

**Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
2045 Long Range Transportation Planning  
Advisory Committee Meeting #10 – 02/20/18**

**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. Chuck Steigerwald, PRTC (on-line call-in)  
Mr. Stephen Haynes, VDOT

**Others in Attendance:**

Mr. Tony Hoffman, Baker (on-line call-in)  
Mr. Ram Jagannathan, Baker  
Mr. Paul Prideaux, Baker  
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, VDOT  
Mr. Rupert Farley, CTAG

**George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Staff:**

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

**Welcome**

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

**I-95 Phase 2 Highway Study - Mr. Paul Prideaux & Mr. Ram Jagannathan, Baker**

Mr. Prideaux stated that a lot of changes have occurred since the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting; all of which has been good news for the region. From Baker's perspective, the following has occurred since January 8<sup>th</sup>:

- 1 – numerous discussions with VDOT in order to better understand the scope of the recently funded corridor improvements that include funding of the northbound Rappahannock River Crossing project

Mr. Prideaux stated that Baker is now completing testing what is reasonably foreseeable to look for both short-term and long-term future no build alternatives.

2 – provide new data to compliment the new changes for revised traffic forecasts and operational analysis to test the performances of new future conditions in order to re-identify remaining choke points and other unexpected consequences

3 – further investigate the effects of a new access point near milepost 131 in terms of changes that would occur in volume on local streets

Mr. Prideaux advised the No-Build Plus 2 alternative has been tested with FY2045 traffic demand data. The No-Build Plus 2 includes both the southbound and northbound river crossing projects being developed; the FredEx lanes down to Exit 133 being built; and all other smaller funded projects within the study area being completed. Mr. Prideaux stated the study showed that with these additional improvements in place, I-95 will operate in a very safe and reliable manner; however, arterial improvements will still be required.

Ms. Shropshire relayed that VDOT has utilized both the MWCOC model and the FAMPO model to determine the best traffic design. Work is still underway with this endeavor; however, there are discrepancies between the traffic counts in both models so the region needs to be aware of the changes. Ms. Shropshire stated that VDOT is not necessarily opposed to the recommendations received from the FAMPO model but also wants to ensure that both models are tested. Ms. Shropshire advised an update SB River Crossing concept is available on the VDOT website for review.

Mr. Prideaux stated the next steps for Baker will be to continue to receive committee feedback from locality representatives and VDOT staff and requests that all comments be submitted by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Prideaux advised that Baker would be revising the future concepts based on the committee feedback received and VDOT discussions and they will continue to refine the operational details of the northbound river crossing project as more information becomes available.

Mr. Prideaux stated the data will be tested and will include the demand impacts of other new or improved access points further south within the study area to include a potential new interchange at Harrison Road; the Super Ramp at Route 1, etc.

Mr. Prideaux advised the current summary will be presented to the FAMPO Policy Committee on February 26<sup>th</sup> for their input and feedback. Mr. Agnello stated the next 2045 LRTP Advisory Committee meeting, meeting #11, will be scheduled to occur on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at noon. This will follow the scheduled date for the April FAMPO Technical Committee meeting which will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. on this date.

### **FAMPO Fred Ex Letter – Mr. Paul Agnello**

Mr. Agnello advised that staff was tasked by the Policy Committee to draft a letter to be submitted to the Secretary of Transportation asking that consideration be given to re-allocate the \$2m FAMPO was going to apply to the northbound river crossing project. The reason for this request is that in January there was a State announcement indicating the northbound river crossing project was now fully funded. Mr. Agnello stated if re-allocated, the \$2m would be applied to other projects within the region of state-wide significance. Mr. Agnello relayed a copy of the letter is included in today's agenda packet and more updates will be provided at the upcoming February Policy Committee meeting.

### **Draft CLRP Project Lists – Mr. Nick Quint**

Mr. Quint advised the revised draft CLRP project list is included in today's agenda packet. Mr. Quint stated there have been only minor changes since the last meeting. Mr. Quint asked that committee members review and provide feedback to him by February 28<sup>th</sup> if any additional changes are needed.

### **Smart Scale Update – Mr. Paul Agnello**

Mr. Agnello advised that VDOT will be providing a Smart Scale training session in its district auditorium on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Agnello stated this session is being made available for FAMPO staff and locality representatives. Mr. Agnello asked that members planning to attend, to please contact VDOT so number of participants can be accommodated.

Mr. Agnello advised that now that the region has received positive news from the State that the I-95 northbound Rappahannock River Crossing project will be fully funded, this item has now been removed as the number one project in the region for Smart Scale consideration.

Mr. Agnello stated that as FAMPO/GWRC can only submit up to 8 applications (and each locality and FRED can also submit up to 4 applications each), currently the draft candidate project list has 10 projects included. Mr. Agnello stated that if some of these projects cannot be bundled with other projects then the advisory committee will need to determine which the top 8 priority projects are for Round 3 of the Smart Scale application process.

**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 February 28.

### **Next Steps & Adjourn**

Mr. Agnello advised the next advisory committee meeting will be scheduled for April 9th beginning at 12:00 noon and lunch will be provided.

The 10th 2045 LRTP Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.