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Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Jamie Jackson
Chairman

Ian Ollis
FAMPO Administrator

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 4, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
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Committee Members Present:
Chair Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
First Vice Chair, Matthew Lehane, Stafford County
Second Vice Chair, Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County
Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Donna Cloninger, VDOT
Catherine Coffey, PE, VDOT
Josh Crump, City of Fredericksburg
Melody Fowler, FXBGO!
Amy Garbarini, DRPT (remote attendance)
Kate Gibson, GWRideConnect
Leon Hughes, Caroline County (remote attendance)
Daniel Koenig, FTA (remote attendance)
Cassandra Lord, VDOT
Will Montgomery, VRE
Craig Pennington, Caroline County (remote attendance)
Rodney White, Spotsylvania County

Committee Members Absent:
Adam Derrick, Stafford County
Bryon Counsell, Stafford County
Chelsea Beytas, FTA
Christine Hoeffner, VRE
Craig Reed, FXBGO!
Chris Clarke, King George County
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Joe Stainsby, PRTC
Khapel Akbari, Stafford County
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Mike Craig, City of Fredericksburg
Nick Ruiz, VRE
Philip Parella, Jr., PRTC
Robert Schneider, PRTC
Shannon Fennell, Spotsylvania County
Todd Horsley, DRPT

Others Present:
Allen Watkins, CTAC - Stafford County
William Sage, Spotsylvania Transportation Planning Intern
Hamilton Lombard, Demographics Research Group, University of Virginia Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service

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

1. Call Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by Chair Jamie Jackson.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

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

5. Consent Agenda

Mr. Agnello requested item 5.a., Approval of June 30, 2025 Special TAC Meeting Minutes, to be moved from the Consent Agenda to Action / Discussion item 7.b.

5.b. Endorse Resolution 26-01 Reauthorization of Resolution 20-32 FAMPO Remote Participation Policy
5.c. Endorse Resolution 26-02 Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Resolution of Support for the City of Fredericksburg and Counties of Stafford and Spotsylvania 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Project Applications for FY 27-28

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda Items 5.b. and 5.c.
Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Matthew Lehane
Motion passed unanimously

6. TIP Amendments & Modifications

Mr. Agnello suggested that future TAC agendas place TIP Modifications on the Consent Agenda, and attendees agreed.

6.a. Endorse Resolution 26-03 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project UPC T111884 Leeland Road Station Improvements

Motion was made to approve Items 6.a.
Motion: Matthew Lehane; Second: Paul Agnello
Motion passed unanimously

6.b. Endorse Resolution 26-04 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project UPC T111883 Brooke Station Improvements

Motion was made to approve Items 6.b.
Motion: Matthew Lehane; Second: Paul Agnello
Motion passed unanimously

6.c. Endorse Resolution 26-05 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project UPC RACS0002 Paratransit Vehicles Expansion Rappahannock Area Community Services Board

Motion was made to approve Items 6.c.
Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Matthew Lehane
Motion passed unanimously

6.d. Endorse Resolution 26-06 Approving Modifications to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for FY25 UPC RACS001 Paratransit Vehicles Rappahannock Area Community Services Board

Motion was made to approve Items 6.d.
Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Matthew Lehane
Motion passed unanimously

6.e. Endorse Resolution 26-07 Approving Modifications to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for three Fredericksburg Regional Transit projects: UPC FRT0011 Spare Parts; UPC FRT0013 Computer Software (ADP Software – Operations); UPC FRT0014 Passenger Bus Shelters; and UPC FRT0026 Central Facility Office Renovation

Motion was made to approve Items 6.e.
Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Matthew Lehane
Motion passed unanimously

6.f. Endorse Resolution 26-08 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project UPC TBD Engineering & Design of Maintenance Facility In-ground Lift

Motion was made to approve Items 6.f.
Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Matthew Lehane
Motion passed unanimously

6.g. Endorse Resolution 26-09 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project FRT0005 Bus Rehab / Renovation of Maintenance Facility (Bowman Center Paving)

Motion was made to approve Items 6.g.
Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Matthew Lehane
Motion passed unanimously

6.h. Endorse Resolution 26-10 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project UPC TBD ADP Hardware – Operations

Motion was made to approve Items 6.h.
Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Matthew Lehane
Motion passed unanimously

6.i. Endorse Resolution 26-11 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust Funding for UPC FRT0009 Preventative Maintenance

Motion was made to approve Items 6.i.
Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Matthew Lehane
Discussion: Ms. Gibson inquired about the funding source shown on the TIP block of Resolution 26-11 and FXBGO! members authorized staff to update the TIP block as appropriate.
Motion to approve Item 6.i. with the updated TIP block
Motion: Rodney White; Second: Matthew Lehane
Motion passed unanimously

6.j. Endorse Resolution 26-12 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Adjust the Funding for UPC FRT0001 Operating Assistance

Motion was made to approve Items 6.j.
Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Matthew Lehane
Motion passed unanimously

6.k. Endorse Resolution 26-13 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project UPC TBD Sustainability and Innovation Transit Study

Motion was made to approve Items 6.k.
Motion: Paul Agnello; Second: Matthew Lehane
Motion passed unanimously

7. Action/Discussion Items

a. SMART SCALE Round 7 Timeline Discussion

Mr. Ian Ollis discussed the need to identify and prioritize transportation projects for SMART SCALE funding, emphasizing the importance of selecting projects with a VTrans 1 or 2 priority rating, and costing $50 million or less. The team agreed to hold a meeting in late September to further discuss project selection and criteria. Mr. Ollis also asked localities to share information about their potential projects to maximize the region's chances of securing funding.

b. Endorse Resolution 26-14 Directing a Public Comment Period to Adopt the Updated CMAQ / CR / STBG Methodology

The discussion focused on the eligibility of GWRideConnect and other transit providers to receive and apply for CMAQ funding. It was clarified that while GWRideConnect can receive funds through a direct allocation, they are not eligible to apply for additional funding through the application process. The TAC and FAMPO staff agreed to add a list of eligible applicants under the relevant section of the document to clarify the distinction between recipients and applicants.

The TAC discussed changes to project funding methodology, focusing on sections 5.1.7 and 5.1.9. They clarified that existing projects could receive mid-year funding from other projects' unneeded funds, but new projects must receive some new funding alongside existing allocations. The TAC also addressed concerns about the flexibility to handle new funding sources, deciding that any major changes would require policy committee approval before the project call. The conversation ended with a motion to endorse Resolution 26-14 with changes and the minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion was made to Endorse Resolution 26-14, with edits to the Methodology as agreed during the discussion, and to Approve Item 5.a, Approval of the June 30, 2025 Special TAC Meeting Minutes.
Motion: Matthew Lehane; Second: Paul Agnello
Motion passed unanimously

c. GWRC Population & Employment Projections

Hamilton Lombard from the Weldon Cooper Center presented on population and employment projections, explaining their methodology and recent trends. He highlighted that the region has seen rapid growth since 2020, with migration patterns changing due to remote work and hybrid work arrangements. Mr. Lombard noted that while federal agencies are encouraging in-office work, private sector trends show continued remote work, which has contributed to the region's attractiveness and economic growth. The discussion touched on how remote work has led to higher-income individuals moving to the area, bringing capital and new businesses with them.

Projections for the GWRC region were presented, noting challenges in incorporating recent trends that differ from historical patterns, particularly regarding remote work and office return. The model accounts for varying growth rates across counties like Stafford and Spotsylvania, but lacks local knowledge about factors like development limits or rezoning.

The discussion focused on population trends in Fredericksburg, particularly examining why the city showed only 47 new residents over a recent period despite university growth. The analysis revealed that the city's household size has decreased post-pandemic, with fewer families renting and more single-person households. The discussion highlighted how university enrollment fluctuations and Census Bureau counting methods contributed to population number variations, with the city showing signs of both undercount and overcount in different areas.

FAMPO staff asked questions about the future projections and differences between Stafford and Spotsylvania County. Historically, the two counties shared similar growth patterns but around 2010 Stafford began growing much more rapidly. Since 2020, more recent trends show that the counties have grown more like the pre-2010s historical levels. Mr. Lombard noted that some of the growth could be happening further south in Caroline County. However, Weldon-Cooper would look more closely at Spotsylvania County's data if Spotsylvania County can provide additional data on building permits, rezoning and demographic changes.

Mr. Lombard discussed population growth trends in the Richmond region, noting that remote work has attracted younger people from the DC area. He highlighted challenges in projecting future growth due to recent shifts in migration patterns and the aging population. He also explained how military presence, transportation improvements, and economic factors contribute to the region's growth. The discussion touched on the impact of data centers on housing development and the need to account for changes in employment and travel patterns as the population ages.

d. Discuss November TAC Meeting Date – Idea to Meet December 1st

The group discussed whether to meet Monday December 1st and forego the November TAC meeting altogether. Consensus was reached to keep both dates open for the TAC to decide in October whether to cancel the November meeting.

8. Correspondence

- July 2, 2025 Letter from the Secretary of Transportation

The letter was sent to Federal grant recipients informing of the current Administration's intent to no longer enforce policies related to climate change, "greenhouse gas" emissions, racial equity, gender identity, "diversity, equity, and inclusion" goals, environmental justice, or the Justice 40 initiative.

9. Staff Reports

The 2050 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) list was checked against funded SMART SCALE projects and Transportation Alternatives (TAP) projects with a finding that those not currently on the CLRP list do not trigger Air Conformity analysis. Spotsylvania and Stafford identified two funded projects not on the current CLRP but the scope of each was deemed to be not adding capacity, thus not triggering Air Conformity when the CLRP is updated to add them.

Mr. Hlaing announced the FAMPO website relaunch is upcoming. Ms. Golden advised that during the July 17th OIPI Quarterly meeting FAMPO staff learned that as of October 2026 the current StreetLight subscription will not be renewed, thereby not being available to MPOs for analysis and studies. Mr. Ollis voiced concern over this loss, as well as the loss of a previous subscription to MetroQuest survey platforms; that VDOT Modeling staff will no longer run analysis for alternative routes with the Travel Demand Model (TDM); and the truncation of crash data that had been previously available in the public domain. The result will increase the cost for use of consultants who could potentially procure these data platforms and conduct TDM modeling alternatives at a cost. Mr. Agnello suggested that this item be added to the September TAC agenda to discuss further.

10. Agency Reports

- The Route 3 Removal of Bump-outs project (Spotsylvania County) received only one bid that was over the available funding amount, and VDOT is working toward a re-bid after examining the issues that caused the overage and low contractor response.
- Construction has begun on the US Route 1 / Courthouse Road (Stafford County) project.

11. Adjourn / Next TAC Meeting: September 8, 2025 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made to Adjourn meeting at 11:45 a.m.
Motion: Rodney White; Second: Matthew Lehane
Motion passed unanimously