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Yolanda Hipski
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FAMPO Administrator

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2026 - 6:00pm
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg
https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/

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Committee Members Present:

Yolanda Hipski, City of Fredericksburg, Chair
TaMara Banks, At-Large
Jason Braaten, Stafford County
Danté Braden, Spotsylvania County
Joe Brito, Stafford County
Daniel Byler, Stafford County (6:05)
Rupert Farley, At-Large
Denise Flatley, King George
Larry Gross, At-Large (Online)
Ryan Herbert, Spotsylvania County
Rebekah Herrin, City of Fredericksburg (6:16)
David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg (6:15)
Jimmy Morris, City of Fredericksburg
Kevin Wilkinson, Spotsylvania County

Committee Members Absent:

Allen Watkins, Stafford County, Vice Chair
Ruby Brabo, Stafford County
Michael Catell, Stafford County
Justin Chenault, Caroline County
David Fauth, City of Fredericksburg
Michael Hoyt, Caroline County
Cassandra Jagroop, City of Fredericksburg
Arya Nair, City of Fredericksburg
Ken Pogue, Caroline County
Rodney Thomas, At-Large
Clinton Wells, Spotsylvania County
Tim Welsh, Spotsylvania County

Others Present

Linda LaSut, VDOT

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Staff Present:
Eugene Hlaing, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator
John Ridout, Senior Transportation Planner

1. **Call to Order**
   At 6:00 p.m., the meeting was called to order by Chair Yolanda Hipski

2. **Roll Call**
   John Ridout conducted roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

3. **Approval of the May 13th, 2026, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda**

   Motion to Approve: Danté Braden; Second: Joe Brito
   Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of the April 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

   Motion to Approve: Rupert Farley; Second: Joe Brito
   Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Comment:** None

6. **VDOT/Transit Report-a-Problem:**

   Danté Braden asked VDOT to investigate the intersection near Courtland High School about the potential for a traffic signal. Danté also mentioned that the flashing lights near the Spotsylvania Courthouse might be difficult for those with self-driving vehicles to identify. Lastly, Danté asked about emergency vehicles and noticing more speeding through intersections because locations lacked signal priority abilities. Joe Brito asked about any updates on the Berea Church Road construction as well as the 2nd turn lane near the new Stafford County High School and Elementary School. Linda LaSut listened to the CTAC's items and would follow up with the appropriate people about some of the concerns.

7. **Action/Discussion Items**

   a. **Nomination of Officers**
      The CTAC nominated Al Watkins for the position of Chair for the upcoming year. The CTAC deferred the nomination of Vice Chair to June so that Spotsylvania representatives could be present for the nomination.

      Motion to Nominate Al Watkins for Chair: Joe Brito; Second: Jimmy Morris
      Motion passed unanimously.
      Motion to Defer the Vice Chair Nomination: Kevin Wilkerson; Second Rupert Farley; Motion passed unanimously.

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b. Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) Representative/Attendee:

TaMara Banks proposed to the CTAC to consider sending a representative to observe and attend the City of Fredericksburg's Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB) so that the two groups could collaborate and share information. TaMara recommended PTAB receive an invite to CTAC to present. The committee discussed the merits of attending the meeting and options available to CTAC members. John Ridout explained that formal appointments to PTAB were made by the City of Fredericksburg's City Council and that FAMPO staff, through GWRC, was a sitting member on PTAB. John recommended that if CTAC is interested in establishing a relationship with PTAB, the CTAC should nominate a formal designee to attend meetings and establish a working relationship. PTAB meets every other first Wednesday at 9:00am. The next meeting is June 3, 2026. Danté Braden noted that he could attend. Jason Braaten made a formal nomination.

Motion to Nominate Danté Braten as the CTAC Liaison to the PTAB
Motion: Jason Braaten; Second: TaMara Banks
Motion passed unanimously.

c. 2055 LRTP Goals and Objectives

Eugene Hlaing presented the updated 2055 LRTP Goals and Objectives. Eugene noted the language for the goals remained similar to previous years, but the objectives were streamlined and updated to reflect the responses in the survey. Accessibility objectives were streamlined and objectives increasing freight traffic were removed and rewritten to minimize freight impacts on the roads. The 2050 LRTP goals and objectives were presented side-by-side to the new 2055 goals and objectives as the CTAC discussed the changes. Joe Brito suggested using stronger language specifically towards promoting connectivity and shorter route options. Daniel Byler noted that a few of the goals and objectives could be in conflict and asked if there was a ranked-choice approach. Staff noted that a narrowing of compromises and trade-off occurs later in the process and the Goals and Objectives section are the starting point of the process. The CTAC discussed some of the language in the document, but the committee noted that the updated document was product that condensed the desires noted in the survey into a productive document. Rupert Farley noted that the inclusion of several transit items was both refreshing as well as an important step for the region.

Motion: To affirm that the 2055 LRTP Goals and Objectives accurately captured the survey responses and endorse, as presented, recommendation of the Goals and Objectives for adoption to the Policy Committee.
Motion: Kevin Wilkerson; Second: Denise Flatley
Motion passed unanimously.

8. Staff Reports

a. John Ridout presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Draft FY27-FY30 document and noted it was available for public comment. The committee reviewed the document and suggested a few changes to the map, specifically towards the labels and icons. Rupert Farley noted that the benefit/burden icon label on the maps was missing and needed to be included. Danté Braden noted that the icons were in a Red/Green format and could not be deciphered by those with color blindness. Rupert also asked if the maps could be individualized. Rupert mentioned revisiting the mission statement and find misuse of the word "comprise" within the document.

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b. John summarized the Technical Advisory Committee meeting and noted it was a packed agenda. The TAC received a presentation from the VPRA, endorsed TIP items, and endorsed the FY27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and finally endorsed the LRTP Goals and Objectives. The TAC reviewed a proposed Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) prioritization methodology. David McLaughlin asked why the CTAC did not receive a presentation of the GWRC SS4A Application that the TAC took action to endorse a letter of support from FAMPO. John noted that this was a GWRC grant and work product and typically CTAC does not endorse endorsement letters like this type of document. However, CTAC did review the SS4A action plan, and this grant application is derived from that plan. John mentioned that CTAC could revisit SS4A items in the future.

c. John summarized the April PC meeting and noted a presentation by DRPT, the opening of multiple public comment periods and discussion around survey results. One item highlighted as a topic for the CTAC to explore was the GWRC's letter to the FAMPO committee to explore a regional transit visioning plan. The Policy Committee's conversation surrounding regional transit was diverse and uncertain of the need and potential goals. Yolanda noted that this could be a good topic for the CTAC address in the future.

9. Member Reports

Chair Yolanda Hipski provided a brief update on recommendation action to the FAMPO Policy committee to explore the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail and other regional trails. Yolanda explained the decision of the FAMPO Policy Committee to take the topic to their respected boards and councils and send the topic to the GWRC Board to include the rural jurisdictions.

10. Future Agenda items

Joe Brito asked about getting an update on all construction projects in the region.

The Election of Officers is slated for June.

11. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting June 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Hipski adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

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