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Yolanda Hipski
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FAMPO Administrator

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 10, 2026 - 6:00pm
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg
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Video recordings are linked on the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) webpage:
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Committee Members Present:
Yolanda Hipski, City of Fredericksburg, Chair
Allen Watkins, Stafford County, Vice Chair
TaMara Banks, At-Large (Online)
Jason Braaten, Stafford County
Danté Braden, Spotsylvania County
Joe Brito, Stafford County
Rupert Farley, At-Large
Ryan Herbert, Spotsylvania County
Jimmy Morris, City of Fredericksburg
Kevin Wilkinson, Spotsylvania County
Clinton Wells, Spotsylvania County
Tim Welsh, Spotsylvania County

Committee Members Absent:
Ruby Brabo, Stafford County
Daniel Byler, Stafford County
Michael Catell, Stafford County
Justin Chenault, Caroline County
David Fauth, City of Fredericksburg
Denise Flatley, King George
Larry Gross, At-Large
Rebekah Herrin, 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
David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg

Others Present
Rachel Inman, 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**
   Eugene Hlaing conducted roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

3. **Approval of the June 10, 2026, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda**

   Yoland Hipski introduced a change to the agenda request by FAMPO Staff. John Ridout requested that the CTAC review the region's SMART SCALE applications to provide the Policy Committee guidance on where each project corridor should rank on the SMART SCALE rankings page. Prioritization would be an Action Item. In addition, in the interest of time, the Safe Streets for (4) All discussion would be tabled until a later date.
   Motion to Approve: Rupert Farley; Second: Al Watkins
   Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of the May 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

   Motion to Approve: Jason Bratten; Second: Rupert Farley
   Motion passed with Al Watkins Abstaining.

5. **Public Comment:** None

6. **VDOT/Transit Report-a-Problem:** None

7. **Action/Discussion Items**

   Danté Braden asked if VDOT followed up with questions and comments made at the last CTAC meeting. John Ridout noted that VDOT's responses were attached under item 7.f. Danté also asked about Spotsylvania High School getting a potential stop light. Tim Welsh noted that on Landsdowne Road near the Parkwood Subdivision that Deep Run has eaten away at the roadbed and the guardrails are compromised.

   a. **River Crossing and the CLRP – Al Watkins**

      Al Watkins shared a presentation and public comment he made to the Technical Advisory Committee. He sought that there could be a study added to the CLRP about different River Crossing options not previously studied. He asked about the process of generating a study and how they came into the FAMPO workflow. John Ridout explained that studies were a product of formal actions by either jurisdiction elected boards/councils along with the FAMPO Policy Committee and funds would need to be directed to explore any study related item. Joe Brito added that the late 90s outer connector study/corridor might be of use as not to

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reinvent the wheel with Stafford Comprehensive plan adding the concept of an additional River Crossing. John Ridout provided further information about the process for the CLRP and the rolling process that projects take. Localities are the entities that generate projects and FAMPO reflect local desires.

b. Nomination of Officers

The CTAC nominated Al Watkins for the position of Chair for the upcoming year.

Motion to Nominate Al Watkins for Chair: Joe Brito; Second: Tim Welsh Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Nominate Tim Welsh as Vice Chair Kevin Wilkerson; Second Joe Brito; Motion passed unanimously.

c. Safe Streets for (4) All Update & FAMPO Process

Discussion was deferred to a future meeting

d. SMARTSCALE Project Prioritization

John Ridout noted that the Office for Intermodal Planning and Investment has made an unanticipated change to the project selection process where applicants must rank projects' project priority. FAMPO does not have a defined process for prioritizing regional projects on both the FAMPO and GWRC regional list and with the upcoming August deadline as well as summer committee hiatus, FAMPO staff is asking CTAC to provide guidance to the Policy Committee on which project corridors are the most important and critical for this round of SMART SCALE. Due to the complexity of the application and the nature of project development, CTAC cannot make changes to the projects nor is a deep dive into project merit time feasible, so a high-level overview and local knowledge is critical for a recommendation. The CTAC were presented a brief description of each project on both the GWRC and FAMPO list. The committee discussed in detail the importance of each corridor, the demands affecting traffic in the areas, development, I-95, commute patterns, history, and cost. The committee took projects individually and began nominating projects for specific ranked numbers/order to create the prioritized list. CTAC noted that Stafford projects with the acronym PATH were not shared-used paths but roadway projects fixing traffic hotspots. Nominated projects that received a supporting second drew a group discussion before a vote. Projects with a majority support are assigned as the CTAC priority based on the motion. TaMara Banks abstained from all ranking votes because the discussion around the table was difficult to follow online as well as a need for more information. Any project not receiving a successful motion for ranks #1 through #3 was the #4 priority by default.

Motion to rank the Germanna Point Drive to Spotsylvania Ave Connectors as the GWRC #1 project: Danté Braden; Second: Rupert Farley, Motion passed 9-2.

Motion to rank Warrenton Rd Widening as the GWRC #2 project: Tim Welsh; Second: Joe Brito, Motion passed 10-1.

Motion to rank I-95 SB Widening Between Exit 130 and Exit 126 as the #3

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GWRC project: Tim Welsh; Second: Joe Brito, Motion passed 10-1.

CTAC noted that the US17 Tidewater Trail Widening & Intersection Improvement was the default #4 priority for the GWRC list.

Motion to rank the Garrisonville Road PATH project as the FAMPO #1 project: Jason Bratten; Second: Tim Welsh, Motion passed 8-3.

Motion to rank Rte. 1 and Roxbury Mill Rod to Rte 606 FAMPO #2 project: Danté Braden; Second: Ryan Herbert, Motion failed 4-7.

Motion to rank Rt 208 Pipeline Study Corridor Improvements: Leavells Rd as the #2 FAMPO project: Tim Welsh; Second: Danté Braden, Motion passed 7-4.

Motion to rank Warrington Road PATH project as the #3 FAMPO project: Tim Welsh; Second: Jimmy Morris, Motion passed 9-2.

CTAC noted that the Rte. 1 and Roxbury Mill Rod to Rte. 606 project was the default #4 priority for the FAMPO list.

e. Complete Streets Plan
John Ridout shared that the Complete Streets draft plan will open for public comment at the end of the month and run through July. The materials are available and the CTAC may endorse the plan at their August meeting.

f. VDOT Update and Project Page & Resources
John Ridout provided the VDOT responses to the questions and project information the CTAC requested in the May meeting. Danté Braden asked what the next step would be to address the response. John noted that Danté Braden could follow up directly with VDOT or ask the Chair to add it to a future agenda item. Yolanda Hipski noted that Rt 1 bridge at Chopawamsic Creek was being replaced and there was an opportunity for a shared-use path rather than bike lanes if Stafford follows up. In response to Joe Brito's request for VDOT updates on projects, John displayed the VDOT Projects Page as a place to find the progress of various roadway improvements in the region.

8. Staff Reports

a. John Ridout noted that FAMPO staff incorporated CTAC's request for improvements on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY27-FY30 document.

b. John Ridout and CTAC presented Yolanda Hipski with a certificate of appreciation for their service as Chair of the Committee for the past year.

c. John summarized the Technical Advisory Committee meeting and noted it was a packed agenda and focused on the CRLP and the LRTP. John summarized the May PC meeting and noted that it included several presentations on the LRTP process and the future timeline for the next fiscal year.

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9. Member Reports

Danté Braden provided an update on PTAB and his attendance as a CTAC observer. He noted there were services available that the public might not be aware that is available.

Joe Brito provided a map of the Stafford County Comprehensive Plan Draft and the Anticipated Transportation Needs. Joe noted that the outer connector has a river crossing to Spotsylvania in the far western part of the county. He provided the history of various attempts of the out connector. The public meeting is imminent.

10. Future Agenda items

a. Complete Streets Plan, Regional Transit Discussion, and Safe Streets 4 All

11. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting August 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Hipski adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

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