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CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 - 6:00pm
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg
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A video recording of the meeting is linked on the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) webpage:
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Committee Members Present:
Allen Watkins, Stafford County, Chair
Tim Welsh, Spotsylvania County, Vice Chair
Jason Braaten, Stafford County
Danté Braden, Spotsylvania County
Rupert Farley, At-Large
Denise Flatley, King George
Ryan Herbert, Spotsylvania County
Rebekah Herrin, City of Fredericksburg
David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg
Jimmy Morris, City of Fredericksburg
Elody Shojinaga, King George County
Clinton Wells, Spotsylvania County (online)

Committee Members Absent:
TaMara Banks, At-Large
Ruby Brabo, Stafford County
Joe Brito, Stafford County
Daniel Byler, Stafford County
Michael Catell, Stafford County
Justin Chenault, Caroline County
David Fauth, City of Fredericksburg
Larry Gross, At-Large
Yolanda Hipski, 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
Kevin Wilkinson, Spotsylvania County

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 Allen Watkins

2. **Roll Call**
   Eugene Hlaing conducted roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

3. **Approval of the August 12th, 2026, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda**

   Two presentations were added to the agenda as items 7a. Consideration of Amendments to Bylaws, All Committees, Public Comment and 7b. CTAC Involvement at Policy Board Meetings, both presented by Al Watkins. VDOT provided written responses to the CTAC's questions during the June 2026 meeting, and these responses will be reviewed under item 6. VDOT/Transit Report-a-Problem.

   Motion to Approve: Rupert Farley; Second: Jason Braaten
   Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Approval of the June 10, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

   Motion to Approve: Rupert Farley; Second: Timothy Welsh
   Abstentions: Denise Flatley, David McLaughlin, Elody Shojinaga
   Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Comment:**

   Eugene Hlaing read aloud a document received from the disAbility Resource Center (dARC) regarding the Complete Streets Plan. The document was a collection of comments written by several dARC clients. The comments suggest that FAMPO staff build a two-page executive summary for long documents and provide a clear definition of the "Conceptual" status within the Regional Plans list. The document also contains feedback on several inaccessible bus stops and sidewalks in the FAMPO region.

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

   John Ridout read aloud the VDOT's answers to the CTAC's questions from the June 2026 CTAC meeting.

   Danté Braden noted a disconnect between schoolboard members' beliefs that a traffic signal is necessary at several schools and VDOT's beliefs that a traffic signal is not necessary. Danté requested that VDOT provide a presentation outlining how the decision to include or exclude a traffic signal on school property is made. Al Watkins suggested including a section of the

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presentation recognizing what warrants are necessary to install a light. Denise Flatley noted that it is common practice for school resource officers to direct traffic.

7. **Action/Discussion Items**
   - **a.** Consideration of Amendments to Bylaws, All Committees, Public Comment - Al Watkins

     Al Watkins opened a discussion regarding inconsistencies in the Public Comment bylaws between the FAMPO committees. The CTAC is flexible and could have the power to extend the amount of time a public comment receives beyond the 3-minute maximum. In some committees, this power is outlined in the bylaws. The committee discussed the 3-minute maximum, the committee's power to extend public comments, and multimedia accompanying public comments. Denise Flatley recognized that the new accessibility ruling would require multimedia provided by the public to be accessible, John noted that FAMPO staff do not currently have guidelines in place for ensuring video accessibility, and Al suggested the discussion be tabled until after the compliance deadline has passed.

     Rupert Farley suggested that future presentations use a more visible font.

     Danté Braden suggested adding to the bylaws a clause restricting public comment to transportation topics.

     Al asked the committee to consider informing other FAMPO committees of amendments made to the bylaws once the amendments are approved to establish consistency between FAMPO committee bylaws.

   - **b.** CTAC Involvement at Policy Board Meetings - Al Watkins

     During the June 10 CTAC meeting, the committee discussed and created a list of the Regional Project Prioritization Ranking for the SMART SCALE process, and this list was included in the Policy Committee July 29th agenda. The list was not discussed by the Policy Committee, and the Policy Committee only reviewed and approved the list created by the Technical Advisory Committee. Al Watkins suggested that a review of the CTAC meeting be included in Policy Committee agendas, like the review of TAC and PC meetings in CTAC agendas.

     As opposed to a regular review of the CTAC meeting, the committee encouraged the chair to speak up and interject as a non-voting member of the Policy Committee.
     John Ridout clarified that the Policy Committee voted to approve the list created by the TAC and sought to move on from the item quickly. He noted that the CTAC list was presented and discussed at the TAC. The CTAC and TAC lists were similar with exception to the 3rd and 4th rankings, which were swapped.

   - **c.** Complete Streets Draft Plan – FAMPO Staff (ACTION ITEM)

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- Endorse Full Final Draft Document and TAC Update

The TAC and other entities provided comments to FAMPO staff which were incorporated into the Complete Streets Plan Final Draft that was released for public comment. John reviewed the updates made to the plan, such as an update to the bus stop amenities inventory, early action options, funding opportunities, and next steps. Referring to the comments received from the disAbility Resource Center, John defined a "conceptual" status as a listed or documented project that does not yet have an official study, design documents, or cost estimate attached. John reviewed the intention and content of the plan's sections.

John defined "desire lines" as an informal path through grassy areas where regular pedestrian use has created an informal path that does not grow grass or weeds. The committee suggested adding a description and photo of desire paths.

John confirmed that the survey question "How well does the current transportation network accommodate walking to these destinations?" was restricted to survey respondents who answered "yes" to the question "Do you currently walk to reach any destination?"

Committee members may send individual comments to FAMPO staff as members of the public but are unable to send comments as a committee due to time constraints.

Rupert Farley stated that the plan encourages suburban sprawl as many of the projects listed are in suburban areas. John Ridout noted that the plan only targets "urban" areas as designated by the federal census. The committee discussed the intentions of the plan regarding sprawl and bike/ped connectivity.

Motion to Endorse: Jason Braaten; Second: Danté Braden
Motion passed with one nay.

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d. Endorse Resolution 27-07 A Resolution Opposing Federal Amendments That Would Increase Truck Size or Weight Limits and Urging Congress to Protect Local Roads, Bridges, and Public Safety **(ACTION ITEM)** – FAMPO Staff

- Summary Presentation to Policy Committee developed by Joshua M. Collins, Assistant Vice President Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT)
- Proposed Bigger Truck Configurations
- CABT National Organizations Opposing Truck Size & Weight Increases
- CABT Fact Sheet

John Ridout reviewed the resolution. The Policy Committee requested FAMPO develop the resolution and will vote on it during the August 17th meeting. The resolution will be sent to congress. The committee discussed the impact of the federal amendments on the roadways and regional workforce.

Motion to Endorse: Rupert Farley; Second: David McLaughlin;
Motion passed unanimously.

8. Staff Reports

a. FAMPO TAC and Policy Committee Meeting

John reviewed the TAC and Policy Committee meeting agendas.

b. TIP 27-01 and 27-03 & CMAQ Amendments

John reviewed the TIP amendments and noted that TIP 27-01 is unique in that the project has been completed and must backfill about $100 million. TransUrban funding is being added, and because I-95 is a regional corridor, FAMPO must publicly disclose all changes in funding. The committee debated the validity and necessity of the project funding. The committee confirmed that taxpayer dollars were not used to backfill the project. John reviewed resolution 27-03 and the CMAQ amendments. The Garrisonville Road Widening will be replaced with Garrisonville Road Targeted Improvements as another funding source for the widening has been found. The City of Fredericksburg has also moved money between their projects. FAMPO staff will make an administrative edit to the document to correct the spelling of "Targetted" in row 5, column 1 of the table.

c. LRTP & CLRP Updates

Eugene Hlaing reviewed the changes made to the 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan Chapter 2: Goals and Objectives and Appendix D: Public Involvement Report. FAMPO will undergo a public engagement process to determine a new name for the LRTP. Suggestions for new names may be sent to his or the FAMPO email address.

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John provided an update on the Constrained Long Range Plan. FAMPO staff is currently screening and scoring projects submitted by jurisdictions and partner organizations for regional significance. FAMPO has initiated the modeling process, and the new model outputs will only determine the Safety Benefit score of specific projects. The list will be available in September. Because the FAMPO region is no longer an Air Quality Conformity maintenance area, moving projects in and out of the list is now easier. The TAC will be responsible for promoting and demoting projects and moving projects onto the list means another project must be removed.

Both the Needs List and CLRP will be released for public comment during the September 21st Policy Committee meeting.

9. Member Reports

a. Public Outreach & Acknowledgement

Several committee members expressed their frustration with the Word Document format the June 10th agenda was published in. John noted that the MPO must be compliant with federal accessibility guidelines and has begun the process of testing various formats. The committee discussed accessibility requirements under Title II and possible solutions to ensure that documents both met accessibility standards while staying convenient to retrieve.

Al Watkins and John Ridout reported that the TransUrban extension was possibly in the process of developing a NEPA study.

10. Future Agenda Item(s)

Al Watkins requested that correspondence presented during previous Policy Committee meetings be included in the CTAC agenda.

11. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting: September 9th, at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Hipski adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

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