

Minutes
FAMPO Technical Committee Meeting – Summary Highlights
April 15, 2019
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Members Present:

Dan Cole, Chair, Spotsylvania County
Erik Nelson, City Fredericksburg (In at 9:40)
Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg (In at 9:40)
Alex Owsiak, Stafford County (In at 9:40)
Ciara Williams, DRPT
Craig Reed, FRED
Leigh Anderson, GWRC
Stephen Haynes, VDOT

Others Present: Samuel Hayes, Moffatt

Staff Members Present:

Paul Agnello, FAMPO
Briana Hairfield, FAMPO
Kari Barber, FAMPO
John Bentley, FAMPO
Matthew Lehane, FAMPO
Kate Gibson, GWRC
JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

Call to Order

The FAMPO Technical Committee meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, Mr. Dan Cole.

Approval of FAMPO Technical Committee Agenda

The April 15th Technical Committee agenda was accepted as presented.

Approval of FAMPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes of February 4th, 2019

Upon motion by Mr. Nelson & seconded by Mr. Cole, with all concurring, the minutes from the March 11th TAC meeting were approved as submitted.

Review of FAMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2019 & March 18, 2019

Mr. Agnello provided highlights from both the January 28th & March 18th Policy Committee meeting.

Public Comment – None

FAMPO Administrator Report

Mr. Agnello advised there would be no May Technical Committee meeting but there will be 2 Policy Committee meetings – a special called meeting on May 1st & regular meeting on May 20th. Mr. Agnello relayed a major presentation for I-95 is scheduled for June 17th. Mr. Agnello relayed staff is working on the FY20 budget for a draft to be submitted in May & approval in June. Mr. Agnello relayed the VDOT I-95 study scheduled to begin in the spring has grown in size. This study originally was scheduled to cover Northern Virginia to Thornburg; however, per governor ruling, it is now going to cover Virginia to North Carolina border.

Mr. Haynes advised details are still being finalized; however, the study area is expected to cover the I-95 corridor from Springfield to the Wilson Bridge; I395 to Potomac; & the states of North Carolina to Virginia, DC, & Maryland.

Discussion Items

a.) Federal Certification Review – Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised staff participated in the federal certification review on April 10th & 11th with the Washington COG MPO. The final results & report of the certification should be available by June 19th. Mr. Agnello stated that Mr. Ivan Rucker with FHWA is scheduled to provide an update to the FAMPO Policy Committee on May 20th.

b.) Congestion Management Process Update – Kari Barber

Ms. Barber advised substantial comments were received from both VDOT & citizens & the changes were both grammatical & substantive. Ms. Barber relayed some sections were updated & the plan included in today's agenda packet includes all the comments staff received.

i. Resolution 19-45, Adopting the 2019 Update of the Congestion Management Process for GWRC region

Upon motion by Mr. Nelson & seconded by Mr. Cole, with all concurring, Resolution 19-45 was approved with a request that the Policy Committee adopt the CMP at its upcoming April 15th meeting.

a.) Congestion Management Plan – In agenda packet

c.) SMART Scale, CMAQ, RSTP Updates– Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello stated some major updates have recently occurred in regard to additional funding being made available connected with several projects. Mr. Agnello stated the recent changes are positive and resulted in the best deal the region could have received.

Mr. Nelson asked if the additional funding still has to be approved by the CTB. Mr. Agnello concurred & stated that as the Fredericksburg region still does not have a CTB representative appointed to date that

he has been meeting with Mr. Yates who is the At-Large representative in Culpeper County. Mr. Agnello stated conversations have also occurred with VDOT & all entities are in concurrence.

Mr. Agnello stated the Route 3 East Park & Ride lot project was approved in Round 3 of the Smart Scale process. This project has now been removed & the funding allocated has allowed for 4 additional projects to be approved instead. The 4 projects now to be funded were projects submitted in the Round 3 Smart Scale Process; however, were not initially selected, even though weighed very close to being so in the initial Round 3 reviews.

The projects & new revenue allocations are included in today's agenda packet for further member review.

- i. Approval of Resolution 19-40, Authorizing \$125,000 in CMAQ funding for use by GWRideConnect staff in FY-20

Upon motion by Mr. Cole & seconded by Mr. Nelson, with all concurring, Resolution 19-40 was approved which authorized \$125,000 in CMAQ funding being allocated to GWRideConnect staff with a request that the Policy Committee adopt it at the upcoming April 15th meeting.

- ii. Approval of Resolution 19-46, Authorizing \$11,880 in CMAQ funding in FY-20 for UPC 87764 leased parking space project

Mr. Agnello advised that currently GWRideConnect is utilizing CMAQ funding for leased parking spaces at 3 private lots to accommodate local commuters going to Dahlgren mostly, but to other work areas as well. Mr. Agnello stated this is currently under review by staff, GWRideConnect, DRPT, FHWA, etc. & that possibly the on-going discussions could result in some changes/modifications being made to this project. The program could be eliminated; the existing number of spaces being paid for could be reduced; a new & updated re-negotiation with existing private property owners could occur; new private property owners could be obtained, etc. However, the 3 existing leases expire in November/December of this year (2 leases expire in November & 1 in December) so Resolution 19-46 is requesting authorization of utilizing CMAQ funding in the amount of \$11,880 for payment of the remainder of FY2019 existing lease agreements.

Upon motion by Mr. Cole & seconded by Mr. Nelson, with all concurring, Resolution 19-46 was approved with a request that the Policy Committee adopt it at the upcoming April 15th meeting.

- iii. Approval of Resolution 19-47, Allocating FY20-19-2026 CMAQ & RSTP funding

Mr. Agnello advised Resolution 19-47 is requesting authorization to allocate FY2019-2026 CMAQ & RSTP funds.

Upon motion by Mr. Nelson & seconded by Mr. Cole, with all concurring, Resolution 19-47 was approved with a request that the Policy Committee adopt it at the April 15th meeting.

d.) Update on Transportation Alternatives & Revenue Sharing Programs – Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised the deadline for pre-application submission of Transportation Alternatives & Revenue Sharing program projects is July 1 by 5:00 p.m. Mr. Agnello stated the application deadline date is October 1 by 5:00 p.m. Mr. Agnello stated the Revenue Sharing projects require 50% local match & the Transportation Alternative projects requires a 20% local match. Mr. Agnello stated that historically, VDOT has advised that these funding sources are not utilized as much as they could be. Mr. Agnello stated he encouraged localities to look for applicable projects & to get with VDOT staff for questions & project criteria to take advantage of this funding resource.

Correspondence: In packet & self-explanatory

Staff Report: Mr. Agnello advised staff is working to fill the vacant position from Mr. Quint's resignation & there are interviews scheduled over the next several weeks & it is hoped that a new Senior Transportation Planner will be on board within the next several months. Mr. Agnello stated that FAMPO also received approval from the March 18th FAMPO/GWRC meetings to promote Colin Cate from part-time to full-time status & this will be effective in early May.

Mr. Agnello advised staff has been approached by FAA & the University of Mary Washington in regard to developing a spread-sheet tool for Smart Scale Round 4 projects being selected. The data would provide the projects submitted & approved in Rounds 1-3; the project costs that have historically been approved over the first 3 rounds; how to possibly make a project for submission more ready & an easier sell for approval; etc. Mr. Agnello stated the cost to FAMPO would be \$50,000 - \$60,000 & FAMPO has the funding to cover the study if there is consent for it to move forward.

Locality representatives felt this type of study data could have pros & cons; however, did not feel they could either endorse or reject at today's meeting until information has been relayed to respective staff & departments.

Member Report:

DRPT:

Ms. Williams advised that DRPT's deadline for submittal of its UPWP is May 1st. Ms. Williams stated the final draft will be submitted to CTB for review in May & approved in June.

FRED:

Mr. Reed stated he attended the I-395/95 Commuter Choice meeting on Friday. Mr. Reed stated information was provided in regard to the on-line application process. Mr. Reed stated there is a short time frame for applications to be submitted & FRED will be working with the localities for potential project applications to be submitted for consideration.

GWRC:

Ms. Gibson advised that for the month of March there were 129 new applications; 108 applicant assists; 30 new van pools formed & 507 van pool assists. Ms. Gibson stated the new GWRideConnect web-site was developed in mid-February & has now been implemented.

STAFFORD COUNTY:

Mr. Owsiak advised work continues with FRED & Omni rides in the coordination of the new Northern Stafford Express route going from Northern Stafford to Quantico. This route will have direct stops at several Quantico buildings & will also provide connecting routes to Omni for commuters heading north. Mr. Owsiak stated the new route is scheduled to begin May 1st.

VDOT:

Mr. Haynes advised there is a VDOT public meeting scheduled at James Monroe High School on May 9th beginning at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Haynes stated a V-Trans presentation will be held from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.; 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. VDOT's Spring Transportation meeting will be held; & lastly, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. there will be a presentation on the I-95 interchange projects.

Adjourn

The April 15th Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:29 & the next TAC meeting will be held on June 3 at 9:30 a.m.

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