Will Mackintosh
Chair

Ian Ollis
FAMPO Administrator

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 20, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
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Committee Members Present: *(V) indicates voting member*
Dr. Will Mackintosh, Chair Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, First Vice-Chair Stafford County (V) (online)
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Second Vice-Chair Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Drew Mullins, Spotsylvania County (V)
Ms. Lori Hayes, Chair Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Jonathan Gerlach, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Jannan Holmes, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Meg Bohmke, Stafford County (V)
Mr. Deuntay Diggs, alternate Stafford County (V)
Mr. Joe Stainsby, alternate (PRTC) (V)
Ms. Laura Sellers, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
Mr. Greg Henion, PE, Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Catherine C Coffey, PE, alternate Representative from the Secretary of Transportation
Ms. Cassy Lord, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Ms. Donna Cloniger, alternate VDOT
Ms. Jamie Jackson, Chair TAC, Chair BPAC
Ms. Yolanda Hipski, Chair CTAC
Mr. David "Sully" Sullins, alternate King George County (online)

Committee Members Absent:
Dr. Pamela Yeung, Stafford County (V)
Ms. Amy Garbarini, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Mr. David Brown, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. Jacob Lane, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Gerald Childress, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Jason Graham, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Melody Fowler, alternate Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!)
Dr. Robert Schneider, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)(V)
Ms. Cathy Binder, King George County (online)
Mr. Steven Minor, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Mr. Ivan Rucker, alternate Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Mr. Daniel Koenig, Federal Highway Administration (FTA)
Ms. Nancy Long, Caroline County
Mr. Jeffrey Black, alternate Caroline County

Others Present:
Michael McLaughlin, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA)
Allen Watkins, CTAC Member, Stafford County Resident
Jay Brock, Fredericksburg Resident

Rodney White, Spotsylvania County (online)
Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County (online)
Tom Jackson

Staff Present:
Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager
Ms. Kari Eaves, Transportation Program Manager
Dr. John Ridout, Senior Transportation Planner
Mr. Eugene Hlaing, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator
Ms. Leda Hinkle, Transportation Planner I/GIS Technician

1. **Call Policy Committee Meeting to Order**
   Chair Mackintosh called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   Chair Mackintosh led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**
   John Ridout conducted roll call and determined a quorum present.

4. **Approval of the October 20, 2025, Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion to approve the agenda.

   Motion: Jannan Holmes; Second: Meg Bohmke
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. **Public Involvement**

   Allen Watkins, a Stafford County resident, spoke to the inclusion of a project sketch and cost estimate for the river crossing in the study's final report going out for public comment.

   Jay Brock, a Fredericksburg resident, spoke of induced demand – the concept that if you build it, they will come. He argued that investing in roads and building more roads will not help reduce congestion and traffic. He also spoke about the detrimental effects sprawling development patterns have on the transportation network. He advocated that what funds are now dedicated to roadway construction should, instead, fund better public transportation and smarter growth.

   Dr. Ridout read aloud five additional comments received from the public prior to the meeting. Anonymous requested bus stop shelters, sidewalks, and crosswalks. Ann Kloeckner requested that policy committee members consider the needs of low-income individuals. Drew Q. Wilcox, a Stafford County resident, discussed the perils of biking on White Oak Rd. Kisha Whiting, a Fredericksburg resident, asserted that Fredericksburg needs a better bus system. Tom Gregory, a Stafford County resident, asked policy committee members to "get cars off the road!"

6. Consent Agenda

Motion was made to approve the October 20th, 2025, Consent Agenda

Motion: Meg Bohmke; Second: Jannan Holmes
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

7. FAMPO Administrator Report

Mr. Ian Ollis began his report presenting an overview of the long-range transportation plan update. He also summarized the status of two Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant applications from the region. He presented monthly FXBGO! ridership from 2019 and 2025 and highlighted that ridership has increased above pre-pandemic levels. Dr. Mackintosh asked how the ridership increase compared to regional population increase. Mr. Ollis indicated that he would investigate the question and return with an answer. Mr. Ollis finished his presentation with a timeline for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality / Surface Transportation Block Grant / Carbon Reduction (CMAQ/STBG/CR) fund allocation and other future items.

8. Action/Discussion Items

a. Long Bridge Service Modifications

Michael McLaughlin, the Chief Operating Officer for VPRA, presented the upcoming long-bridge project and how train service would be impacted during and after construction.

b. Directing a Public Comment for the Draft Rappahannock River Crossing Parkway Alternatives Study Final Report

Dr. Ridout summarized the components of the River Crossing Study Draft Final Report. The committee discussed the cost estimate and ineligibility for cost to be a deciding factor in alignment selection in the draft final report and future NEPA process.

Motion to open public comment for the Rappahannock River Crossing Parkway Alternatives Study Final Report.
Motion: Crystal Vanuch; Second: Lori Hayes
Motion passed unanimously.

c. Proposed BUILD Grant Applications

Becky Golden summarized the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program, the potential organization of grant administration, and two potential project applications.

Motion for staff to proceed with constructing a BUILD Grant Application and work with VDOT to determine the details of grant administration.
Motion: Chris Yakabouski; Second: Deuntay Diggs
Motion passed unanimously.

d. Bicycle / Pedestrian Counter Follow-up

Leda Hinkle shared that she had presented the counter cost estimate and program implications to the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee, and they had sent a letter to the Policy Committee endorsing the purchase of four new bike counters. She reminded

the committee that they had postponed further discussion until they could talk with their boards and staff about additional regional counters. Ms. Vanuch motioned FAMPO purchase one counter using CMAQ/STBG funds. Ms. Hayes made a substitute motion for the purchase of two counters.

Motion: Lori Hayes; Second: Meg Bohmke
Motion passed unanimously.

e. Spotsylvania Towne Centre Connector (Mall Court Extension to Towne Centre Blvd)

Will Mackintosh proposed a project to help relieve congestion on Route 3 west of the I-95 interchange. Mr. Ollis indicated that for the idea to advance, FAMPO would need to fund a small consultant study. The committee motioned FAMPO staff to obtain a quote for studying the Spotsylvania Towne Centre Connector.

Motion: Meg Bohmke; Second: Chris Yakabouski
Motion passed unanimously.

9. Correspondence

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

Mr. Ollis shared the contents of the letter extending contracts with on-call consultants. Ms. Bohmke requested that FAMPO staff compile a list of consultants, contract costs, and number of contracts from the past 5-7 years.

10. Staff and Agency Reports

Mr. Hlaing identified upcoming information and outreach tables. He also announced a survey to identify Policy Committee voting members' and alternates' priorities for transportation in the region.

Ms. Golden presented the calendar for FAMPO committee meetings in 2026. The committee came to a consensus that policy committee meetings falling on holidays should be moved to the second Monday of that month rather than the same day as the GWRC board meeting.

Dr. Mackintosh also reintroduced the idea of scheduling FAMPO meetings in the counties. The committee agreed that FAMPO staff should coordinate new venues for the February and April meetings.

11. Chair Mackintosh adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.