Chris Clarke, Chair
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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, July 10th, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/ 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg VA 22401

Committee Members Present:
Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Rachel Inman, Alternate, VDOT
Brian Ogle, Stafford County
Jim Lynch, Potomac Heritage Trail Association (PHTA) and Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail (DRHT)

Committee Members Present (remotely, with virtual participation request):
Kevin Brown, Citizen At-Large
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Craig Pennington, Caroline County

Committee Members Not Present:
Chris Clarke, King George County
Matthew Lehane, Stafford
Debe Fults, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)
Brian Geouge, Alternate, Stafford County
Aaron Frank, City of Fredericksburg Citizen Representative
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:
Leda Hinkle, GIS Analyst/Planner I
Kari Eaves, Transportation Program Manager
John Ridout, Senior Transportation Planner

Others Present:
Marcus Garcia

1. **Call BPAC Meeting to Order**
   Vice Chair Jamie Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**
   Ms. Hinkle called the roll.

3. **Approval of July 10th, 2025, BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
   Motion was made to approve the July 10th, 2025, BPAC agenda
   Motion: Mr. Pastwik; Second: Mr. Lynch
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of May 8th, 2025, BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**
   Motion was made to approve May 8th, 2025, BPAC meeting minutes
   Motion: Mr. Lynch; Second: Mr. Pastwik
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. **Public Comment**

   There was no public comment.

6. **Discussion/Action Items**

   a. River Crossing Alternatives Bike/Ped Connections Discussion

   Dr. Ridout presented an overview of the river crossing study in the region. The committee discussed what bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure would be included in bridge construction, and Ms. Eaves alerted the committee to future work connecting a new bridge to the existing active transportation network.

   b. Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Report

   Ms. Hinkle presented the bike and pedestrian counts collected over the previous two months. Two sites were monitored in Spotsylvania County, and Stafford County and the city of Fredericksburg had one reporting site each. One of the Spotsylvania counter sites was located near the location of proposed multimodal improvements that are a part of a Safe Streets For All (SS4A) grant recently submitted in the region. She also presented an updated Chatham Bridge total count for the year.

   c. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application Letter of Support

   The committee discussed the historical precedent for sending a letter of support for regional TAP applications. They discussed the purpose of the letter and who the appropriate recipient would be. Ultimately, the group decided a letter was unnecessary and took no action.

7. Correspondence
   There was no correspondence.

8. Staff Reports

   Ms. Eaves summarized the creation and first meeting of a rural transportation advisory committee (RTAC). She updated the committee on the committee membership and undertakings. Finally, she asked the non-rural counties the status of their preparation for SMART SCALE. Ms. Jackson shared that she had no updates and would follow up when she has them. Mr. Pastwik shared that he hasn't been as in the loop with SMART SCALE recently, but he would reach out to Mr. Paul

Agnello and share any updates he discovers. Mr. Ogle asked what relationship FAMPO has to the localities over SMART SCALE applications. Ms. Eaves answered describing the regional list and coordination among localities and with VDOT. Mr. Pastwik also shared a regional example where progress is being made to implement a shared use path that had been awarded in SMART SCALE Round 5 and will connect Harrison Road and Idlewild along Route 1.

9. Member Reports

Ms. Inman mentioned the ongoing VDOT pipeline studies, emphasizing the study along Fall Hill Avenue and the opportunity to provide comments. She also shared information about the statewide bicycle and pedestrian advisory committee.

Mr. Lynch discussed the plan for a round table for the Potomac Heritage Trail over the October 9th-10th weekend in Stafford County. For the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail, Mr. Lynch discussed land acquisitions adjacent to Caledon State Park. He emphasized what it would mean for the trail to be adjacent to public land and the possibility for constructing facilities to serve trail users. He also discussed trail improvement work identified by a consultant for the Potomac Heritage Trail. He described trail conditions and indicated that work has begun to improve the trail addressing consultant concerns.

10. Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting / Next meeting **September 4th, at 6:00 pm**

Motion was made to adjourn July 10th, BPAC
Meeting at 6: 52pm.
Motion: Mr. Pastwik Second: Mr. Lynch
Motion passed with unanimous consent.