Jamie Jackson, Chair
Ian Ollis Administrator

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, November 6th, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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
Denise Flatley, King George County
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County

Committee Members Present (remotely, with virtual participation request):
Craig Pennington, Caroline County

Committee Members Not Present:
Debra Fults, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)
Aaron Frank, City of Fredericksburg Citizen Representative
Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Deborah Lately, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)
Kevin Brown, Citizen At-Large
Matthew Lehane, Stafford

Others Present:
Joan McLaughlin, Fredericksburg Resident
Marilyn Mendell, Fredericksburg Resident
Patsy Thompsons, Fredericksburg Resident
Kim Smart, Fredericksburg Resident
Marianna Bedway, Fredericksburg Resident
Rennie M. McDaniel, Fredericksburg Resident
Tricia McDaniel, Fredericksburg Resident
Patti Wallace, Fredericksburg Resident
Martin Miller, Fredericksburg Resident

Staff Present:
Leda Hinkle, GIS Analyst/Planner I
Kari Eaves, Transportation Program Manager
Eugene Hlaing, Public Outreach and Title VI Coordinator
John Ridout, Senior Transportation Planner

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 November 6th, 2025, BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
   Motion was made to approve the November 6th, 2025, BPAC agenda
   Motion: Mr. Lynch; Second: Mr. Pastwik
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

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

5. **Public Comment**

Dr. Ridout notified the committee that the Public Comment Period is open on the river crossing parkway alternatives study report. The 747-page report details the work done so far as well as the public comments, meeting materials, and media outreach documents. No new analysis has been completed since July; however, the document records the locally preferred alternative and subsequent community feedback and discussion. The study welcomes any final comments, especially centered on bicycle and pedestrian facilities and connections connected with the crossing. Dr. Ridout also reviewed the current cost estimate and gave the date for the public hearing: November 17th, 2025. Ms. Eaves asked clarification on where the public can access the report. Dr. Ridout directed the public to the FAMPO website.

Several Fredericksburg residents attended to speak on the topic of the Caroline Street Bike Lane Project. Chair Jackson welcomed them to speak at the meeting and advised that they could also speak at the City of Fredericksburg's public hearing on November 13th.

Patsy Thompsons shared her opposition to parking between a bike lane and traffic on Caroline Street. She said it makes it hard to deal with wheelchairs.

Joan McLaughlin agreed that the design will present obstacles and create real safety hazards for the elderly and disabled which make up a large percentage of the population of that neighborhood.

Marilyn Mendell added that Hughes Home, a healthcare facility at the end of Caroline Street, sees frequent ambulance traffic and the changes to the street proposed by VDOT will hinder access to emergency vehicles as well as trash pickup and other services.

Marrianna Bedway of Prince Edward Street expressed concern with the street being designated by the city as a bike corridor. She has witnessed parked cars being hit by speeders and emergency vehicles; it is a main thoroughfare for fire trucks and ambulances and she believes the speed limit and traffic volume are too high to encourage bike travel along that roadway. She suggests choosing a side road instead.

Chair Jackson and Ms. Eaves thanked the public for their comments.

Mr. Hlaing also read out a comment on the Caroline St. Bike Lane by Stewart Engel. Mr. Engel objects to the project as hazardous to residents, especially those who are diabled. He writes that the design narrows the street and would cause a situation where oversized vehicles or vehicles unloading in the street would create stopped traffic. He adds that he believes the facility would serve very few cyclists and disagrees with the use of funds.

6. **Discussion/Action Items**

a. Bicycle and Pedestrian Counter Report and Update

Ms. Hinkle presented the bike and pedestrian counter report for November, beginning with the static counter at Chatham Bridge, with a daily average of 193.

She also discussed how to add the counter data to the Complete Streets mapping effort while normalizing for seasonal variations and shared the mapped results with the group.

The FAMPO counter's November report came from three sites: Fall Hill Ave in Fredericksburg, Rt. 1 NB just over the Falmouth Bridge in Stafford, and the Prettyman Trail at River Road in Spotsylvania.

Rt 1 at Falmouth, a sidewalk, saw about 16 counts per day, Prettyman Trail, a natural surface trail, averaged around 22. Fall Hill Ave, another sidewalk, averaged 74.

The counter will be moved to four more sites before the end of the year.

Ms. Eaves asked for more information about the desire line mapping and pointed out that it was great data to collect and would be very useful for supporting applications.

Mr. Pastwik discussed the need to formalize crossing River Road for the Prettyman Trail and explained that the city needed to have a trail easement across county property to accomplish the crossing.

Ms. Eaves asked Mr. Pastwik to forward any info he had about it to revive the process.

b. Complete Streets Update

Ms. Hinkle presented the next part of the Complete Streets Project and reviewed input received thus far from stakeholder groups: Fredericksburg Pathways, PTAB, and the disAbility Resource Center. She demonstrated the crash map and planned projects tools, giving the committee a tour of their functionality.

Ms. Eaves asked Ms. Hinkle if she wanted localities to review the maps and what information she needed from them, and Ms. Hinkle clarified that she would like any distinctions in planned projects between funded and conceptual and any other updates available.

Ms. Hinkle wrapped up by announcing upcoming survey and public outreach workshops on Complete Streets in November and December.

c. **BPAC Member Organization Discussion**

Ms. Eaves called attention to PRTC's inactivity in BPAC and suggested that it made more sense for FXBGO! to be a member organization in its place. Ms. Eaves remarked that transit, bike and pedestrian networks need to be integrated together, because they do not work nearly as well apart.

She also recommended that the Pathways Committee be invited. She suggested these recommendations be added to the bylaws for a vote at next meeting.

Ms. Eaves then revisited the BPAC membership vacancies agenda item from the prior meeting, outlined a path forward, and presented the letter for the committee's approval.

Motion was made to approve the BPAC Vacancy letter
Motion: Mr. Pastwik; Second: Mr. Lynch
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

7. **Correspondence**

Ms. Eaves shared a presentation submitted by the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority detailing upcoming work on the Long Bridge and corresponding service disruptions to Fredericksburg VRE lines over the next few years as the system undergoes a significant upgrade.

8. **Staff Reports**

Ms. Eaves reviewed the upcoming FAMPO meetings calendar with the committee and asked them to come back in January with any changes.

Ms. Eaves announced to the committee that Chair Jackson is leaving FAMPO for a new opportunity elsewhere. Vice Chair Ogle presented her with a certificate of gratitude for service, and the committee presented her with a card, thanking her for her hard work for transportation in the region.

Ms. Eaves also reminded everyone to send in their 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.

9. **Member Reports**

Ms. Anderson offered the latest slugging report if anyone would like it.

Mr. Pastwik reported that the Comprehensive Plan Survey for Spotsylvania is still open until January 31st as the County is undergoing a major update to the plan through next year.

10. Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting / Next meeting **January 8th, at 6:00 pm**

Motion was made to adjourn the November 6th, BPAC Meeting at 7:11 pm.