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CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2026 - 6:00pm
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg
https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/

A video recording of the meeting is linked on the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) webpage:
https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/citizens-transportation-advisory-committee/

Committee Members Present:

Allen Watkins, Stafford County, Chair
TaMara Banks, At-Large
Danté Braden, Spotsylvania County
Rupert Farley, At-Large
Larry Gross, At-Large (online)
Ryan Herbert, Spotsylvania County
Rebekah Herrin, City of Fredericksburg (online)
Yolanda Hipski, City of Fredericksburg
David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg

Committee Members Absent:

Tim Welsh, Spotsylvania County, Vice Chair
Ruby Brabo, Stafford County
Jason Braaten, Stafford County
Joe Brito, Stafford County
Daniel Byler, Stafford County
Michael Catell, Stafford County
Justin Chenault, Caroline County
David Fauth, City of Fredericksburg
Denise Flatley, King George
Michael Hoyt, Caroline County
Cassandra Jagroop, City of Fredericksburg
Jimmy Morris, City of Fredericksburg
Arya Nair, City of Fredericksburg
Ken Pogue, Caroline County
Elody Shojinaga, King George County
Clinton Wells, 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 Watkins

2. Roll Call

Mr. Hlaing conducted roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

3. Approval of the September 9, 2026, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda

Motion to Approve: Rupert Farley; Second: Danté Braden
Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the August 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Mr. McLaughlin brought a correction to the draft minutes to Chair Watkins' attention, that Ms. Hipski did not close the August meeting.

Motion to Approve with the correction noted by Mr. McLaughlin: Rupert Farley; Second: David McLaughlin
Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. VDOT/Transit Report-a-Problem

Ms. Banks discussed safety concerns on Lafayette Blvd with Ms. Inman and committee members about the center turning lane. Mr. Braden reported an observation while driving in the Partlow area of Spotsylvania County with VDOT workers' temporary traffic control warning signs while working on a curve near Marye Road. Mr. Braden expressed those approaching drivers needed more advanced notice of the workers to improve their safety.

7. Action/Discussion Items

a. 95 Express Lanes Bi-Directional Project

Dr. Ridout presented details about the 95 Express Bi-Directional Project, a TransUrban initiative in partnership with VDOT. The project aims to extend express lanes from Prince William County to Massaponax, with plans for 6 lanes total in Prince William County and 4 lanes in Stafford, including a new bridge over the Rappahannock River. The project is entering the MPO process and NEPA documentation, with current planning focused on access points, right-of-way requirements, and potential modifications to

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existing ramps.

Mr. Farley questioned the local benefits to be derived from the project, and Mr. Braden asked about the impact on traffic volumes. Staff and Mr. McLaughlin explained that while the project would provide congestion relief on I-95, it could create additional traffic burdens on local east-west routes like Courthouse Road and US 17. The discussion revealed that FAMPO had submitted concerns about induced demand and local impacts from the project, though the final decision rests with the MPO which has the authority to approve or reject the project. Participants debated whether road expansion was the best approach, with some expressing frustration about the lack of investment in public transportation alternatives and questioning the long-term sustainability of road-based solutions.

Ms. Banks brought up alternatives such as dedicated bus lanes and concerns with ongoing development and asked about the "life span" of the project benefits. Mr. Farley suggested that Congestion Pricing is an alternative to traditional road expansion solutions.

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

Dr. Ridout explained the process that led to a recent grant agreement awarded from a 2024 application. The project focuses on conducting Road Safety Audits for three high crash rural roads in Spotsylvania County: River Road, Brock Road, and Orange Plank Road. He explained that federal funding priorities favor projects addressing fatalities and serious injuries rather than congestion relief or non-motorized improvements and noted that while inflation has affected the project costs since the 2024 application, adjustments can typically be made through value engineering or additional funding sources. He also provided an update on the Tidewater Trail safety improvement project at Glenda's Way that is the focus of the 2026 GWRC grant application.

c. Feedback on CTAC Agenda Formatting

Mr. Hlaing announced plans to test new ADA-compliant materials and formats, including HTML-based meeting agendas, with the group serving as test entities to provide feedback on functionality and accessibility.

8. Staff Reports

- FAMPO TAC and Policy Committee Meeting

The discussion covered recent Policy Committee activities, including a presentation on I-95 express lanes and the recognition of Spotsylvania Supervisor Chris Yakabouski's departure from the committee after serving since 2013. Chair Watkins noted a discussion about bylaw amendments at the Policy Committee meeting regarding public comment procedures.

Mr. McLaughlin advised and recommended that CTAC members should watch the videos and review the agendas of both the Policy Committee and TAC each month. This would eliminate the need for the standing staff reports and allow CTAC to join the other committees in their endorsement and input on critical items such as a recent letter written to the Secretary of Transportation regarding Revenue Sharing funding. Chair Watkins agreed and shared his desire for CTAC to be included in resolutions and letters of support in the future.

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- TIP 27-01 and 27-03 Amendments Open for Public Comment

Dr. Ridout explained the two Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments that are out for public comment: close out project funding for the express lanes currently in service and a maintenance facility for VRE.

a. LRTP & CLRP Updates

Both the draft 2055 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Needs List and Constrained Long-Range Plan (CLRP) will be released for public comment during the September 21st Policy Committee meeting.

9. Member Reports

a. Public Outreach & Acknowledgement

Ms. Hipski asked whether her idea for a project modification for a Stafford / VDOT project to add a shared use path had been forwarded and received acknowledgement that request had been accomplished. Chair Watkins requested that lengthy correspondence that cannot be fully read within the 3 minutes allocated for public comment be added to the meeting minutes for full understanding.

Ms. Banks asked about public outreach from individual members of CTAC about the committee during events. Chair Watkins, Mr. Braden and Mr. Hlaing shared experiences of their own emphasizing listening and taking input to applicable committees or agencies of responsibility. Members asked for descriptive guidelines such as a brochure or card, to help explain CTAC's role and functions to the public. Mr. McLaughlin pointed out that the CTAC web page includes descriptive information including *"Helpful Notes for CTAC Members"*, and that CTAC does not have the same authority as the Policy Committee. Staff agreed to consider this issue on future agendas.

10. Future Agenda Item(s)

Future agenda items include reviewing traffic signal warrants with VDOT and discussing the draft long-range transportation plan in October. Mr. Braden requested information on the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and Chair Watkins requested updates involving changes to committee bylaws if such agenda items are brought forward to other committees.

11. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting: October 14th, at 6:00 p.m.

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