Chris Clarke, Chair
Ian Ollis Administrator

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, May 8th, 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
Matthew Lehane, Stafford
Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
Jim Lynch, Potomac Heritage Trail Association (PHTA) and Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail (DRHT)

Committee Members Present (remotely, with virtual participation request):
Aaron Frank, City of Fredericksburg Citizen Representative
Kevin Brown, Citizen At-Large

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
Deborah Lately, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)
Max Steinbaum, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance (FredTrails)

Staff Present:
Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Leda Hinkle, GIS Analyst/Planner I
Eugene Hlaing, Public Outreach/Title VI Coordinator

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

2. **Roll Call**
   Mr. Hlaing called the roll.

3. **Approval of May 8th, 2025, BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
   Motion was made to approve the May 8th, 2025, BPAC agenda
   Motion: Matthew Lehane; Second: Brian Ogle
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of March 6th, 2025, BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve March 6th, 2025, BPAC meeting minutes
Motion: Matthew Lehane; Second: Jim Lynch
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

6. **Discussion/Action Items**

a. FXBGO! Transit Strategic Plan- Jamie Jackson, FXBGO!

Ms. Jackson provided an overview of the local transit organization's 10 year strategic plan project to improve services to the region. Containing projections, performance assessments, needs analysis, and public outreach results, the plan serves as an overall guideline to direct the organization's near future. Ms. Jackson summarized the project, discussing outreach efforts and stakeholder feedback on topics such as headways, stop accessibility, and system awareness. She discussed planned short, mid and long term service improvements, including studying the possibility of paratransit / demand-responsive micro transit. She concluded by reviewing the funding challenges soon to be faced by the organization in the coming years as Covid funding and other federal sources expire.

Mr. Pastwik asked questions about bicycle and pedestrian transit sheds and access, and how the county can best improve stop locations. Ms. Jackson responded that ¼ mile is the walkable bus stop shed, and that she would be happy to correspond further with Spotsylvania County on coordinating bus stop amenities.

b. Local Transportation Alternatives Preapplications-Leda Hinkle

Ms. Hinkle summarized the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for the committee and highlighted local projects applying this round. At the pre-application stage, Spotsylvania is submitting for a gap closure on Smith Station Road and sidewalk on Germanna Point Drive. Stafford is submitting for Bike and Pedestrian Improvements at Mine Road and Greenspring Drive, Kings Highway and Chatham Heights Road, Barret Heights Road, and Falmouth Elementary School. Fredericksburg is submitting for an intersection safety improvement at Charles/William Street for a raised median. Caroline County is submitting for pedestrian improvements at US 1 and Rogers Clarke/ Jericho Road intersection.

Ms. Hinkle highlighted the next steps in the process and pointed the committee towards where they can find more information about the projects and the program.

c. Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Report- Leda Hinkle

Ms. Hinkle gave the bimonthly counter report for 5 sites: the stationary counter at Chatham Bridge, the Rt 1 Sidewalk between Cowan Blvd and Rt 3 in Fredericksburg, Greenspring Dr at Mine Road in Stafford, Courthouse Rd at Christ Episcopal Church, Rt 3 at Chewning Lane in Spotsylvania, and Kings Highway at the Citizen's Center in King George.

The program has recently begun to support TAP and other funding program

applications upon request pending availability of staff resources. Ms. Hinkle presented the potential future schedule and asked for input from the committee. Mr. Lehane suggested that VDOT could provide pedestrian button push data to supplement the counters.

d. FAMPO Website Refresh- Eugene Hlaing

Mr. Hlaing presented the new FAMPO website design he's been working on and walked the committee through the changes, requesting their comments and suggestions. Mr. Ollis pointed out that FAMPO did not have to hire a consultant for the project; Mr. Hlaing did it himself. Mr. Lehane suggested expanding the news section with articles that discuss non-FAMPO transportation projects in the region and transportation more broadly.

7. Correspondence

The committee discussed the April 24, 2025, Memorandum from Mr. Sean P. Duffy, United States Secretary of Transportation regarding funding and DEI.

8. Staff Reports

Staff reminded the committee that the next meeting was July 10th, the second week rather than the first, to account for the July 4th holiday.

9. Member Reports

- Mr. Lynch reported on the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail's efforts to become a part of the state park system. He also reviewed the always- popular community races recently held on the trail, another of which was scheduled for the following weekend: Saturday the 10th, the Trailblazer Bike Ride and Pancake Party.

- Ms. Anderson informed the committee that on June 29th WMATA is changing and renaming all their bus routes. The committee discussed the possible effects of this significant change. Ms. Anderson also reminded everyone that May is Bike to Work Month and congratulated Ms. Hinkle on riding her bike to work every day this month. Ms. Anderson personally tried to ride her bike around her neighborhood when she teleworked as she could not ride outside of it.

- Mr. Pastwik reported that Spotsylvania had begun its 5-year Comprehensive Plan update. They are developing a survey to send out to the public in June and asked if FAMPO could help get the word out. Mr. Ollis agreed that Mr. Hlaing could assist.

- Ms. Inman reminded everyone that the TAP deadline for preapplications is Friday May 30th and asked everyone to fill out the Pipeline Study Surveys and to share them.

- Mr. Lehane reported that Stafford had awarded a contract for the Staffordboro Blvd Sidewalk Project and construction should start in the next couple of months. They'd also awarded a contract for pedestrian improvements on Courthouse Rd. Mr. Ollis asked for information so that FAMPO could help

with public outreach. Mr. Lehane also reported on two studies on Garrisonville and Warrenton Road. The surveys are out now, and he encouraged everyone to take them. So far, he said, the response rate has been high.

- Mr. Ollis showed the committee a photo of mangled bicycle frames, with parts stolen, locked up at the new bicycle locker at the Fredericksburg Train Station. Ms. Jackson asked Mr. Ollis to send her the photo and said she'd ask Public Works to remove them. Mr. Lynch expressed dismay that cameras or cages were not installed to protect the bikes. The committee discussed the problem, examples of other lockers, and other possible solutions.

- Mr. Frank reported that there was a great turnout for Bike to School Day from Hugh Mercer Elementary School students and their parents as well as many Fredericksburg Pathways Committee Members.

- Mr. Clarke reported that he and Lucy Tuthill have been appointed to the GWRC Rural TAC, a new committee beginning in July.

10. Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting / Next meeting **July 10th, at 6:00 pm**

    Motion was made to adjourn May 8th, BPAC
    Meeting at 7:20 pm.
    Motion: Mr. Lynch Second: Ms. Jackson
    Motion passed with unanimous consent.