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Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Will Mackintosh
Chair

Ian Ollis
FAMPO Administrator

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2026 – 7:30 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)
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Second Vice-Chair Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Deuntay Diggs, 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 (online)
Mr. Greg Henion, PE, Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (online)
Ms. Catherine Coffey, PE, alternate Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Melody Fowler, Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!)
Ms. Yolanda Hipski, Chair CTAC
Mr. Brian Ogle, Chair BPAC (online)
Dr. Robert Schneider, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)(V) (online)
Mr. Matt Rooney, alternate Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!) (online)

Committee Members Absent:
Ms. Cathy Binder, King George County
Mr. Jeffrey Black, alternate Caroline County
Mr. Gerald Childress, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Ms. Kecia Evans, alternate Stafford 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)
Ms. Cassy Lord, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Steven Minor, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Ms. Laura Sellers, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
Mr. Joe Stainsby, alternate (PRTC) (V)

Others Present:
Mr. Allen Watkins, Stafford County citizen
Mr. Rodney White, Spotsylvania County (online)

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 7:30 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 March 23, 2026 Policy Committee Agenda**

   Motion made to approve the March 23, 2026 agenda.

   Motion: Deuntay Diggs; Second: Lori Hayes
   Motion passed with unanimously.

5. **Public Involvement**

   Allen Watkins, speaking as a resident of Stafford County, addressed the committee regarding the Rappahannock River crossing project. He suggested a study of a second bridge into Spotsylvania County due to modeling showing limited congestion reductions at several intersections. Another participant submitted comments recommending that Route 610, a VDOT-designated Secondary Road in Stafford County, be upgraded to Primary Road status and proposed changes to various route designations in the area.

6. **Consent Agenda**

   Motion to approve the consent agenda.

   Motion: Jannan Holmes; Second: Deuntay Diggs
   Motion passed unanimously.

7. Action/Discussion Items

a. Resolution 26-39 Directing a Public Comment Period for the Draft Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Title VI Program Plan

Mr. Hlaing provided the history of the FAMPO Title VI program, explaining that Title VI originated in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to prohibit federal fund recipients from engaging in discriminatory practices based on race, color or national origin. In 2021, FAMPO adopted the Community Engagement and Equity Plan (CEEP) which combined the required Title VI and Public Participation Plans into one document. VDOT subsequently directed staff to separate the documents. The resultant draft Title VI Program Plan combines VDOT's template for Title VI Plans with the 2019 GWRC/FAMPO Title VI Plan. Resolution 26-39 opens a 45-day public comment period with adoption expected in May.

Motion to adopt Resolution 26-39.

Motion: Chris Yakabouski; Second: Susanna Finn
Motion passed unanimously.

b. FAMPO Area TAP Projects Selected for Funding

Ms. Eaves presented the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) members' selections for FAMPO area projects funded through the FY27-28 Transportation Alternative Program: Stafford County's Mine Road / Greenspring Drive multimodal (MPO TMA Selection), Forbes Street at Falmouth Elementary sidewalk; Spotsylvania County's Germanna Point Drive sidewalk and Fredericksburg City's Charles Street / William Street raised intersection. These will be added to VDOT's Draft Six Year Improvement Plan and finalized in June after Public Comment this spring. Mr. Ollis relayed communication from the CTB representative, Ms. Laura Sellers, who offered to address any questions relating to the awards.

c. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the Stafford County Board of Supervisors; the King George County Board of Supervisors; the City of Fredericksburg City Manager; the City of Fredericksburg Mayor; the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail; the George Washington Regional Commission; the U.S. Department of the Interior: Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park; and the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail Office.

Chair Mackintosh advised attendees that the item is brought to the Policy Committee to consider renewal of an MOU between parties that support designation of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail. Ms. Golden summarized the contents of the MOU and Ms. Hipski engaged members with progress made in neighboring communities to the north and other trails that relate to important US historical routes through the region. Opportunities for funding from outside entities like the National Park Service are enjoyed by those northern communities who have similar MOUs. Chair Mackintosh pointed out that the MOU's language did not oblige participants to dedicate funding, but rather to collaborate and cooperate on trail markings and to identify the routes in local comprehensive plans.

Members cautioned that they would not support an agreement that requires acquisition of private property and local funding for construction. Overall, members supported GWRC as the appropriate agency to consider an updated MOU because all five GWRC member jurisdictions are represented.

Motion to request GWRC to work with the FAMPO Administrator and staff to discuss an agreement similar to the 2016 document among the Stafford County Board of Supervisors; the King George County Board of Supervisors; the City of Fredericksburg City Manager; the City of Fredericksburg Mayor; the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail; the George Washington Regional Commission; the U.S. Department of the Interior: Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park; and the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail Office.

Motion: Jannan Holmes; Second: Deuntay Diggs
Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Staff and Agency Reports**
   Staff informed members that the BUILD grant for the River Crossing Tiered NEPA study was submitted, including the letters of support received. FAMPO participated in the Community Connections Expo, and Mr. Hlaing was complimented on the efforts made to promote the LRTP Transportation survey with 1,074 respondents.

9. **Board Member and Chair Comments**
   The April Policy Committee meeting is currently planned to be in the Community Development Conference Room in the Merchant Square Building of the Spotsylvania government complex. As the room may be too small, the committee asked those members to explore onsite alternatives. Chair Mackintosh reminded the committee that holding the meetings in the FAMPO counties is meant to encourage attendance by more local residents.

10. **Adjourn / Next Policy Committee Meeting:** April 20, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Spotsylvania County Community Development Conference Room on the First Floor of the Merchant Square Building, located at 9019 Old Battlefield Blvd, Spotsylvania, VA 22553

    Chair Mackintosh adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.