



FAMPO Technical Committee (FTC) Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2017

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Members Present:

Mr. Erik Nelson, Chair, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Craig Pennington, County of Caroline
Mr. Jack Green, County of King George
Mr. Dan Cole, County of Spotsylvania
Mr. Doug Morgan, County of Spotsylvania
Mr. Joey Hess, County of Stafford
Mr. Christopher Rapp, County of Stafford
Mr. Tim Roseboom, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Mr. Rodney White, Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)
Ms. Diana Utz, George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC)
Ms. Susan Gardner, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Ms. Sonali Soneji, Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

Others Present:

Linda LaSut, VDOT

Staff Members Present:

Paul Agnello, FAMPO
Lloyd Robinson, FAMPO
Nick Quint, FAMPO
John Bentley, FAMPO (Intern)
Leigh Anderson, GWRC
JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

CALL TO ORDER

The FAMPO Technical Committee meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chairman Erik Nelson.

APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

The April 3rd Technical Committee agenda was accepted as presented.

APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 6, 2017

The minutes from the March 6, 2017, Technical Committee meeting were accepted as submitted.

REVIEW OF FAMPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 20, 2017

Mr. Agnello advised that resolutions were adopted by the Policy Committee and these will be discussed later in the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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

Mr. Quint advised that the City's grant application is for downtown pedestrian enhancements that total \$1,300,000. This grant application requires a 20% local match. Mr. Quint relayed that due to time constraints for the submission of the application, the Resolution was presented to and endorsed by the FAMPO Policy Committee at its March meeting. Mr. Quint relayed that the Resolution is included in today's agenda for informational purposes only.

- b.) Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS) Program– Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that STARS (Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions) is a statewide VDOT program. Mr. Agnello stated that the STARS program supports studies and some PE work to develop comprehensive and innovative transportation solutions that will relieve congestion bottlenecks throughout the Commonwealth. Mr. Agnello relayed that STARS studies cannot occur everywhere; they only occur in places that meet a certain safety threshold. VDOT district office staff determine what study areas will be submitted for funding.

Mr. Agnello advised that VDOT looked at all the corridors within the FAMPO region and determined the only eligible STARS project is along US 1 between Route 3 and US 17 Business. Mr. Agnello stated that this corridor study is one of the top three study corridors identified by the VDOT Fredericksburg District office.

Mr. Agnello relayed that a portion of this study is already included in the FY2017-2022 FAMPO CMAQ/RSTP project list, and if the application is approved, this would result in FAMPO saving \$190,000 in RSTP funding over the next six years. Mr. Agnello stated that like Smart Scale, STARS is competitive statewide, and leveraged funding gives projects better chance of being approved. Mr. Agnello relayed that the STARS application deadline was March 30th. Due to

time constraints, Resolution No. 17-28 was submitted to and approved by the FAMPO Policy Committee at the March meeting. Resolution No. 17-28 is in today's agenda packet for informational purposes only.

- i. Resolution No. 17-28, Authorizing Staff to Transfer Fiscal Year FY2018 RSTP Funding Allocations to Support a VDOT STARS Study

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

Mr. Agnello advised that the call for 2045 candidate projects has been completed. Staff heard back from all localities (Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania & Stafford) and PRTC (PRTC/FRED/VRE). Mr. Agnello stated that development of FY2018-2045 revenue estimates for the CLRP is in process. To date, FAMPO has received estimates from DRPT, while the estimates from VDOT are still under development. Mr. Agnello stated that locality revenues will be requested at the upcoming LRTP Advisory Committee (AC) meeting. Mr. Agnello stated that once revenue estimates are received, FAMPO will solicit approval from FHWA/FTA. Mr. Agnello advised that the next LRTP AC meeting will be held at GWRC on April 20th beginning at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Agnello stated that it is expected that the I-95 Phase 2 Transit/TDM study will be integrated into the LRTP in April, and the highway study will be integrated in May.

Mr. Robinson stated that in order for FAMPO to complete the 2045 LRTP, staff has solicited projections of all State and Federal transportation revenues from both VDOT and DRPT. Mr. Robinson stated that staff is lacking the local government revenue projections. Mr. Robinson advised that a form is being distributed at today's meeting for locality input that can be completed and forwarded to FAMPO staff.

- i. 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, authorizing staff to complete I-95 Phase 2 Transit/TDM study by December of 2017, in conjunction with Michael Baker International, at a cost of \$80,000 was adopted by the FAMPO Policy Committee at the March 20th meeting.

d.) Smart Scale Update– Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that a public hearing conducted by VDOT for the purpose of providing comments to the Smart Scale prioritization process is scheduled to be held on Monday, April 10th at the Fredericksburg Germanna Community College site. Mr. Agnello advised that the public meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Agnello stated that a pre-meeting will run from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. This meeting is only open to Smart Scale applicants. The purpose of the pre-meeting is to allow for a one-on-one question/answer time on how Smart Scale works, how to make projects more competitive, etc. Mr. Agnello encouraged each of the members represented here today to attend the pre-meeting.

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

Mr. Quint advised that the State released the FY2018-2023 CMAQ and RSTP budgets back in February. Mr. Quint stated that the CMAQ/RSTP funding needs to be allocated by late April.

Mr. Quint stated that staff rescored existing CMAQ/RSTP projects that are not fully funded or on track to be fully funded. Mr. Quint stated that successful Smart Scale projects were not rescored; the BeulahSalisbury and Dixon Street intersection project was not rescored (it is on track to receive Economic Development Access Program funding); and the US 1 STARS study mentioned earlier was not rescored.

Mr. Quint advised that Stafford County requested to add the Enon Road project for funding consideration. Mr. Quint stated that FAMPO initiated a call for projects in March, and each locality was encouraged to submit one new project. Mr. Quint advised that there is limited funding available and no guarantee a new/rescored project will receive funding. The projects received are:

City of Fredericksburg – PE work for two VCR trail bridges (Rte. 3&US1)

County of Spotsylvania - (submitted 3 projects – projects were listed in order of priority, so only the first project submitted was scored) – Old Plank Road and Andora Drive Roundabout (project scored); Old Plank Road and Chancellor Road lane improvements; & Smith Station Road/Courthouse Road lane improvements

County of Stafford – Enon Road and US 1 intersection improvements

i. Draft FY2018-2023 CMAQ/RSTP Allocations

Mr. Quint advised that a spreadsheet was distributed showing the Draft FY2018-2023 CMAQ/RSTP project allocations. Mr. Quint stated that staff went through the projects and allocated money based on the new scores.

CORRESPONDENCE

In packet and self-explanatory

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Agnello advised that Ms. Donley is working from home and recovering from her foot surgery. Mr. Agnello stated that Ms. Donley is doing well and hopes to be back in the office in May.

MEMBER REPORTS

DRPT: Mr. Roseboom advised that a Transportation Advisory Committee was formed in 2016 for the purpose of looking at ways to back fund money, and DRPT was asked to study the gas tax. Mr. Roseboom stated that a new TDP guidelines task order was implemented and this allowed FRED to be in compliance with the 10-year financial plan. Mr. Nelson asked when the timeframe is for receiving the approvals. Mr. Roseboom stated that DRPT is hopefully going to be in receipt of the plan within the next several weeks. Mr. Roseboom stated the task order is open until 2018. Ms. Utz asked if we have a date on when this year's funding allocations will be released. Mr. Roseboom stated these probably would be available for the April CTB meeting. Mr. Robinson advised that for FRED's 10-year plan and the changes in the TDP updates, this would require signature by the financial department. Mr. Nelson stated the needed signature is completed by the City Manager.

Ms. Utz asked if the purple metro line is being eliminated. Mr. Roseboom stated that the purple line has no federal monies allocated, so if "Skinny Budget" is approved then no federal dollars will be allocated. Mr. Agnello asked in regard to WMATA, how funding for any programs such as sales tax, gas tax, etc. will be allocated now. Mr. Roseboom stated that DRPT is making a portion of the operational funding to be allocated to Metro. However, Mr. Roseboom advised that the gas tax revenues are not designated because these funds can be used for other projects.

FRED: Mr. White advised that FRED's annual review and audit has been completed. Mr. White stated that other than minor areas of revision overall, the audit review process was quite positive.

VDOT: Ms. Gardner advised that this is "Work Zone Safety Week" and asked for everyone to just be more aware of safety concerns that affect these workers.

NEXT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING, May 1st, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. /ADJOURN

The next Technical Committee meeting will be held on Monday May 1, 2017. The April meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.