

**Meeting Summary**  
**Policy Committee Meeting**  
**January 25, 2010**

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**Members Present:**

Mr. Hap Connors, Spotsylvania County, Chairman  
Ms. Mary Katherine Greenlaw, City of Fredericksburg  
Mr. Beverly Cameron, City of Fredericksburg  
Mr. Matt Kelly, City of Fredericksburg  
Mr. Douglas Barnes, Spotsylvania County  
Mr. Benjamin Pitts, Spotsylvania County  
Mr. Anthony Romanello, Stafford County  
Mr. Mark Dudenhefer, Stafford County  
Ms. Susan Stimpson, Stafford County  
Mr. Quintin Elliott, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Mr. Al Harf, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)  
Ms. Amy Inman, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)  
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

**Others Present:**

Ms. Mary Lee Carter, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)  
Ms. Jamie Brown-Porter, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Mr. Rupert Farley, FAMPO Transportation Advisory Group (TAG)  
Mr. Allen Ludwig, FAMPO Transportation Advisory Group (TAG)  
Mr. James Lawrence, Citizen  
Ms. Kelly Hannon, *Free Lance Star*

**Staff Members Present:**

Mr. Lloyd Robinson, FAMPO Administrator  
Mr. Robert Wilson, GWRC  
Ms. Diana Utz, GWRC  
Mr. Kevin Byrnes, GWRC  
Mr. Andy Waple, GWRC/FAMPO  
Ms. Jane Wills, GWRC/FAMPO  
Mr. David Lee, GWRC/FAMPO  
Mr. Danny Reese, GWRC/FAMPO  
Ms. Marti Donley, GWRC/FAMPO

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hap Connors called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum was present.

## **APPROVAL OF FAMPO AGENDA**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the FAMPO Agenda. The Board approved unanimously.

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

No comments from the public were made.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **a.) Approval of Summary of the FAMPO Meeting of December 14, 2009**

Mr. Kelly made a motion which was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve the FAMPO Meeting Summary of December 14, 2009. The Board approved unanimously.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **a.) Approval of FAMPO Resolution No. 10-01, Amending the Operating Procedures of the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG)**

This resolution was deferred from the December 2009 meeting to be addressed in the January 2010 meeting.

Mr. Kelly made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Pitts to approve FAMPO Resolution No. 10-01, Amending the Operating Procedures of the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG). The Board approved unanimously.

Mr. Robinson pointed out that one of the attachments to Resolution No. 10-01 consisted of a matrix of the TAG attendance from 2007 to 2009. He asked permission of the FAMPO Board to work with the Chief Administrator Officers (CAO) of the local government units to review and replace the non-active members with new members.

### **b.) Approval of FAMPO Resolution No. 10-02, Amending the FY2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Provide \$250,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds from the FAMPO Reserve to Move Projects from Conceptual Design to a Status of Readiness for Design/Build Bids**

This resolution evolved after discussion with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and others. Each year in August, a list of Bonus Obligation (BOA) projects is submitted to VDOT. These projects are ready to be obligated under the Federal rules. If there is an extra obligation authority available, these projects can move forward. In addition, after reviewing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) package, \$1.4 million funds were contributed to Route 208 Bypass, Phase II which resulted in leveraging ARRA funds in the amount of approximately \$17 million. Depending on the rule of Congress and the President, there may or may not be a Jobs Bill with an attached infrastructure package of similar size of what was attached to Stimulus I. This is an effort by FAMPO to work with the local governments; to hire on-call design consultants; assign those consultants to local governments; and to take concept projects and bring them to a state of readiness for design build into the Federal rules. These projects will then be ready-to-go in any eventuality. This will involve \$250,000 of FAMPO RSTP Reserve Funds, and some of these projects in the future may be Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) eligible if the projects are congestion relievers. In the spring when the RSTP and

CMAQ monies are allocated, some of the monies may be allocated for this effort. Finally, the projects that will be selected will undergo FAMPO's Project Prioritization Methodology. The selected projects will then move forward with an agreement in scope and cost of the project.

Mr. Elliott felt that this was a great opportunity, and it offers flexibility should revenues end up coming into the transportation program.

Mr. Kelly made a motion which was seconded by Ms. Greenlaw to approve FAMPO Resolution No. 10-02, Amending the FY2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Provide \$250,000 in Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds from the FAMPO Reserve to Move Projects from Conceptual Design to a Status of Readiness for Design/Build Bids. The Board approved unanimously.

**c.) Approval of FAMPO Resolution No. 10-03, Amending the FY2009-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Correct a Lack of Match in Certain FAMPO Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) Funds**

Mr. Robinson requested that this agenda item be a discussion item instead of an action item from the request of the City of Fredericksburg and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). FAMPO was unaware that there were \$408,780 of unmatched CMAQ funds which have been untouched since 2005 and is in danger of elapsing. If the money is not obligated, the money will be lost; and to obligate the money, the money has to be matched. Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) is currently in the third and final year of their new services program which has been funded by FAMPO with CMAQ funds plus match money which equals FAMPO's total of CMAQ money. FRED also has local match because FAMPO has a 35% match policy with local funds to have an additional \$143,073 in match. FRED does not need that State match. FAMPO is proposing to move over to FRED \$81,756 on CMAQ funds which gives FRED a total of \$408,780. FRED will in turn move the \$81,756 of state match to FAMPO. Therefore, FAMPO's money will be then matched, and FRED will have what they started and will have met the Federal match requirements.

This resolution will be brought to the Policy Committee in February for action as a TIP amendment for CMAQ allocation for the flexing of the funds.

**d.) Approval of FAMPO Resolution No. 10-04, Making an Appointment to the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG)**

This is a resolution to make an appointment to the TAG. Mr. Ludwig, of Spotsylvania County, felt that his background with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) would be beneficial and offered his services to FAMPO.

Chairman Connors made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Dudenhefer to approve FAMPO Resolution No. 10-04, Making an Appointment to the Transportation Advisory Group (TAG). The Board approved unanimously.

**e.) Approval of FAMPO Resolution No. 10-05, Amending the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) Funding Project Selection and Prioritization Methodology**

Mr. Robinson requested that action be deferred on this resolution until the February meeting. The City of Fredericksburg brought to FAMPO's attention that in FAMPO's Project Prioritization Methodology, there is no place for paving projects. Also, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has talked

about making some changes to the Bridge Scoring criteria. Mr. Robinson stated that he would like to take this back to the FAMPO Technical Committee (FTC) and to bring back to the Policy Committee a comprehensive and detailed explanation in February.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **a.) Human Services Project Status**

Ms. Jane Willis, Regional Mobility Coordinator (RMC), gave a brief update on the status of the Human Services project. A continuation of this year's project will be the opening of a Call Center for the public to call and seek out opportunities for Human Services Transportation which is generally people who are senior and/or people with disabilities. A number of services will be directly purchased including out-of-town medical transportation routes mainly to Charlottesville, VA and occasionally to Richmond, VA. These medical transportation routes will begin in approximately two weeks.

### **b.) Vanpool Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Status**

The consulting firm has been selected via a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Vanpool National Transit Database (NTD) Program. The selection committee met via conference call and selected Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB) for negotiations which will take place tomorrow. Included in the meeting packet are the selection committee's meeting summary and various comments made on VHB's Scope of Work and Proposal. Also included in the packet is a memorandum dated January 18, 2010 from the Martz Group proposing to work with FAMPO and Northern Virginia to enter their buses into the NTD as a cooperative exercise with us.

### **c.) Lafayette Boulevard Multimodal Corridor Study**

Mr. Andy Waple briefed the Policy Committee on the Design Standards of the Lafayette Boulevard Multimodal Corridor Study. The next phase of the corridor study is to implement a set of Design Guidelines which will vegetation types and locations, signage, street furniture, architectural standards, etc. There are no new funds associated because it is within the existing project budget. The City's portion will be implemented first because it is more difficult than the Spotsylvania County's portion of the corridor due to the Historic District of the City.

## **STAFF AND AGENCY REPORTS**

Mr. Robinson met with Secretary of Transportation designate, Sean Connaughton. He seemed engaged, technically-savvy, and has a sense of humor. Mr. Robinson is looking forward to the relationship between the MPO and the Secretary's office.

## **FAMPO BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

## **FAMPO CORRESPONDENCE**

The FAMPO correspondence included the following:

- Transmittal of the proposals for the Vanpool National Transit Database (NTD) Project
- Letter from Mr. Mike Estes of Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) on Enhancement Grant policy changes.

- Letter from Ms. Mary Lee Carter of Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) advising FAMPO that Route 208 was successfully funded.
- Policy updates from Association of Metropolitan Planning Organization (AMPO) on a variety of pending Federal Legislation.
- Correspondence on State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP)/Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Amendments with Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT).
- Mr. Pierce Homer wrote to Chairman Connors regarding Performance Measures. There is a proposal stating that unless we adopt Regional Performance Measures, we have to match our own STP funds. FAMPO will be working with our partners at VDOT to implement; produce a draft; bring back to the Policy Committee for approval; and then move forward.
- Letter to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Administrator, Mr. Victor Mendez, regarding the I-95 Rest Area Access project to draw his attention to the project and to keep it moving forward.
- Email for a TIP adjustment to move \$120,500 of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds from Mudd Tavern and apply those funds to Route 3/Andora Drive. FAMPO received a request from Spotsylvania County because by moving the \$120,500, a project can be built.

### **FAMPO COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARIES**

The FAMPO Committee Meeting Summaries are included in the meeting packet.

### **ADJOURN FAMPO MEETING/NEXT MEETING, FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

Chairman Connors announced his resignation as GWRC and FAMPO Chairman. He said that it had been a pleasure, and commended Mr. Wilson, Mr. Robinson and staff on their work with GWRC and FAMPO. He appreciated the friendships, and look forward to working with GWRC and FAMPO in the future.

The Policy Committee adjourned at 8:17 p.m.