



**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2017**

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Members Present:

Mr. Paul Milde, First Vice-Chair, County of Stafford
Mr. Tim Barody, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Billy Withers, City of Fredericksburg
Ms. Nancy Long, Caroline County (Non-Voting Member)
Ms. Ruby Brabo, King George County (Non-Voting Member)
Mr. Greg Benton, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Tim McLaughlin, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Paul Trampe, Spotsylvania County
Ms. Meg Bohmke, Stafford County
Ms. Wendy Maurer, Stafford County
Mr. Chuck Steigerwald, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Ms. Marcie Parker, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Todd Rump, CTAG (Non-Voting Member)

Others Present:

Mr. Jitender Ramchandani, DRPT
Ms. Susan Gardner, VDOT
Mr. Stephen Haynes, VDOT
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, VDOT
Mr. Scott Shenk, Free Lance Star
Mr. John Jenkins, King George BOS
Mr. Gary Kendrick, King George Planning Commission
Mr. Rupert Farley, CTAG, At-Large

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Paul Agnello, FAMPO
Mr. Nick Quint, FAMPO
Mr. Tim Ware, GWRC
Ms. Diana Utz, GWRC
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRC
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

CALL FAMPO MEETING TO ORDER

First Vice-Chair Milde called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m. and received acknowledgement that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF FAMPO AGENDA

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke and seconded by Mr. Withers, with all concurring, the FAMPO Policy Agenda for the March 20th meeting was accepted as presented.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Mr. Farley criticized committee members for their February objections to the Smart Scale 45-minute commute rule. He stated the State cannot subsidize unreasonable commutes, so if the national average for commutes is approximately 25 minutes, then a 45-minute time is a very generous cut-off point for commuter-related projects. Mr. Farley expressed disappointment in the committee members' desire to game the Smart Scale system to promote wasteful local projects instead of embracing the HB-2 goals of promoting UDAs and efficient transportation. Mr. Farley recommended ending further expansion of road and parking capacity projects and prioritizing two projects to promote local industry instead. Mr. Farley stated the two issues that could be considered are: 1 – a rail line along the Route 301 corridor that would free up space on the Fredericksburg line and provide improved national security for the capital; and 2 – a legislative lobbying effort to allow congestion pricing on roads that do not have free movement of trucks and buses.

FIRST VICE-CHAIR'S COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a.) Approval of FAMPO Minutes of February 27, 2017 – Mr. Paul Agnello

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, with Ms. Maurer and Mr. Trampe abstaining, and all others concurring, the minutes from the February 27th meeting were accepted as presented.

b.) Approval of Resolution No. 17-23, Directing that a Public Review and Comment Period be Held Prior to the Adoption of the Public Participation Plan (PPP) – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello stated that per federal law and regulations, FAMPO is required to develop and adopt a Public Participation Plan (PPP). Mr. Agnello stated the PPP includes outreach strategies for the underserved populations. The Title VI Community Resource Directory was originally created by FAMPO in 2012 and has been updated by FAMPO staff. Mr. Agnello stated that a 45-day public comment period is required before the PPP can be adopted by the Policy Committee. Mr. Agnello stated that Resolution No. 17-23 is asking for endorsement for the Public Comment Period to begin on March 23rd and conclude on May 6th. A public hearing is scheduled for May 15th, with a request that the Policy Committee will adopt the plan at the upcoming May 15th Policy Committee meeting.

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke and seconded by Mr. Withers, with all concurring, Resolution No. 17-23 was adopted by the FAMPO Policy Committee.

c.) Approval of Resolution No. 17-24, Amending the FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Update UPC 101595 – Mr. Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised that the Southbound Rappahannock River Crossing project was added to the SYIP after it was selected for funding in the first round of Smart Scale. Mr. Quint stated that the CTB adopted the FY2017-2022 Six-Year Improvement Program (SYIP) on June 14, 2016 prior to the Southbound River Crossing project being approved. Mr. Quint stated that Resolution No. 17-24 is asking for endorsement by the Policy Committee to approve \$20 m of funding for bridges over Route 17. Mr. Quint stated this is a temporary funding allocation request as funding for the project has been awarded by the State from the “State of Good Repair” funding resource and the money will be transferred once the “State of Good Repair” funds are allocated to VDOT.

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke and seconded by Mr. Withers, with all concurring, Resolution No. 17-24 was adopted by the FAMPO Policy Committee.

d.) Approval of Resolution No. 17-25, Amending the FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Update Fiscal year 2015-2018 Funding – Mr. Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised that Resolution No. 17-25 is asking for adoption of amendments to the FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for updates to FY2015-2018 funding allocations. Mr. Quint stated that the amendments include: maintenance funding requests from VDOT; regrouping of project list per request from FAMPO staff; and adding PE funds from the Route 606/Mudd Tavern Road HB2 project.

Upon motion by Mr. Trampe and seconded by Mr. Withers, with all concurring, Resolution No. 17-25 was adopted by the FAMPO Policy Committee.

e.) Approval of Resolution No. 17-26, Endorsing a City of Fredericksburg Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation Alternatives program (TAP) Funding – Mr. Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised that Resolution No. 17-26 is requesting endorsement for a downtown pedestrian grant enhancement project being submitted by the City of Fredericksburg. Mr. Quint stated this grant is being applied for under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) through the State and requires a 20% local match. Mr. Quint advised the local match required is being funded from the City of Fredericksburg.

Upon motion by Mr. Withers and seconded by Ms. Bohmke, with all concurring, Resolution No. 17-26 was adopted by the FAMPO Policy Committee.

f.) 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that the call for 2045 candidate projects has been issued and to date, few have been received. Mr. Agnello relayed that the deadline for submitting new projects is close of business on March 22nd. Mr. Agnello reminded localities to submit any new projects on the fillable form that

was provided to each locality and that successful Smart Scale projects already included from FY2017-2022 or FY2018-2023 do not need to be re-submitted.

Mr. Agnello stated that development of FY2018 to FY2045 revenue estimates for FAMPO CLRP is underway. Mr. Agnello stated that DRPT (rail/transit) projects have been received; VDOT (highways/bike/ped) project list is under development; the local transportation revenues will be requested at the next LRTP Advisory Committee meeting (meeting is scheduled to occur mid-April); and that once the revenue estimates are received, FAMPO will then request review/approval from FHWA/FTA. Mr. Agnello stated that I-95 Phase 2 will likely be integrated into LRTP Advisory Committee agenda in May.

i. I-95 Corridor Study Phase 2

Mr. Agnello stated that the I-95 Phase 2 Corridor study plans to be conducted within the framework of the 2045 LRTP process. Mr. Agnello relayed that the I-95 Phase 1 study was a highway only study; however, Phase 2 will be multi-modal. Mr. Agnello stated the study area for Phase 1 was for Route 610 at Garrisonville to Route 126 at Massaponax and the study area for Phase 2 will be expanded to cover a 30-mile stretch from Hanover/Caroline line to Stafford/Quantico line.

Mr. Agnello stated the purpose of the Phase 2 study is to identify multimodal solutions that will maximize throughput and decrease congestion along the I-95 corridor. Mr. Agnello advised FAMPO will be utilizing results of studies already completed by VDOT from the Route 301 corridor study and the GWRC TDM study for the Transit/TDM work.

Mr. Agnello advised staff will be working with the Advisory Committee throughout the entire process and that the cost of the Phase 2 study is \$480k; with \$400k for the highway study and 80\$ to the Transit/TDM study. Mr. Agnello stated that the highway study funding has already been allocated by the State. Mr. Agnello advised that the \$80k for the Transit/TDM, if approved by the Policy Committee tonight, will be funded with RSTP monies.

ii. Approval of Resolution No. 17-27, Authorizing Staff to work with Michael Baker International to Execute the I-95 Phase 2 Transit/TDM Study

Mr. Agnello advised that Resolution No. 17-27 is asking for endorsement of utilizing \$80k of RSTP funds for the cost of the I-95 Phase 2 Corridor study for the Transit/TDM portion of the study.

Upon motion by Mr. Withers and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, with all concurring, Resolution No. 17-27 was adopted by the FAMPO Policy Committee.

g.) Smart Scale Update – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that the Smart Scale Advisory Committee is concluding, with a final meeting scheduled for March 30th. This meeting will be held in the GWRC conference room from 6-7:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide a summary of any recent updates; finalize the letter and content to be submitted to the State; and provide data, comments, feedback, inconsistencies in the two rounds of Smart Scale process; etc. to both Mr. Hap Connors for him to present to the CTB meeting in April and to also have included on the Smart Scale website.

h.) State Transportation Update – Ms. Marcie Parker, VDOT

Ms. Parker advised that there are no transportation updates to report at this time. Ms. Parker advised that the Fredericksburg District will be meeting with Central VDOT staff on April 10th. Ms. Parker also relayed that the Fred Ex meetings that were scheduled the week of March 13th were re-scheduled due to the inclement weather forecast. These meetings will be held this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The meeting here will be held on Wednesday night at Stafford High School.

i.) Approval of Resolution No. 17-28, Authorizing Staff to Transfer Fiscal Year 2018 RSTP Funding Allocations to Support a Virginia Department of Transportation STARS Study – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that Resolution No. 17-28 is a request presented to staff by VDOT. VDOT's STARS (Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions) program develops comprehensive and innovative transportation solutions that will relieve congestion bottlenecks and solve critical traffic and safety challenges throughout the State. Mr. Agnello stated that VDOT's Fredericksburg District's top project priority that is applicable for funding if selected by the State is the intersection improvements at US 1 between the Falmouth intersection and Route 3. Mr. Agnello stated that leveraging \$60,000 of FY2018 RSTP funding towards this project would enable the project to be more competitive for STARS approval. Mr. Agnello stated that Resolution No. 17-28 is asking for endorsement to allocate the \$60,000.

Upon motion by Mr. Withers and seconded by Ms. Bohmke, with all concurring, Resolution No. 17-28 was adopted by the FAMPO Policy Committee.

i. STARS Study Opportunity

Mr. Agnello advised that STARS program supports PE funding on moving projects forward that has funding leveraged toward the project. Mr. Agnello stated that staff attended a VDOT meeting on March 7th and just learned about the STARS funding opportunity. Mr. Agnello stated that this funding is allocated state-wide so there is no guarantee that every corridor project that is submitted will be approved. Mr. Agnello stated the STARS program works very similar to the Smart Scale program in that projects that have leveraged funding associated stand a better chance of getting approved. Mr. Agnello advised that the project mentioned above is the top project of three identified by the Fredericksburg District VDOT office. Mr. Agnello stated that the deadline for VDOT district offices to submit applications is March 28th.

j.) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)/Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Program Update – Mr. Paul Agnello and Mr. Nick Quint

Mr. Agnello advised that FAMPO leveraged CMAQ/RSTP funding for 11 Smart Scale projects. Of these 11, 4 were successfully scored; 1 was scored and approval is still to be determined; 4 were scored but not successfully approved; and 2 were screened out from the scoring process.

Mr. Agnello stated that the 4 projects selected were successful in the region receiving \$29.5 m in Smart Scale funding by have \$3.9 m of leveraged CMAQ/RSTP funding applied. Mr. Agnello stated that for Round 2 of the Smart Scale process, approximately 2/3 of the draft Smart Scale funding the region received came from candidate projects in FAMPO's CMAQ/RSTP programs.

Mr. Agnello advised that Stafford County has requested to add a new CMAQ/RSTP project for funding consideration which is the Enon Road at US 1 intersection and safety improvements project. Mr. Agnello advised that FY2018-2023 CMAQ/RSTP funding needs to be allocated by late April. Mr. Agnello stated this would be presented to the FAMPO Policy Committee for consideration at the April 17th meeting. Mr. Agnello stated that the application process ended on March 15th and each FAMPO locality had an option of submitting one new additional project. Mr. Agnello stated that there is limited funding available so there is no guarantee any new projects will receive funding. Mr. Agnello relayed also that some existing projects that are now partially funded could in fact end up being defunded.

Ms. Bohmke asked what Economic Development Access funding was and if Stafford had used it in the past. Mr. Baroody said that Stafford did not use this funding for transportation projects during his tenure. Ms. Parker stated this funding source used to be referred to as the Industrial Access Funding category which funded up to \$400,000 per project and has a 20% match requirement.

Mr. Agnello stated that a new project(s) was submitted by each of the 3 FAMPO jurisdictions and the projects will be scored by FAMPO staff and presented to the Policy Committee on April 17th for endorsement.

Mr. Agnello advised the new projects submitted are as follows: (Mr. Agnello stated that even though 1 project per locality was specified, Spotsylvania County submitted 3 projects so staff took the first project submitted as the top project to move forward). The projects are as follows:

- City of Fredericksburg – PE work for VCR trail bridges over Route 3/US1
- County of Spotsylvania – Roundabout at Old Plank Road & Andora Drive
- County of Stafford – US1 & Enon road intersection and roadway improvements

FAMPO CORRESPONDENCE

Included in agenda packet and self-explanatory.

STAFF REPORT

None

MEMBER REPORTS

None

FAMPO COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from both the FAMPO CTAG meeting and the FAMPO Technical Committee meeting are included in tonight's agenda packet.

ADJOURN FAMPO MEETING/NEXT MEETING, APRIL 17, 2017

The FAMPO meeting for March 20th was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will occur on April 17, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.