerns for the CTB to address. She summarized that the TAC may want to form a subcommittee to implement these items and develop a regional SMART SCALE strategy. Second Vice Chair Lehane requested that Ms. Eaves combine several comments for the CTB and other discussion points and then present again during the next meeting to discuss with First Vice Chair Jamie Jackson and Chair Paul Agnello.

## 8. Correspondence

- April 24, 2025, Memorandum from Mr. Sean P. Duffy, United States Secretary of Transportation

  Ms. Becky Golden presented the Memorandum. Mr. Ollis summarized the letter. It stated that federal funding will not be used on furthering Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion practices.

- April 30, 2025, Message and Map from Mr. Charles W. Payne, Jr., Hirschler Fleischer, PC

  Mr. Ollis presented the letter from Mr. Payne, an attorney that represents several landowners and developers on both sides of the Rappahannock River. Mr. Payne's clients would not support the CTAC Modified C proposal as it would traverse current/planned development. The committee reviewed the map provided by Mr. Payne displaying where the proposal would interrupt the development.

**9. Staff Reports**

- FAMPO Website Refresh – Mr. Eugene Hlaing
  - Summary Presentation
  - Link to Test Website

  Ms. Leda Hinkle presented the summary of changes made to the website. Mr. Ollis requested the TAC review the test website and submit comments to Mr. Eugene Hlaing.

- SS4A FY25 Locality Projects – Ms. Becky Golden
  - Stafford County Shoulder Hardening Projects
  - Spotsylvania County Tidewater Trail between Glenda's Way and Benchmark Road; Youth Traffic Safety Program Massaponax High School; Shoulder Hardening Projects
  - Others are Urgently Needed

  Ms. Becky Golden noted that this is the last call for SS4A Locality Projects. She is working with Spotsylvania and Stafford Counties on several projects. The deadline for the grant application is June 26, but if a jurisdiction would like to add an additional project, they must let Ms. Golden know within the week.

**10. Agency Reports**

Two projects are beginning construction on Route 1 in Stafford County. There are two surveys out for the Program for Affordable Transportation Hotspot Solutions (PATHS) studies on Garrisonville Road and Warrenton Road.

The new FXBGO! routes in Spotsylvania County will begin on May 19.

VDOT's Spring Transportation meeting will begin at 4pm in the District Auditorium on May 6.

Stafford County's Pipeline Study on Route 218 will begin on May 7.

Adjourned 10:59 a.m.

**11. Adjourn/Next TAC Meeting: June 2, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.**