

**Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
2045 Long Range Transportation Planning Advisory
Meeting #9 – January 8, 2018**

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Erik Nelson, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Dan Cole, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Doug Morgan, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Joey Hess, Stafford County
Ms. Ciara Williams, DRPT
Mr. Rodney White, FRED
Mr. Chuck Steigerwald, PRTC
Mr. Stephen Haynes, VDOT
Ms. Sonali Soneji, VRE

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Tony Hoffman, Baker
Mr. Paul Prideaux, Baker
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, VDOT
Ms. Annie Cupka, King George County Economic Development

George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Staff:

Mr. Paul Agnello, FAMPO
Ms. Marti Donley, FAMPO
Mr. Nick Quint, FAMPO
Ms. Kari Barber, FAMPO
Mr. John Bentley, FAMPO
Ms. Diana Utz, GWRC
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRC
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

Welcome

Mr. Agnello thanked everyone for attending today's ninth meeting.

I-95 Phase 2 Highway Study - Mr. Paul Prideaux, Baker

Mr. Prideaux updated on the work that has been completed since the December 11th meeting which includes the following items:

Further investigation of impacts for potential new
access points along the I-95 corridor

Further develop the future “No-Build Plus” alternatives with focus on recommendations for low cost interchange improvements – Mr. Prideaux asked that he would be looking for comments/feedback from the committee at today’s meeting

Further investigation of the mainline choke points between Exits 126 and 130 to better understand the cause and effects for both short term and long-term improvements

Determine time frame of operational failure for the I-95 study area – i.e. how bad will the congestion be in 2040; how bad will it be in 10 years; etc.

Mr. Prideaux advised data has been formulated for a “No-Build” alternative. Mr. Prideaux stated the “No-Build” shows where projects will be needed. Mr. Prideaux stated his staff is now also testing a “No-Build Plus” alternative which could provide recommendations and alternatives that can be completed on the existing interchange system. Mr. Prideaux stated these alternatives are low cost improvements and his staff is ready to begin testing the data today if concurrence is received from the advisory committee. There was unanimous consent from the committee for the “No-Build Plus” alternatives to be further studied and tested.

Mr. Baker relayed that data has shown that additional congestion issues will occur well before FY2040 or FY2045 and will likely begin to occur by FY2022. The following three observations were attained from the current study efforts:

Absence of the fourth southbound lane between Exits 130 & 126 will cause system failure and result in severe delays immediately after reconstruction of the southbound river crossing project . This failure will exist for both weekday p.m. and Sunday p.m. traffic patterns. The primary cause for the further congestion is that the distribution of vehicles on the CD and GP lanes will grow and there will be a need for all of the CD lane traffic to merge onto I-95

Absence of the I-95 northbound river crossing project or other I-95 northbound improvements will cause system failure and delays Beginning in FY2021-2023 and continuing into further years out for the Sunday p.m. data counts

Absence of the I-95 northbound river crossing project and other improvements will cause the existing system to fail and severe delays will begin in FY2022-204 will continue into the subsequent out years for the weekday p.m. traffic data

TDM Parking Management Project Discussion – Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that the 2045 LRTP analysis identified a need for approximately 9,000 additional park & ride spaces needed region-wide. Today, there are approximately 48,000 commuters traveling between the GWRC region heading to Northern Virginia/DC. Mr. Agnello stated this number is projected to increase to 72,000 by FY2045.

Mr. Agnello relayed that several of the park & ride lots within the GWRC region are at or near capacity at present, specifically at both the Garrisonville lots in Stafford County (Staffordboro & Mine Road), and the Leeland & Fredericksburg VRE stations.

Mr. Agnello relayed that park & ride lot improvements are costly and average approximately \$20,000 per space for surface parking and that structured parking decks/options are even more costly. Mr. Agnello advised that most of the park & ride lots within the FAMPO region have capacity to expand; however, some are limited with space options. Mr. Agnello relayed that park & ride lot projects tend to score very highly within the Smart Scale application process.

Mr. Agnello stated that a potential TDM parking management project for consideration by the region would be in developing a smart phone application, signage, and data collection base that will provide real time park & ride lot availability to the public. The potential benefits of a project such as this are:

- more efficient usage of scarce park & ride lot capacities
- more efficient park & ride lot utilization by minimizing users going to lots that are already full
- reduce a need for additional park & ride lot spaces being built
- would provide for potential synergies to other Smart Scale candidate projects

Mr. Agnello advised that currently there are twelve park & ride lots within the GWRC region. Mr. Agnello stated the VDOT park & ride lots have three locations in Spotsylvania and four locations in Stafford. Mr. Agnello stated that currently more spaces are available in the south versus the north. Mr. Agnello stated that the committed park & ride lot improvements, which include expansion at the Route 630 lot in Stafford County and a new lot being built on Commonwealth Drive in Spotsylvania County, are still not enough to accommodate the future needs. Mr. Agnello relayed that in the past years, park & ride lot projects have scored very well within the Smart Scale application process.

Schedule Update – Paul Agnello

February 26th – FAMPO Resolution authorizing public involvement period
March 8th – April 6th – Public Comment period
March 15th – Public Meeting
April 16th – Public Hearing

Draft CLRP Project List Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised that the Draft CLRP project list is included in today's agenda packet. The project list is the same that was provided at today's Technical Committee meeting. Mr. Hess suggested that as there were no comments/feedback from locality representatives at the earlier Technical Committee meeting that he did not feel there was any need to review the project listing again for the LRTP Advisory Committee meeting. There was unanimous consent expressed from the committee members. Mr. Quint concurred that if the re-cap provided at the Technical Committee was sufficient then he would just ask that locality representatives provide any comments/feedback to him by January 26th should any of the projects on the list need amending, updates, or removal.

Questions & Input from Advisory Committee Members – None given at today's meeting; Mr. Agnello asked that committee members submit any additional comments on today's meeting to him by January 26.

Next Steps & Adjourn

Mr. Agnello advised the next advisory committee meeting will be scheduled for February 5th beginning at 12:00 noon and lunch will be provided.

The 9th 2045 LRTP Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.