TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DRAFT MINUTES

Monday, October 6, 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 (remote attendance)
Amy Garbarini, DRPT
Catherine Coffey, PE, VDOT
Cassandra Lord, VDOT
Donna Cloniger, VDOT
Josh Crump, City of Fredericksburg (remote attendance)
Adam Derrick, Stafford County (remote attendance)
Melody Fowler, FXBGO!
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Daniel Koenig, FTA (remote attendance)
Will Montgomery, VRE
Philip Parella, Jr., PRTC
Rodney White, Spotsylvania County
Nick Ruiz, VRE
Kyle Guzman, Spotsylvania County
Craig Pennington, Caroline County (remote attendance)
Christine Hoeffner, VRE (remote attendance)
Chris Clarke, King George County (remote attendance)

Committee Members Absent:

Second Vice Chair, Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County
Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Bryon Counsell, Stafford County
Leon Hughes, Caroline County
Craig Reed, FXBGO!
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Joe Stainsby, PRTC
Kate Gibson, GWRideConnect
Mike Craig, City of Fredericksburg
Robert Schneider, PRTC
Shannon Fennell, Spotsylvania County

Others Present:

Al Watkins, Stafford County Resident
Chip Boyles, GWRC

Staff Present:
Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Kari Eaves, Transportation Program Manager
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.

3. **Approval of the October 6, 2025, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda**
   Motion was made to approve the Agenda.
   Motion: Rodney White; Second: Melody Fowler
   Motion passed unanimously

4. **Public Comment**

   Mr. Allen Watkins, Stafford County, expressed his concerns about item 5d. Endorse Resolution 26-27 Directing a Public Comment Period for the Draft Rappahannock River Crossing Parkway Alternatives Study. Mr. Watkins noted that the discussions and presentations made by the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee were not included in the River Crossing Study Report. He noted his hope for the inclusion of a detailed sketch and cost estimate in the Report.

5. **Consent Agenda**
   a. Approval of the September 8, 2025, TAC Meeting Minutes **(ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion was made to approve the September 8, 2025 Minutes
   Motion: Philip Parella, Jr.; Second: Rodney White
   Motion passed unanimously

   b. Endorse Resolution 26-32 Allocating Transportation Alternatives (TA) Funding for Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 within the Transportation management Area (TMA) of Stafford County **(ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion was made to endorse Resolution 26-32
   Motion: Matthew Lehane; Second: Philip Parella, Jr.
   Motion passed unanimously

5. **Action/Discussion Items**

a. Long Bridge Service Modifications – Mr. DJ Stadtler, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

Mr. Ollis introduced Mr. DJ Stadtler. Mr. Stadtler reviewed VPRA's purpose and noted that Virginia granted VPRA to purchase right of way for the Transforming Rail in Virginia (TRV) initiative which will "promote, sustain, and expand the availability of passenger and commuter rail service in the Commonwealth of Virginia." Mr. Stadtler presented an overview of other ongoing and completed VPRA projects in the state. The Long Bridge project will build the new track between the existing bridge and the metro bridge. DC Noise and Vibration laws restrict the hours construction work can take place. VPRA may only work in the district from 7am to 7pm, the period with the most use and congestion of the tracks. 8:15am – 1pm was identified as the window with the least impact to VRE and Amtrak users. Mr. Stadtler reviewed the proposed changes that will be made to service on weekdays and the end goal of TRV Phases 1 and 2.

If construction limitations did not apply, the project would be earlier. Other projects have rarely had these restrictions waived by the District. Construction at Union Station will take advantage of the new schedule, as no trains will go through the station, allowing for work on the station's ventilation system.

Mr. Ollis noted the tradeoff between shutting trains down for shorter windows with a longer overall project timeline and shutting down trains for longer windows with a shorter project timeline. The VPRA decided the five-hour window was the sweet spot within that trade off. While Mr. Ollis observed that the highest negative impact will be on commuters who travel late in the morning to Union Station, Mr. Will Montgomery presented VRE ridership data and approximated that 150 people will be negatively impacted. Mr. Ollis suggested that VPRA provide a bus from the Union/King station to L'Enfant. Mr. Stadtler indicated that the idea had been considered, but travel times would not be competitive with the metro.

b. SMART SCALE Round 7 Update – Ms. Kari Eaves

Ms. Eaves presented the SMART SCALE Round 7 Study/Project locations as of September 30 and the agenda for the next SMART SCALE workshop, which the committee will reschedule under item 7 - Staff Reports, Discussion of Next TAC Meeting Dates. Mr. Ollis noted that Ms. Eaves is the point of contact for all items relating to SMART SCALE.

c. Launching the LRTP 2055 process – Mr. Ian Ollis

FAMPO Staff have started work on the internal planning part of the process. Mr. Ollis encouraged the committee to provide input early on in the process and reviewed the slides presented. Mr. Ollis emphasized FAMPO's desire to have a more condensed, punchier LRTP compared to the 2050 LRTP. FAMPO will conduct a broad survey of the public to address the region's needs.

d. Endorse Resolution 26-27 Directing a Public Comment Period for the Draft Rappahannock River Crossing Parkway Alternatives Study **(ACTION ITEM) –** Dr. John Ridout & Mr. Ian Ollis
   1. Next Steps
   2. September 2025 Rappahannock River Crossing Parkway Alternatives Study & Appendices

   Dr. Ridout requested that VDOT and FAMPO Jurisdiction staff submit their comments on the draft document by October 27th. The 30-day public comment period will start October 20th, and the public hearing will take place on November 17th.

   Mr. Lehane asked when the sketch and cost estimate will be made public. Mr. Ollis noted that the current early stage of the sketch may misrepresent what the complete project will look like. John Ridout noted that the estimates are currently with jurisdictions and VDOT for review to check for accuracy. Ms. Coffey suggested that when the document is presented to the public, FAMPO should provide a better understanding of the study timeline and cost estimates and emphasize that the designs and estimates provided are not final. Mr. Lehane suggested that FAMPO make clear that no cost estimate is final until construction is complete. Mr. Ruiz commented that providing a range or rounded figure for the cost estimate gives the public a sense of magnitude. Chair Jackson requested that a slide be added to list a rounded cost estimate.

Motion was made to endorse Resolution 26-27.
Motion: Philip Parella, Jr; Second: Melody Fowler
Motion passed unanimously

6. Correspondence

- GWRC Resolution 26-04 Authorizing Retention of Cambridge Systematics, Michael Baker and VHB as On-call Transportation Planning Consultants

Mr. Ollis reviewed and explained the purpose of the resolution. In September of 2026, the on-call contracts will end, and the resolution will extend the contracts with the three firms.

7. Staff Reports

- Discussion of Next TAC Meeting Date – November & December

  Second Vice Chair Agnello proposed to skip November meeting and meet instead in December as the day following the November TAC meeting is a holiday. Mr. Ollis noted that postponing the November meeting will mean the TAC cannot approve action items prior to the Policy Committee November meeting, and these items will then have to wait until January for approval. The committee discussed what dates the TAC and TAC SMART SCALE Workshop should meet from October to December. The committee decided on the following dates and times:
  - TAC SMART SCALE Workshop – October 24, 2025 at 10am
  - TAC Meeting – November 17, 2025 at 9:30am
  - TAC SMART SCALE Workshop – December 1, 2025 at 9:30am

FAMPO staff will send the committee a Doodle Poll to determine the November TAC SMART SCALE Workshop date.

- Proposed BUILD Grant Applications – Ms. Becky Golden

Ms. Golden reviewed what BUILD Grant Applications are. As FAMPO is designated as rural, no local match is required. The BUILD Grant Projects are the Harrison Road interchange and the FAMPO River Crossing bridge and parkway. FAMPO may apply for a second grant for the same project.

8. Updates from Agencies & Localities

VDOT's Pipeline projects in Stafford will be advertised soon. The two projects on Tidewater Trail are still in the design phase. The US 1 Bridge rehabilitation project is being evaluated. There are no specific updates on DBE requirements.

Clifton Day is Sunday, October 12, and VRE will run a train to Clifton on the day of the festival.

Mr. White introduced Spotsylvania Transportation Project Manager Kyle Guzman.

6. Adjourn / Next TAC Meeting: November 17, 2025 9:30 a.m.

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

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