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Will Mackintosh
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Ian Ollis
FAMPO Administrator

POLICY COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
George L Gordon Jr Building; ABC Conference Room, Second Floor,
1300 Courthouse Rd, Stafford, VA 22554
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Committee Members Present: *(V) indicates voting member*
Dr. Will Mackintosh, Chair Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Second Vice-Chair Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Deuntay Diggs, Stafford County (V)
Ms. Kecia Evans, alternate Stafford County (V)
Ms. Susanna Finn, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Lori Hayes, Chair Spotsylvania County (V)
Ms. Jannan Holmes, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. Drew Mullins, Spotsylvania County (V)
Dr. Pamela Yeung, Stafford County (V)
Ms. Donna Cloniger, alternate VDOT
Ms. Catherine Coffey, PE, alternate Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Melody Fowler, Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!)
Mr. Greg Henion, PE, Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Yolanda Hipski, Chair CTAC
Ms. Cassy Lord, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Brian Ogle, Chair BPAC (online)
Dr. Robert Schneider, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)(V)
Ms. Laura Sellers, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

Committee Members Absent:
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, First Vice-Chair Stafford County (V)
Ms. Cathy Binder, King George County
Mr. Jeffrey Black, alternate Caroline County
Mr. Gerald Childress, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. David Goosman, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Ms. Maya Guy, alternate Stafford County (V)
Ms. Nancy Long, Caroline County
Mr. Matt Rowe, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. David "Sully" Sullins, alternate King George County
Ms. Amy Garbarini, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Mr. Daniel Koenig, Federal Highway Administration (FTA)
Mr. Steven Minor, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Mr. Joe Stainsby, alternate (PRTC) (V)

Others Present:
Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County (online)
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRC
Ms. Joy Crump, City of Fredericksburg (online)
Mr. Jimmy Morris, City of Fredericksburg, CTAC
Mr. Allen Watkins, Stafford County, CTAC

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

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**
   Mr. Hlaing conducted roll call and determined a quorum present.

4. **Approval of the February 9, 2026, Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
   Chair Mackintosh asked the Committee's consideration to remove items 6.c. and 6.d. from the Consent Agenda and add these two items under Action / Discussion Items as items 8.e. and 8.f. respectively.

   Motion to approve the amendments to the agenda.

   Motion: Jannan Holmes; Second: Drew Mullins
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. **Public Involvement**

   None

6. **Consent Agenda**

   Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.

   Motion: Deuntay Diggs; Second: Jannan Holmes
   Motion passed with unanimous consent.

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7. **Administrator Report**

Mr. Ollis welcomed new FAMPO Policy Committee members, Kecia Evans and Susanna Finn. He announced the new appointment for Secretary of Transportation, Nick Donahue, and the new CEO at VRE, Katie Choe. Mr. Ollis reviewed BUILD grant applications for which letters of support are included on the agenda. Presenting a graph for 2024 I-95 daily crashes in the FAMPO region using data from VDOT's Pathways for Planning, he remarked that only 40 days of the year did not have a crash, concluding that "safety on our roads is something we must continue to focus on." He also gave updates on the 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the new Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), and the SMART SCALE process. Lastly, he informed the committee that House Bill 1000 had been tabled. Members discussed the I-95 crash data and ideas for future analyses. Mr. Ollis pointed out that while staff were able to present data from publicly available sources, interpreting that data required staff time beyond current available capacity.

8. **Action/Discussion Items**

a. CMAQ/STBG/CR Update

Dr. John Ridout presented an overview of the projects screened in to be recommended for funding through the FAMPO Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality/Surface Transportation Block Grant/and Carbon Reduction (CMAQ/STBG/CR) programs. Dr. Ridout included updates to projects, including funding swaps with new and existing applications. The Policy Committee requested to have a quick overview of the submitted projects and Dr. Ridout provided the project maps and sketches with explanations for program eligibility and allocation strategies to optimize project deployment.

b. SMARTSCALE Round 7

Ms. Eaves presented the pre-application project lists for the GWRC and FAMPO, each of which has a maximum of 5 projects. She explained that staff recommended the Rappahannock River Crossing Parkway project be pulled from Round 7 but continue as a 2026 BUILD grant application to support future SMART SCALE project development. She explained that proceeding with a Round 7 submission using Pre-NEPA cost estimates and preliminary alignment would expose GWRC/FAMPO to significant monetary risk. Should the project be insufficiently awarded, GWRC/FAMPO would be responsible for funding the balance or would be forced to cancel the project. Since Mr. Henion of VDOT was in attendance, she asked if he and Mr. Ollis would like to speak further. Mr. Ollis and Mr. Henion confirmed this information, further explained the phased NEPA process and its timeline, and answered several questions from committee members. Further discussion included the recommendation to place the I-95 SB Widening, currently shown on the FAMPO regional project list, on the GWRC project list as well, both as a safeguard against the screening process and a demonstration of this project's regional impact.

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Motion was made to support the SMART SCALE project lists with the recommendation to remove the Rappahannock River Crossing Parkway from the GWRC list.

Motion: Dr. Pamela Yeung; Second: Mr. Chris Yakabouski

Ms. Finn made a friendly amendment to the Motion to add the I-95 Widening SB Exit 130 to Exit 126 on the GWRC SMART SCALE list to replace the Rappahannock River Crossing Parkway, resulting in the I-95 project being on both the GWRC and FAMPO regional project list for SMART SCALE Round 7. The maker and second of the original Motion agreed to the amendment.

Motion, as amended, passed with unanimous consent.

c. Complete Streets Next Steps

Ms. Hinkle reviewed FAMPO efforts to create a regional Complete Streets plan. She announced an upcoming Complete Streets TAC workshop where transportation planning staff from the region would collaborate to identify priority corridors for the region, identify and analyze gaps in the multimodal network, and determine preferred treatments for those corridors and gaps. Mr. Ollis clarified that the program is focused on the region's urbanized area.

d. LRTP 2055 Public Survey

Mr. Hlaing engaged Policy Committee members to disseminate the 2055 LRTP Transportation Goals and Needs Survey, pointing out the importance of obtaining as many responses as possible for meaningful results. Flyers and stickers were available, and several elected officials stayed after the meeting to help make video clips and take pictures to promote the survey on social media.

e. Letter of Support for the FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Planning Grant Application (Rappahannock River Crossing New Bridge and Parkway Tiered NEPA study and Preliminary Engineering Design)

Mr. Ollis and Mr. Henion explained that VDOT cannot perform the Preliminary Engineering Design for the project should the BUILD grant be awarded, but that they are required to and have the capacity to conduct the NEPA process. This will result in a reduced scope and funding request. Chair Mackintosh provided support for the reduced grant scope and explained that the BUILD grant allows and encourages multiple year applications, provided each year's request does not exceed $25 million.

The amended BUILD grant scope includes additional traffic modeling to study the impact of the proposed extension of Commerce Parkway to Celebrate Virginia Parkway on US Route 17, and committee members' questions were addressed by Mr. Ollis and Mr. Henion. An amended letter was provided to attendees for consideration of the reduced BUILD grant application scope.

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Motion to approve Letter of Support for the FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Planning Grant Application (Rappahannock River Crossing New Bridge and Parkway Tiered NEPA study and Traffic Modeling)

Motion: Ms. Jannan Holmes; Second Mr. Deuntay Diggs
Motion passed.

f. Letter of Support for the FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Planning Grant Application (Spotsylvania I-95 widening to 8 lanes (widen from 3 lanes to 4 lanes northbound and southbound) between Exit 130 (Route 3 / Plank Road) and Exit 126 (US Route 1 / US Route 17) NEPA and Preliminary Engineering Design)

Mr. Ollis shared the communications from VDOT that they are unable to manage the project should the grant funds be awarded. Mr. Henion expanded on the fact that the preliminary engineering efforts will not help the project score better in the SMART SCALE process. Conversations with Spotsylvania, VDOT and FAMPO had examined options for either FAMPO or the County to manage the project, resulting in the team's consensus to withdraw the BUILD grant application but pursue engineering and construction through SMART SCALE Round 7. Valuable and thoughtful discussions and questions lead to consensus to follow the advice to withdraw the BUILD grant application as recommended.

9. Correspondence

Mr. Ollis explained the letter from Michael J. Dunn, Acting Director EPA Air and Radiation Division. The letter provides the official "sunset" of the Federal conformity requirements that applied to the region.

10. Staff and Agency Reports

House Bill 1000 to amend the Code of Virginia relating to Rappahannock Area Transportation Authority has been tabled.

11. Adjourn/Next Policy Committee Meeting: March 16, 2026 at 6:00pm, 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA

Chair Mackintosh adjourned the meeting at 7:30.

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