

## THE FAMPO ORGANIZATION

FAMPO carries out the regional transportation planning process in partnership with the George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC). FAMPO has several committees to advise the organization on technical matters and to provide public perspective of projects, plans and programs. FAMPO has the ultimate authority on all regional transportation planning decisions, however the advisory committees are tasked with analyzing data and making recommendations to FAMPO that shape the transportation planning process. All FAMPO meetings are open to the public, and participation in the metropolitan transportation planning process is encouraged.

The following highlights FAMPO's organizational structure and the roles of the various committees engaged by FAMPO.

### **GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION (GWRC)**

**Executive Director: Mr. Robert Wilson**

The GWRC is the planning district commission for Virginia Planning District 16, which includes the City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford. The GWRC, formerly known as the Rappahannock Area Development Commission, has served Planning District 16 for more than 40 years. GWRC principal functions are regional land-use planning, transportation planning (FAMPO), and transportation demand-management activities, including the GWRC Rideshare program as well as the management and operation of area telework centers. GWRC also supports a number of affiliated organizations, including the Rappahannock Economic Development Corporation, the Rappahannock River Basin Commission and the Rappahannock Disabilities Services Board.

### **FREDERICKSBURG AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (FAMPO)**

**Director of Transportation Planning, GWRC & FAMPO Administrator: Mr. Lloyd Robinson**

FAMPO is the regional transportation planning department for the GWRC. Created in 1992, FAMPO has managed all transportation planning processes and data for the GWRC region since 1994, when a Memorandum of Understanding was executed with the Transportation Planning Board in Washington, giving FAMPO responsibility for transportation planning in the portion of North Stafford County included in the Washington Urbanized Area by the 2000 Census.

FAMPO's mission is to provide an efficient and equitable surface transportation system for the area's planning district (GWRC) by fostering interagency coordination, providing information and technical support to board members and advisory committees, and by facilitating public input and feedback.



The principal responsibilities of FAMPO include the development of the region's 20-year Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) for the urbanized area. Planning activities also include a three-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). FAMPO is the clearinghouse for all regional transportation planning. Staff works closely with city and county transportation planning departments to develop regional transportation plans and programs, which are then forwarded to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for inclusion in the overall state-wide transportation plan. VDOT programs these projects for funding and development along with others all over the state, in priority order.

### **Understanding the Relationship Between FAMPO and Other Agencies**

While FAMPO is not necessarily the implementing agency for projects, it provides an overall coordination role in planning and programming funds for projects and operations throughout the region. Transportation planning amongst regional governments must be cooperative, because no single agency has responsibility for the construction, operation, or maintenance of the entire transportation system. FAMPO is responsible for actively seeking the participation of all relevant agencies and stakeholders in the planning process.

### **POLICY COMMITTEE (PC)**

The PC is the decision-making body of FAMPO and reviews and adopts all transportation planning activities. It provides direction and vision for transportation planning. Specifically, members review and approve the CLRP, the TIP, the UPWP and all associated amendments. Technical support to this committee is provided by the Technical Committee. Staff support to the Policy Committee is provided by GWRC (refer to the Appendix for details about the Policy Committee membership and meeting schedules).

### **GEORGE WASHINGTON AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE (GWAQC)**

This Standing Committee is made of Region, State and Federal staff. The purpose of the Air Quality Inter-Agency Consultation Group is to review and approve all modeling assumptions and project lists that are used in transportation conformity determinations on the TIP and CLRP. This committee also conducts and air quality conformity analysis and determination for the CLRP. Findings and recommendations are provided to the Policy Committee, for approval and transmittal to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), for ultimate Federal approval by FHWA and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

### **TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

The TAC is made up of engineers and transportation planners from all FAMPO area cities and counties. This committee provides technical expertise and develops recommendations to assist the Policy Committee by reviewing and recommending

revisions to the planning process, data collection, forecasts, the CLRP, the TIP and the UPWP.

### **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (TAG)**

The TAG membership is composed of citizens representing all FAMPO cities and counties and at-large members representing various groups and/or organizations with an interest in transportation. The purpose of the TAG is to provide comments, advice and recommendations to the Policy Committee as well as to play a significant role in FAMPO's public participation for area transportation projects and studies.

### **PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD (PTAB)**

The PTAB advises FAMPO's Policy Committee on public transportation issues from a regional perspective. Issues include overall regional levels of transit service, specific service segments, service for the transportation disadvantaged, transportation demand management, revenue sources, governance and related items..

### **BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)**

The BPAC is an action group made up of citizens, planners, biking and walking clubs and others whose purpose is to advise the Policy Committee on bicycle and pedestrian issues from a regional perspective. The BPAC also provides recommendations for the encouragement and education of the public regarding bicycle and pedestrian routes, safety and other issues.