Jamie Jackson, Chair
Ian Ollis Administrator

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, September 4th, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:
Chair Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
Rachel Inman, Alternate, VDOT
Brian Ogle, Stafford County
Jim Lynch, Potomac Heritage Trail Association (PHTA) and Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail (DRHT)
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Matthew Lehane, Stafford

Committee Members Present (remotely, with virtual participation request):
Chris Clarke, King George County

Committee Members Not Present:
Debra 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
Deborah Lately, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Kevin Brown, Citizen At-Large

Staff Present:
Leda Hinkle, GIS Analyst/Planner I
Kari Eaves, Transportation Program Manager (remotely)
Eugene Hlaing, Public Outreach and Title VI Coordinator
Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager
Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator

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

2. **Roll Call**
   Mr. Hlaing called the roll and determined a quorum.

3. **Approval of September 4th, 2025, BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
   Motion was made to approve the September 4th, 2025, BPAC agenda
   Motion: Mr. Lehane; Second: Mr. Lynch
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of July 10th, 2025, BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

   Motion was made to approve July 10th, 2025, BPAC meeting minutes
   Motion: Mr. Lynch; Second: Ms. Anderson
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. **Public Comment**

   There was no public comment.

6. **Discussion/Action Items**

   a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Report

   Ms. Hinkle presented the bike and pedestrian counts collected over July and August. Three sites were monitored in addition to the permanent site at Chatham Bridge, for which Ms. Hinkle provided the regular update: one in Spotsylvania County, one in Stafford County and two in the city of Fredericksburg. She remarked on usage peaks during city events and how they may predict future usage with improved infrastructure.

   Ms. Hinkle also previewed the next site on Falmouth Bridge, sparking a discussion among the committee members about the challenges of crossing the bridge on the current sidewalk and the numbers of people who use it daily.

   b. Complete Streets Presentation and regional Existing Conditions Discussion

   Ms. Hinkle presented the latest work on the FAMPO Complete Streets Plan, reviewing the definition and purpose of Complete Streets and how it would work in the context of the FAMPO urbanized area. She shared two online tools she had developed with input from local planners and VDOT resources: a multimodal existing conditions map and a bicycle and pedestrian crash map, both of which are available for review. Ms. Hinkle went through the maps' features and showed the committee how to use them, encouraging them to explore and send questions, comments or corrections to her.

   Progressing to the next section of the presentation, Ms. Hinkle discussed public involvement for the plan, identifying problem areas in regional infrastructure, developing prioritization guidelines for network corridors, and how best to determine solutions using standardized criteria according to road type.

   The committee appreciated the interactive maps and discussed the plan, offering to provide additional data.

   c. **Election of Vice Chair (ACTION ITEM)**- Chair Jamie Jackson

   Ms. Jackson called for nominations for Vice Chair, stating that Mr. Jacob Pastwik and Mr. Chris Clarke, in that order, were willing to serve if no one else volunteered. The committee discussed the matter. Mr. Lynch said that Mr. Clarke had just done an excellent job prior to Ms. Jackson, and Mr. Pastwik had done a fantastic job on more than one occasion in the past.

Mr. Clarke, online, nominated Jacob Pastwik in absentia.

Ms. Anderson seconded.

Ms. Jackson asked if there was any further discussion.

Ms. Eaves, online, emphasized to the committee that Mr. Pastwik and Mr. Clarke had hoped to encourage a new person to be nominated, both considering it better if another organization had a chance to lead and only agreeing to step up if no one else did.

Ms. Jackson asked if anyone new wanted to step up; Mr. Lynch nominated Mr. Brian Ogle, who, after some discussion, accepted. Ms. Eaves reminded Mr. Ogle that committee officers receive substantial assistance from staff.

Motion: Mr. Lynch; Second: Mr. Lehane

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

7. **Correspondence**

   There was no correspondence.

8. **Staff Reports**

   Ms. Eaves announced BPAC's critical vacancies with the help of Mr. Hlaing, including citizen representatives from several jurisdictions, and asked the committee members' assistance in filling those positions. Ms. Jackson asked for a draft letter she could send to the localities.

   Ms. Eaves also called for members' active transportation photos of all kinds to be used in upcoming FAMPO and GWRC publications, informing the committee that they would be credited for their contributions.

   Ms. Hinkle reported that Policy Committee members had requested quotes for additional bike/ped counters and would be discussing the item further on the September agenda.

9. **Member Reports**

   Mr. Ogle reported on a VDOT Public Hearing on the Rt 2 Widening he had attended in July. He remarked on bus stop improvements at the site and their place in overall connectivity.

   Mr. Lynch reported on a large piece of land that had been acquired by the state and is being added to Caledon State Park. It is not yet open to the public. The parcel contains several amenities that will be useful to users of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail.

   Ms. Anderson reported that Transportation Demand Management Week starts September 15th - a week of awareness for all modes.

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

    Motion was made to adjourn the September 4th, BPAC Meeting at 6:56pm.