



Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2018

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Members Present:

Mr. Matt Kelly, Second Vice-Chair, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Tim Baroody, City of Fredericksburg
Ms. Nancy Long, Caroline County (Non-Voting Member)
Mr. John Jenkins, King George County (Non-Voting Member)
Mr. Greg Benton, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Kevin Marshall, Spotsylvania County
Mr. David Ross, Spotsylvania County
Ms. Meg Bohmke, Stafford County
Ms. Cindy Shelton, Stafford County
Mr. Chuck Steigerwald, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Ms. Marcie Parker, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Dave Swan, Citizens Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)

Others Present:

Mr. Todd Horsley, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Ms. Susan Gardner, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Stephen Haynes, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Ms. Stephanie Lagarile, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Dave McLaughlin, Citizens Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG)
Mr. Paul Milde, Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Scott Shenk, Free Lance-Star

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Paul Agnello, FAMPO
Ms. Marti Donley, FAMPO
Mr. Nick Quint, FAMPO
Ms. Kari Barber, FAMPO
Mr. Tim Ware, GWRC
Ms. Diana Utz, GWRC
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

CALL FAMPO MEETING TO ORDER

Second Vice-Chair, Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. and received acknowledgement that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF FAMPO AGENDA

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke and seconded by Mr. Ross, with all concurring, the FAMPO Policy agenda for the April 16th meeting was accepted as submitted.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

None

PUBLIC HEARING ON DRAFT 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- a.) **Approval of Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2018** – Mr. Paul Agnello
- b.) **Approval of Resolution No. 18-21, Endorsing a City of Fredericksburg Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for Transportation Alternatives program (TAP) Funding** – Mr. Nick Quint
- c.) **Approval of Resolution No. 18-22, Authorizing Regional Support for the Transportation Improvements Needed to Support the Planned U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic in the FAMPO Region** – Mr. Paul Agnello
- d.) **Approval of Resolution No. 18-26, Amending the FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to Update the Potomac Creek Drive Turn Lane Project** – Mr. Nick Quint

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke and seconded by Mr. Ross, with all others concurring, the Consent Agenda was approved as submitted.

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a.) **Approval of Resolution No. 18-23, Adoption of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the George Washington Region** – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that to date; only five comments have been submitted from the public, and these comments will be documented in the final report. There were no additional comments expressed at tonight's public hearing, and Mr. Agnello advised staff is asking the Policy Committee to consider adopting the 2045 LRTP at tonight's meeting.

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke and seconded by Mr. Benton, with all concurring, Resolution No. 18-23 was adopted by the Policy Committee.

- b.) **Approval of Resolution No. 18-24, Directing that a Public Comment Period and Public Hearing be Held Prior to the Adoption of the Fiscal year 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that the UPWP is the ongoing work project for FAMPO. The Plan is in effect from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Mr. Agnello relayed that FAMPO will complete a 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan as an update requirement to the 2045 plan. The 2050 update is to be in compliance with MAP-21/Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requirements for performance based planning efforts. Mr. Agnello relayed the Congestion Management Process (CMP) will be updated as part of this work effort.

Mr. Agnello advised Resolution No. 18-24, is asking endorsement from the Policy Committee to begin the public comment period and public hearing that is required prior to the adoption of the UPWP. Mr. Agnello stated the public comment period will be held from April 19 to May 18.

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke and seconded by Mr. Steigerwald, with all concurring, Resolution No. 18-24 was adopted by the Policy Committee.

- i. Update on Federal Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) and Air Quality Conformity Requirements – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello relayed that staff was recently advised the Region may no longer be in air quality conformity compliance because of recent federal regulation updates. Mr. Agnello stated the new air quality conformity regulations will be finalized by month-end. Mr. Agnello stated it is possible the region will need to do an update to the UPWP next year to be in conformity.

c.) Approval of Resolution No. 18-25, Allocating Fiscal Years 2019-2025 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funds – Mr. Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised that included in tonight's agenda packet is a matrix that lists the CMAQ/RSTP projects and draft allocations. The list contains 24 projects. Mr. Quint relayed that the Lafayette Boulevard/Fredericksburg Train Station Access Study had a change in scope. Additionally, three new projects were added: Project #21 (new FRED bus route from Garrisonville to Quantico); Project #23 (Gateway Boulevard extension); and Project #24 (Mine Road widening). The rest of the projects on the list have been presented to the Policy Committee at previous meetings.

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke and seconded by Mr. Ross, with all concurring, Resolution No. 18-25 was adopted by the Policy Committee.

d.) I-95 Phase 2 Study Modeling Update – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello said the I-95 Phase 2 Study will be completed in May. Mr. Agnello stated that since the last meeting, the following has occurred:

- Further investigation to the effects of either a new or modified interstate access near the following four mile markers:
 - 131 (Central Park – City of Fredericksburg);
 - 128 (Harrison Road – County of Spotsylvania);
 - 126 (Massaponax – County of Spotsylvania); and
 - 124 (Jackson Village/Alexander Crossing – County of Spotsylvania)
- Revised traffic forecasts and operational analysis has been tested for performance data of new future conditions to identify where remaining choke points would occur or other unexpected consequences should any of the four new accesses points move forward

Mr. Agnello advised that the study team will be testing all four new or modified I-95 access points for comparisons of traffic volume data, traffic volumes on arterial roadways, new choke point sites, etc. Mr. Agnello stated each new access point would be looked at separately and that either 124 or 126 would be considered for moving forward because they are so close together. Mr. Agnello relayed that the study team will also be compiling data for both 2030 and 2045.

b.) Smart Scale Update and Project Discussion – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised there have been recent changes to the Smart Scale candidate project list that has previously been reviewed by this committee. The changes are as follows:

- I-95 northbound widening to 4 lanes being added from Exit 126 to Exit 130 (data has shown this will be needed by 2030)
- Park & ride project in Ladysmith has now been removed due to lack of interest from Caroline County Board of Supervisors
- Several studies are still on-going and will be completed over the next several months, so new potential candidate projects could arise in the following areas: US 301/Rt. 207 (VDOT study); US 1 (VDOT study); Rt. 2/17 (Spotsylvania County study); & Rt. 1/208 (Spotsylvania County study)

Mr. Agnello stated that even though it still subject to change, the Round 3 Smart Scale estimate is \$940 million (\$470 million for the Statewide High Priority Program and \$470 million for the District Grant Program). Mr. Agnello advised that the estimate for the Fredericksburg District Grant Program is \$32 to \$34 million, which is slightly higher than last round (\$26 million).

Mr. Agnello relayed that there are currently nine regional candidate Smart Scale projects, and before the August 1 deadline, GWRC & FAMPO will be able to submit four projects each. Mr. Agnello stated that it is possible some of the projects previously reviewed could be packaged and combined so that more projects could be submitted.

i. Updated Matrix of Regional Projects – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that an updated matrix of regional Smart Scale projects is included in tonight's agenda packet.

c.) VDOT Draft Six-Year Improvement Program Public Hearings – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that VDOT's six-year improvement program public hearing is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, May 8 at the Germanna Community College Workforce site in Spotsylvania County. Mr. Agnello stated the public meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m., and meeting materials are available on the website. Mr. Agnello stated that any feedback from the public or FAMPO committees can be submitted online as well, if one is not able to attend the meeting in person.

Ms. Parker relayed that the draft plan did in fact go public today and is available for review and comments in conjunction with the VDOT website. Ms. Parker stated that the meeting on May 8 will be like previous meetings where there will be some visuals for citizens to look at. Ms. Parker advised that the public meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. and at 4:30 p.m. a public hearing will be held. After the public hearing has concluded, citizens are able to walk around and review visuals, ask questions, provide

comments, etc. Ms. Parker did encourage everyone to attend the meeting if schedules allow, because both the new Secretary of Transportation and VDOT Commissioner will be in attendance.

STAFF AND AGENCY REPORTS

Mr. Agnello advised that interviews will be held beginning next week to fill Ms. Donley's position with FAMPO.

MEMBER REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

In packet and self-explanatory

FAMPO COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the Technical Committee and CTAG are included in tonight's agenda packet.

ADJOURN FAMPO MEETING/NEXT MEETING, MAY 21, 2018

The April 16, 2018 meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. the next meeting will be on May 21, 2018 at 7:15 p.m.