

**Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
2045 Long Range Transportation Planning Advisory Committee
Meeting #1 – 02/09/17**

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Erik Nelson, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Mr. Linwood Thomas King George County (Via Conference Call)
Mr. Doug Morgan, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Ed Petrovitch, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Joey Hess, Stafford County
Mr. Christopher Rapp, Stafford County
Mr. Rupert Farley, CTAG
Ms. Fran Larkins, CTAG
Mr. Tim Roseboom, DRPT
Mr. John Swanson, MWCOG (Via Conference Call)
Ms. Lori Zeller, MWCOG
Mr. Chuck Steigerwald, PRTC
Mr. Stephen Haynes, VDOT
Ms. Linda LaSut, VDOT
Ms. Sonali Soneji, VRE

Others In Attendance:

Ms. Wanda Parrish, Spotsylvania County Planning Department
Ms. Laura Sellers, Stafford Board of Supervisors (Via Conference Call)

George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Staff:

Mr. Paul Agnello, FAMPO
Mr. Nick Quint, FAMPO
Mr. Lloyd Robinson, FAMPO
Ms. Diana Utz, GWRC
Ms. Kari Barber, FAMPO Intern
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRC
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

Welcome and Purpose of Meeting

Mr. Agnello advised that the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan update is one of the biggest tasks that FAMPO/GWRC needs to complete. Mr. Agnello thanked everyone for attending today's kick-off meeting.

Overview of Long Range Transportation Plan Process

Mr. Agnello advised that the purpose of the 2045 LRTP Advisory Committee is to develop a fiscally constrained transportation plan for the FAMPO area (CLRP); to develop unconstrained long range

transportation for the FAMPO area (LRTP); and to develop an unconstrained long range plan for the GWRC area (LRTP).

Mr. Agnello advised that the data from Weldon Cooper indicated that the FAMPO region had a 2015 population of 296k in population, with a projected population of 556k for 2045. For the GWRC area, the 2015 population was 350k, with 651k projected for 2045. Mr. Agnello advised that the FAMPO region consists of the City of Fredericksburg and the Counties of Spotsylvania and Stafford. The GWRC region consists of the three previously mentioned and the Counties of Caroline and King George. Mr. Agnello stated the projections reflect an 86% growth rate, and the region is the fastest growing in the State.

Mr. Agnello relayed that the purpose for the 2045 FAMPO/GWRC LRTP Advisory Committee is for providing input and oversight into the 2045 LRTP process. The members have been selected by the localities and recommended from the FAMPO Policy Committee, or selected by the respective outside agencies. The members need to be in regular attendance at monthly meetings, participate accordingly, have the ability to represent its respective jurisdiction, agency, or group's position on LRTP issues, provide feedback on meeting materials and requests to the respective localities.

Mr. Agnello stated that the LRTP Advisory Committee process will include the following: FAMPO LRTP and CLRP – kick-off meeting in February; GWRC LRTP – kickoff meeting in February; & I-95 Phase 2 multimodal study – kickoff in April of 2017.

Mr. Agnello relayed that by combining the I-95 Phase 2 study efforts with the 2045 LRTP efforts, there will be both time and cost savings. Mr. Agnello stated that one advisory committee will be formed for both and will complete the efforts simultaneously. Mr. Agnello relayed that it is estimated that approximately \$100,000 in cost savings will be generated as a result of combining both efforts.

Mr. Agnello stated that Phase I of the I-95 Corridor Study focused on an area of approximately 20 miles beginning at the Stafford/Prince William County line and ending in Massaponax at Exit 126 in Spotsylvania County. Phase I was only focused on improvements along I-95.

Mr. Agnello relayed that Phase II will be multimodal, focus on the broader I-95 corridor, and cover an approximately 50-mile stretch beginning at the Stafford/Prince William County line and ending at the Caroline/Hanover County line. Projects in this study will include highway, rail, transit & TDM projects.

Development of Candidate Projects

Mr. Agnello advised that staff is looking for candidate projects to be incorporated into the LRTP from all of the localities, agencies, and entities. Mr. Agnello stated that projects for consideration can include projects from any mode to include: highway, transit, rail, bike/ped, freight, aviation, etc. Mr. Agnello stated that in order for a project to be considered, it must also be included within the specific locality's local comprehensive plans. Mr. Agnello stated that if local comprehensive plans need to be updated to coincide with projects submitted into the LRTP, that the local comprehensive plans need to be updated by August 10, 2017. Likewise, transit projects such as those submitted by FRED, PRTC, & VRE also need to be consistent with the TDP and Long Range System plans. If updates need to occur within these plans, the same time of August 10, 2017 is applicable. Mr. Roseboom clarified that the TDP should only be used for the six year period of the document, e.g., FY 17-22, and not for the entire duration of the LRTP, so that it is not necessary

for a project to be in the TDP if it has a completion year of 2023 or later. FAMPO staff agreed and will make this change going forward.

Mr. Quint distributed a project listing for existing projects in the 2040 CLRP (LRTP for King George and Caroline Counties). Mr. Agnello stated that if a project is already in the 2040 LRTP, and neither the project scope nor project costs have changed, a new project application request is not necessary. However, please let FAMPO staff know accordingly that the previous project needs to remain. The applications for projects will be for new projects that have not already been included within the LRTP. Mr. Agnello stated that staff will need to receive the candidate project listing by March 31, 2017 and asked if this date was realistic for each locality, etc. There was concurrence that the March 31st deadline date was feasible.

Questions & Input from Advisory Committee Members

Mr. Agnello asked that if there are any questions, comments, input, feedback, etc. to please forward these to FAMPO staff by February 16th .

Next Steps & Adjourn

Mr. Agnello stated that the next Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled to occur in either late March or early April, and the meeting date/time will be sent to members once it is set.