Will Mackintosh
Chair

Ian Ollis
FAMPO Administrator

POLICY COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.
Merchant's Square Conference Room 1; 3rd floor of the Merchant's Square Building at 9019 Old Battlefield Boulevard, Spotsylvania Courthouse Village, Spotsylvania, VA 22553
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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)
Mr. Greg Henion, PE, Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Catherine Coffey, PE, alternate Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Dr. Robert Schneider, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)(V)
Ms. Melody Fowler, Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!)
Ms. Amy Garbarini, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Ms. Cassy Lord, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Brian Ogle, Chair BPAC
Mr. David "Sully" Sullins, alternate King George County (online)
Ms. Cathy Binder, King George County (online)Ms. Donna Cloniger, alternate VDOT (online)
Ms. Yolanda Hipski, Chair CTAC

Committee Members Absent:
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. Daniel Koenig, Federal Highway Administration (FTA)
Mr. Steven Minor, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Mr. Matt Rooney, alternate Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!)
Ms. Laura Sellers, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
Mr. Joe Stainsby, alternate (PRTC) (V)

Others Present:
Ms. Mariia Zimmerman, Director of Rail and Public Transportation for the Commonwealth of Virginia
Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Ms. Shannon Fennell, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Jimmy Morris, City of Fredericksburg citizen
Mr. Vincent Terrell, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Allen Watkins, Stafford County citizen
Mr. Rodney White, Spotsylvania County

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

1. **Call Policy Committee Meeting to Order**
   Chair Mackintosh called the meeting to order at 6:37 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 April 20, 2026 Policy Committee Agenda**

   Motion made to approve the April 20, 2026 agenda.

   Motion: First Vice-Chair Crystal Vanuch; Second: Lori Hayes
   Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Hearings**
   Public Hearings were held for each of the following with no comments provided:
   - **a.** *Resolution 26-45 Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project UPC HGAA01 for the Healthy Generations Area Agency on Aging to Acquire 2 ADA Accessible Vehicles*
   - **b.** *Resolution 26-46 Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project UPC HGAA02 for Healthy Generations Area Agency on Aging – Operating Assistance / Transportation Services for Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities*
   - **c.** *Resolution 26-47 Adopting an Amendment to Add a New Project UPC HGAA03 for Healthy Generations Area Agency on Aging – Operating Assistance / Mobility Management for Older Adults and Individuals with Disabilities*
   - **d.** *Resolution 26-39 Directing a Public Comment Period for the Draft Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Title VI Program Plan*

6. **Public Involvement**
   Allen Watkins, speaking as a resident of Stafford County, addressed the committee regarding bridge connectivity across the Rappahannock region, questioning the transformative impact of a single bridge and suggesting further study involving multiple jurisdictions.

   Mr. Hlaing read public comments received during a recent outreach event from the following individuals: Shawnee in RVA, Harper in Stafford, Katia in Spotsylvania, and Michael in Spotsylvania. Those comments included requests for shaded seating areas, more sidewalks, more roads to cross I-95 in the region, more transportation options in Caroline County, better coordination between city bus schedules and VRE schedules, high-speed rail in the region and support for additional tracks to help with rail congestion.

7. **Consent Agenda**
   Motion to approve the consent agenda.
   Motion: Deuntay Diggs; Second: Jannon Holmes
   Motion passed unanimously.

8. **Mariia Zimmerman, Director of Rail and Public Transportation for the Commonwealth of Virginia**
   Ms. Zimmerman provided her background and long interest and involvement in Regional Transportation Planning and Metropolitan Planning Organizations. The funding streams and resources for rail and public transportation services were explained including support for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). DRPT's 2026 Agency Priorities were presented along with four-year Agency Priorities. A recent survey was initiated to help create a vision for the future of rail, "State of Rail in VA 2026".

9. **FAMPO Administrator Report**
   Mr. Ollis discussed updated population estimates for the Fredericksburg region, showing continued growth at a slightly slower rate than previous updates. Caroline County showed increased population growth, likely due to less expensive land making development more attractive than in other GWRC localities. He emphasized that we are adding one "Fredericksburg size" population every 4 to 5 years and advised members that staff will be bringing population estimates for 2055 to the Policy Committee in May for adoption as part of the 2055 LRTP update process.

10. **Action/Discussion Items**
    a. Resolution 26-48 Directing a Public Comment Period for the Draft Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program

       Ms. Golden reviewed the FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), including accomplishments from FY26 and new proposals for FY27. The action requested was to open the FY27 public comment process.

       Motion to adopt Resolution 26-48.

       Motion: First Vice-Chair Crystal Vanuch; Second: Lori Hayes
       Motion passed unanimously.

b. FAMPO Resolution 26-50 Directing a Public Comment Period for the Draft FY27-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dr. Ridout reviewed the FY27-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process and draft, including the purpose, legislative requirements, funding sources and trends. The FY27-30 TIP draft document includes a regional analysis of benefits and burdens on various populations. Mr. Ollis explained that projects must be in the TIP to be authorized for advancement and expenditures to be made.

Motion to adopt Resolution 26-50.

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

c. LRTP 2055 Transportation Goals & Needs Survey Results

Mr. Hlaing presented the results of the LRTP 2055 Transportation Goals and Needs Survey, highlighting key trends and specific comments from respondents. The survey results showed strong support for improving public transportation, multimodal systems, and traffic safety improvements, with particular emphasis on communication between transit agencies and the public. The top objectives across different goals include developing interconnected transportation systems, examining roadway improvements, and expanding affordable bus and rail service. Staff will review comments and survey data to develop and present 2055 LRTP goals and objectives to committees in May for adoption.

d. Bridges and Safety Infrastructure for Community Success (BASICS) Act Summary

Mr. Ollis provided an overview of the Basics Act, a bipartisan bill that will be included in the upcoming Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill due for approval by October 1st. The bill aims to increase funding for bridge projects, MPOs, and rural transportation planning organizations, with potential amendments expected before final approval. Key highlights include increased STBG funding, higher Metropolitan Planning Funds allocation, and potential direct funding for MPOs without external fiscal agents, though these details may change during the legislative process.

Ms. Zimmerman and Mr. Henion joined the conversation sharing insights, benefits and differences between the current Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the BASICS Act. The discussion also covered current PL funding challenges including a reduction in funding for FY27 due to inflation and “claw backs” from the federal government. He clarified that this bill would address future funding rather than immediate concerns.

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e. New round of funding allocations, CMAQ, STBG, CR & PL Funding

Mr. Ollis discussed addressing a $34,000 shortfall for FY27 of PL funds by using funds from the CMAQ, STBG, CR allocation emergency reserve, with no impact on active projects. He noted that CMAQ and STBG allocations have made the budget whole, and the full allocation package will be presented for approval in May.

11. Correspondence

Ms. Holmes discussed a letter from the city manager about future transit planning, with Ms. Hayes suggesting the need for data-driven discussions to improve regional transit integration and coordination between different systems. Dr. Schneider discussed the evolution of the Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission, which was originally created to fund VRE but now focuses more on local transit services. The discussion centered on developing a regional transit visioning plan, with Mr. Yakabouski expressing concerns about creating a plan without clear objectives and questioning the efficiency of current transit options in lower density areas. The conversation highlighted the need for better coordination among the various transit systems, particularly VRE and local bus services, while acknowledging funding and policy-level challenges in creating effective connections.

12. Staff and Agency Reports

- The Committee discussed rescheduling the June meeting to adhere to comment period duration requirements and allow for adopting resolutions prior to the end of the fiscal year. June 29th was approved for the meeting date.
- Ms. Eaves reported that SMART SCALE pre-applications have been submitted, and resolutions of approval and support for final applications will be on the committee's June meeting agenda for action.
- Mr. Hlaing advised attendees about document accessibility requirements mandated by the federal government.
- Ms. Golden briefed members on the SS4A FY26 grant application, Tidewater Trail Multimodal Safety Improvements. Ms. Hayes shared the serious nature of fatal pedestrian crashes at Glenda's Way / Briarwood Ln / Tidewater Trail prior to installation of the new span wire traffic signal in the fall of 2025, and the successful use of the pedestrian controls since its installation. She credited VDOT's Kyle Bates, the Resident Engineer at the time, for his help to ensure the project met traffic signal warrants.

13. Board Member and Chair Comments

Chair Mackintosh and Mr. Diggs discussed proposed legislation to increase truck sizes, with the committee agreeing to gather more information from the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks before taking a position.

14. Adjourn / Next Policy Committee Meeting: May 18, 2026 at 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Chair Mackintosh adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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