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FAMPO Administrator

POLICY COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
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Committee Members Present: *(V) indicates voting member*
Ms. Jannan Holmes, Second Vice-Chair, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Cathy Binder, King George County (online)
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)
Mr. David "Sully" Sullins, alternate King George County (online)
Dr. Pamela Yeung, Stafford County (V)
Ms. Donna Cloniger, alternate VDOT
Ms. Melody Fowler, Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!) (online)
Mr. Greg Henion, PE, Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Cassy Lord, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Brian Ogle, Chair BPAC (online)
Mr. Philip Parella, Jr, alternate (PRTC) (V)
Mr. Allen Watkins, Chair CTAC

Committee Members Absent:
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, Chair, Stafford County (V)
Mr. Drew Mullins, First Vice-Chair, Spotsylvania County (V)
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. Chris Yakabouski, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Charles W Payne, Jr, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
Ms. Catherine Coffey, PE, alternate Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Amy Garbarini, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Mr. Daniel Koenig, Federal Highway Administration (FTA)
Mr. Matthew J Rooney, alternate Fredericksburg Go! (FXBGO!)
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Dr. Robert Schneider, (PRTC) (V)

Others Present:
Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County (online)
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRC
Mr. Rodney White, Spotsylvania County (online)

Staff Present:
Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Ms. Kari Eaves, Transportation Program Manager
Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager
Mr. Eugene Hlaing, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator
Dr. John Ridout, Senior Transportation Planner
Mr. Carson Woodruff, GIS Technician / Transportation Planner I

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

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   Second Vice Chair Holmes 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 October 19, 2026, Policy Committee Agenda**
   Motion made to approve the October 19, 2026, agenda.

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

5. **Public Hearings**
   Two Public Hearings were held:
   - Resolution 27-12 Directing a Public Comment Period for the 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Fiscally Constrained Project Lists
   - Resolution 27-14 Directing a Public Comment Period for the 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Additional Regional Needs Project List

   There were no comments made and the public hearings were closed.

6. **Public Involvement**
   During public involvement, comments were received from residents regarding the need for more sidewalks, bike lanes, and a bus stop near Stafford Junction to serve low-income families.

7. **Consent Agenda**
   Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.
   Motion: Will Mackintosh; Second: Pamela Yeung
   Motion passed unanimously.

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8. **FAMPO Administrator Report**

Mr. Ollis reported on the Virginia Governor's Transportation Conference, highlighting key focus areas including transportation safety, reducing transportation costs, continuing transit investments, and transit-oriented development. He also discussed significant funding shortfalls in SMART SCALE and maintenance funding due to higher-than-expected inflation and transfers from the previous administration, which will result in a 62% reduction in high-priority project funding, though a proposed mitigation strategy could reduce this to 26%. The discussion included details about potential impacts on specific projects, particularly the Falmouth Bridge Replacement project, and uncertainty about the impact on SMART SCALE Round 7 funding for projects that were moved from SMART SCALE Round 6.

The Committee discussed the upcoming Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) fall public hearing with Dr. Yeung agreeing to represent FAMPO on the 12th. Concerns were raised about the third track project extending to Hanover, with questions about operational impacts on southern counties like Stafford, Spotsylvania, and Fredericksburg, though VRE trains are not planned to extend further south than Spotsylvania.

The discussion focused on planned track improvements near Spotsylvania Station (Crossroads Third Track, or Siding F) that would allow trains to pass each other and could make the station more attractive to Amtrak trains. The participants noted concerns about passenger counting methodology, where stations like Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania don't receive credit for cross-county passengers, which affects board representation and seat allocation.

The Long Bridge construction and third track project remain on schedule for completion in 2030 and on budget.

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 an update on the process of incorporating input from Technical Advisory Committee members and public comments to meet the November adoption deadline for the state's six-year plan approval. FAMPO Staff developed a constrained list of projects worth approximately $7.4 billion, prioritizing existing state projects, connectivity and capacity projects, major transit projects, and local priority projects. About half of the submitted projects were included in the Constrained List, with the remaining projects moved to a needs list for future consideration as funding becomes available.

   Mr. Ollis and Dr. Ridout teamed to answer specific questions regarding project scoring and the opportunity to annually shift projects from the Needs List to the Constrained List afforded by the fact that the region is no longer considered a federal air quality non-attainment area.

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b. FHWA Debriefing Results for the FY26 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application: Tiered NEPA Study for the FAMPO Rappahannock River Crossing New Bridge and Parkway for Local Motorists

Mr. Ollis reported that the BUILD grant application for the River Crossing Tiered NEPA study received a "recommended" rating with perfect scores in four categories. Additional data is needed from VDOT regarding Environmental Sustainability and State of Good Repair. Two categories can be addressed by staff: Mobility and Connectivity & Economic Competitiveness and Opportunity. Committee members concurred with staff resubmitting the grant application when the Notice of Funding Opportunity is issued.

c. CTB Fall Public Hearing November 12th Speaking Points

Committee members acknowledged the need to send Mr. Ollis speaking points to be made at the November 12th meeting.

d. SMART SCALE Funding CTB Update

Mr. Ollis explained the key points of a presentation made to the CTB in September, with a $1.4 Billion gap between the Commonwealth's transportation costs and expected revenue.

e. Upcoming Studies Status / Stakeholders & Next Steps

Mr. Ollis provided the list of about 9 additional studies for which staff provide stakeholder input and support; and 3 active FAMPO studies: SS4A FY24 Grant Award, Mall Court Microsimulation Traffic Study and FXBGO!'s High-Capacity Transit Study. Procurement of two replacement bicycle / pedestrian counters are also in the works once funding is appropriated through the Federal process.

10. Correspondence

Secretary of Transportation, Nick Donohue, September 30th Reply to Chair Crystal Vanuch: CTB's Proposed Policy Changes to the Revenue Sharing program

The response to the Policy Committee from an August correspondence was received and presented to the Technical Advisory Committee at the October TAC meeting, where TAC members discussed a possible misinterpretation of FAMPO's letter therein. During the November TAC meeting, The TAC will discuss resending the letter.

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11. Staff and Agency Reports

Mr. Hlaing showed the four options under consideration to name the 2055 LRTP and options to vote on the FAMPO website.

Ms. Golden presented the draft FY27 FAMPO Meetings Calendar.

Motion to approve the FY27 FAMPO Meetings Calendar as presented.

After the motion and second was made, CTAC Chair Watkins was recognized and voiced concern with the meeting calendar. The updated Policy Committee bylaws require that presentations made on behalf of committees be endorsed by the committee members, and those presentations must be submitted 7-days in advance of the Policy Committee meeting. The meeting calendar coupled with these two updates means that presentations would be made at the following month's Policy Committee meeting, subject to the Chair's approval.

Motion: Philip Parella, Jr; Second: Lori Hayes
Motion passed unanimously.

12. Board Member and Chair Comments

There were no Board Member or Chair comments.

13. Adjourn / Next Policy Committee Meeting: November 16, 2026, at 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Second Vice Chair Holmes adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m. with unanimous consent.

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