CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY, CARBON REDUCTION, AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT METHODOLOGY UPDATE

PC Meeting

August 18th 2025

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Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Background

- February 2025 – Policy Committee selected to award the CMAQ/CR/STBG funds by a composite population/urban population metric to jurisdictions along with set-asides for transit providers and GWRideConnect and FAMPO (through GWRC)
- April – Allocated FY31 funds to cover cuts to FY26-FY30 projects and parked the remainder of the FY31 funds for the next call for projects (FY31 & FY32).

- The Technical Advisory Committee & FAMPO Staff met
  - March 3th, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, June 30th, and Aug 4th to amend the methodology.
  - TAC endorsed the proposed methodology with discussed edits and to open public comment
- We will need open public comment and approve the methodology as the current methodology notes that September 2025 is the next call for projects.

Changes Made to the Document

- Revised the Methodology for distribution of funds for:
  - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
  - Carbon Reduction
  - Surface Transportation Block Grant
- Reduced the complexity of multiple documents into one methodology
- Reduced the complexity of jurisdiction staff demands
- Extended the timeline for jurisdiction staff to submit applications
- Revised Set-Aside Process (7.5% of CMAQ to transit providers)
- Applied the Population & Urban Population distribution method for jurisdiction awards (after set asides):
  - City of Fredericksburg: 9.91%
  - Spotsylvania County: 40.39%
  - Stafford County: 49.60 %

What is not changing:

- Allocation amounts to GWRideConnect and FAMPO (indexed at FY28)
- Number of applications for eligible applicants
- Resolution(s) of support from County Board of Supervisors/City Council on applicable projects
- Stafford County TMA Set-Aside for Active Transport and Transit
  - 30% (after set asides) of STBG funds split 50/50 for Active and Transit for the benefit of the TMA
- Redistribution of funds back into the “pot” if no application are received from an applicant(s)
- Federal requirements attached to the funding sources
  - (Can’t use CMAQ on adding capacity like adding lanes to I-95)
- FAMPO screening and application support for jurisdictions
- Policy Committee’s final approval of all allocation

Action Tonight:

- In the packet is the redlined version of the first draft using the population methodology as well as a final draft of the document.

- Action Tonight: Open methodology for public comment and a public hearing for September