# POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
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**Committee Members Present:** *(V) indicates voting member*
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, Chair, Stafford County (V)
Mr. Drew Mullins, First Vice-Chair, Spotsylvania County (V)
Ms. Jannan Holmes, Second Vice-Chair, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. Deuntay Diggs, Stafford County (V)
Ms. Susanna Finn, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. David Goosman, Spotsylvania County (V)
Ms. Lori Hayes, Chair Spotsylvania County (V)
Dr. Will Mackintosh, Fredericksburg (V)
Dr. Pamela Yeung, Stafford County (V)
Ms. Donna Cloniger, alternate VDOT
Ms. Catherine Coffey, PE, alternate Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Cassy Lord, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Brian Ogle, Chair BPAC
Dr. Robert Schneider, (PRTC) (V) (online)
Mr. Allen Watkins, Chair CTAC

**Committee Members Absent:**
Ms. Cathy Binder, King George County
Mr. Jeffrey Black, alternate Caroline County
Mr. Gerald Childress, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Ms. Kecia Evans, alternate Stafford County (V)
Ms. Maya Guy, alternate Stafford County (V)
Ms. Nancy Long, Caroline County
Mr. Matt Rowe, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. David "Sully" Sullins, alternate King George County
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Charles W Payne, Jr, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
Ms. Melody Fowler, Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!) (online)
Ms. Amy Garbarini, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Mr. Greg Henion, PE, Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Mr. Daniel Koenig, Federal Highway Administration (FTA)
Mr. Philip Parella, Jr, alternate (PRTC) (V)
Mr. Matthew J Rooney, alternate Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!)
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

**Others Present:**
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRC

**Staff Present:**
Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager
Mr. Eugene Hlaing, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator
Dr. John Ridout, Senior Transportation Planner

1. **Call Policy Committee Meeting to Order**
   Chair Vanuch called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   Chair Vanuch 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 September 21, 2026 Policy Committee Agenda**
   Motion made to approve the September 21, 2026 agenda.

   Motion: Lori Hayes; Second: Pamela Yeung
   Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Hearings**
   Two Public Hearings were held:
   - Resolution 27-02 Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project, UPC 114620 FRED EX – I-95 Express Lanes Extension Exit 143 to Exit 133
   - Resolution 27-04 Adopting an Amendment to the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program to Add a New Project UPC T13602 VRE Crossroads Maintenance & Storage Facility (MSF) Administrative & Employee Welfare (AEW) Building and Parking Lot

   Prior to commencement of the Public Hearings, Mr. Ollis and Chair Vanuch clarified that there was a misreporting by the local press that the public hearing for Resolution 27-02 was for the proposed new bi-directional "Hot Lanes", when in fact, the action under consideration was for the reversible I-95 express lanes completed several years ago.

   There were no comments made and the public hearing was closed.

6. **Public Involvement**
   Mr. Hlaing read public comments made from Tiffany Wong of Spotsylvania complimenting FXBGO! vehicle cleanliness; Dana of Caroline requesting sidewalks in the Route 1 / Ladysmith Road area; and a letter from Thomas Brown of Fredericksburg who is a nondriver that walks and rides public transportation regularly. Mr. Brown provided input regarding improvements needed to transit stops to improve accessibility, shorten transit route lengths of time with additional buses and drivers, fill in gaps of the existing sidewalk infrastructure, to consider safe pedestrian passageways during road construction and utility work that close sidewalks, to review traffic signal pedestrian phase timing, and prohibit right turns on red.

Current pedestrian phases are short, particularly for physically challenged individuals and motorists ignore pedestrians in the crosswalk while making right turn on red maneuvers at signalized intersections.

Mr. Hlaing read public comments submitted by Allen Watkins, commenting as a Stafford County resident. He posed several questions regarding proposed Policy Committee bylaw amendments concerning public comments and federally mandated ADA compliance.

**7. Consent Agenda**

Mr. Ollis made attendees aware of two corrections recommended to be made to the minutes of the August Policy Committee meeting to add Dr. Will Mackintosh to members not in attendance; and to add Mr. Yakabouski to members who attended that meeting.

Motion to approve the consent agenda with corrections.
Motion: Lori Hayes; Second: Pamela Yeung
Motion passed unanimously.

**8. FAMPO Administrator Report**

Mr. Ollis provided an update on the Long-Range Transportation Plan, reporting progress on various chapters, and informed attendees of the reason and need to begin the public comment periods for both the CLRP and Needs lists on the September committee meeting agendas. Virginia MPOs have been issued a deadline from FHWA to adopt their CLRP lists by December. He reported on the high-capacity transit study for FXBGO! noting that a task order is still in development and reported on two task orders on the agenda for a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant award and Mall Court traffic study. The Secretary of Transportation and Commonwealth Transportation Board are holding fall public hearings across the state, and Mr. Ollis provided details of the Fredericksburg meeting scheduled for November 12th. FXBGO! is holding their 30th anniversary event on September 25th.

**9. Action/Discussion Items**

**a.** Resolution 27-12 Directing a Public Comment Period for the 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Fiscally Constrained Project Lists

Dr. Ridout provided a presentation on the constrained project list and prioritization methodology as being a "screen and score" process. He described the terms Constrained List, Fiscally Constrained, and Needs list, using examples. Projects that are currently funded or partially funded are automatically included. There are 588 total projects, with 422 submitted and 146 in the Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP). There are about 80 highway projects that comprise about $18 Billion; 57 Active Transportation (AT) projects for another $250 Million. The proposed I-95 Express Lanes Extension cost and funding is not included in the aforementioned subtotals.

The methodology focuses on connectivity, capacity and safety; and providing 40% of the total funding on transformative projects such as new roadway or interchanges; 30% to widen and build additional capacity with regional benefits; and local priorities for the remaining 30%: intersection improvements, safety, active projects, and studies.

All projects submitted are found on either the Constrained list or the Needs list. Public hearings for all lists are scheduled for October with adoption to be in November.

Motion to adopt Resolution 27-12.

Motion: Lori Hayes; Second: Deuntay Diggs
Motion passed unanimously.

**b.** Resolution 27-14 Directing a Public Comment Period for the 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Additional Regional Needs Project List

Motion to adopt Resolution 27-14.

Motion: Will Mackintosh; Second: Pamela Yeung
Motion passed unanimously.

**c.** Express Lane Local Funding

Mr. Ollis presented information on two funding methods for local projects related to express lanes: the Commuter Choice Program administered by NVTC, which has funded over $200 million across 76 projects including some in the region, and a separate funding method for I-66 projects totaling $473.3 million. He suggested that future express lane funding would likely continue through the Commuter Choice Program, with project selection limited to those that take cars off I-95 like commuter bus service and park & ride lots.

The discussion focused on funding mechanisms for transportation projects in the region, with Mr. Ollis explaining that the state does not directly fund local jurisdictions but uses regional vehicles like NVTC or NVTA with scoring matrices to allocate funds. The participants discussed the possibility of implementing a localized surcharge on I-95 similar to what Fairfax has done on Route 66, though Dr. Schneider clarified that NVTC and NVTA serve distinct purposes under the Virginia code, with NVTC managing the WMATA Compact while NVTA handles policy and technology. He also noted a 2014 federal court case that restricted the use of toll revenues for certain projects, requiring them to directly benefit toll payers.

**d.** Policy Committee Bylaws Update

The discussion focused on reviewing proposed bylaw amendments for the Policy Committee. Mr. Ollis read suggested changes out loud, including updates to grammar, membership appointments, public comment procedures, and ADA compliance requirements. The committee discussed how to allow non-voting members and advisory committee representatives to communicate with the Policy Committee, including

submission of presentations in advance and chair discretion for time allocation. The group agreed to provide feedback for Mr. Ollis by Monday September 28th. Changes proposed from those presented at the September meeting will be read aloud in October and the updated bylaws will be considered for adoption in November.

**10. Correspondence**

The location and date of the Commonwealth Transportation Board's fall meeting for the Fredericksburg District was provided: Thursday November 12th at 86 Deacon Road in south Safford County.

**11. Staff and Agency Reports**

Mr. Hlaing announced the process to provide ideas for a name for the 2055 LRTP and Ms. Golden announced that the GWRC Comprehensive Safety Action Plan has been showcased on the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) website as a noteworthy practice for advancing safety in rural communities.

**12. Board Member and Chair Comments**

Chair Vanuch advised attendees that she is out of town for the October Policy Committee meeting and that first Vice Chair Drew Mullins has agreed to chair that meeting.

**13. Adjourn / Next Policy Committee Meeting:** October 19, 2026, at 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Chair Vanuch adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.