



**Citizens Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG) Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2017**

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**Committee Members Present:**

Mr. Todd Rump, Chair, Spotsylvania County  
Mr. Guy Gormley, City of Fredericksburg  
Mr. Robert Ek, Caroline County  
Mr. Rupert Farley, Spotsylvania County (At-Large)  
Mr. Larry Gross, Spotsylvania County (At-Large)  
Ms. Adela Bertoldi, Stafford County  
Ms. Dawn McGarrity, Stafford County (In at 6:22 p.m.)

**Others in Attendance:**

None

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

Mr. Paul Agnello, FAMPO  
Mr. Nick Quint, FAMPO  
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRC  
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Rump called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Mr. Farley and seconded by Mr. Gormley, with all concurring, the CTAG agenda for the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting was accepted as presented.

**APPROVAL OF CTAG MEETING SUMMARY OF MARCH 8, 2017**

Upon motion by Mr. Farley and seconded by Mr. Gormley, and all others concurring, the minutes from the April 12th meeting were approved as submitted.

**REVIEW OF FAMPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2017**

Mr. Agnello advised that as a result of the findings from Round 2 of Smart Scale, an advisory committee was formed. The purpose of the advisory committee was to provide feedback to the Commonwealth for Round 3. Mr. Agnello stated that the committee also was tasked with providing alternative funding options that could be considered. Mr. Agnello stated that one option is for the region to consider forming

its own transportation authority. Mr. Agnello stated that both Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia have a taxing authority in place, and it has proven to be successful in those regions. Mr. Agnello advised this item is going to be discussed with the elected officials at the May meeting. Mr. Gross asked if a regional taxing authority has majority support to pursue. Mr. Agnello stated that two of the three FAMPO localities have expressed support. Mr. Gross asked if this would require a unanimous vote or a majority vote for approval. Mr. Agnello concurred that a majority vote would be needed. Mr. Agnello stated that a regional taxing authority is only one source where additional funds could be generated, and other options will also be presented at the May Policy Committee meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

- a.) Resolution No. 17-31, Recommending the Adoption of the Public Participation Plan (PPP) – Mr. Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised that Resolution 17-31 is requesting adoption of the Public Participation Plan. Mr. Quint relayed that the 45-day public hearing/public comment period has been completed and there were no adverse comments made to the plan. Mr. Quint stated there were some minor comments/revisions submitted from VDOT staff and the public, and the revisions have been included in the new plan.

Upon motion by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Ms. Bertoldi, with all concurring, Resolution No. 17-31 was endorsed by CTAG with a request that it be adopted by the Policy Committee at the upcoming May meeting.

- b.) Approval of Resolution No. 17-29, Directing that a Public Comment Period and Public Hearing be Held Prior to the Adoption of the Fiscal Years 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)– Mr. Nick Quint

Due to time constraints from VDOT, Mr. Quint advised that Resolution No. 17-29 was adopted by the Policy Committee at the April meeting and is in tonight's packet for informational purposes only.

Mr. Quint advised that an interactive TIP map has been linked to the TIP webpage on the FAMPO website. Mr. Quint stated that some of the projects listed are completed but still have funding on them, while others have not been completed.

Ms. Bertoldi asked what happens with money allocated to projects that now show a surplus. Mr. Quint stated that the money is re-allocated to other projects. For RSTP/CMAQ projects, FAMPO re-allocates; for state projects, VDOT re-allocates.

Ms. Bertoldi stated she thought the comprehensive map is a great tool and asked if this is a document that is available to the public. Ms. Donley stated the map has been posted on Twitter and Facebook. Mr. Quint relayed that the map is available under the TIP webpage on the FAMPO website.

Both Ms. Bertoldi and Mr. Farley stated they felt the map would be more beneficial if all projects, whether federal, state, or local, were displayed on the map with a note of where the money is coming from.

Mr. Rump stated that he did not know if the other localities have a comprehensive project map in place or not but stated that Spotsylvania County does have one that lists the current and upcoming projects that will be funded by Spotsylvania over the next six years.

c.) Resolution No. 17-33, Directing that a Public Comment Period and Public Hearing be Held Prior to the Adoption of the FY2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)– Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello stated that FAMPO has been working with VDOT, DRPT, FTC and CTAG in the development of the UPWP budget and task descriptions. The UPWP will be submitted to the Policy Committee for their endorsement at the June 2017 meeting. Mr. Agnello relayed that Resolution No. 17-33 is directing a 30-day public comment period to be held prior to the adoption of the plan in June.

Upon motion by Mr. Farley and seconded by Mr. Gormley, with all concurring, Resolution No. 17-33 was endorsed by CTAG with a request that it be adopted by the FAMPO Policy Committee at the upcoming May meeting.

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

i. Summary of 2045 LRTP Advisory Committee Meeting of April 20, 2017

Mr. Agnello advised that the meeting summary from the LRTP Advisory Committee are included in tonight's agenda packet.

ii. NTP for Task Order for Technical Support for I-95 Phase 2 Study – April 18, 2017

Mr. Agnello advised that the Notice to Proceed is included in tonight's agenda packet.

iii. Final OIPI Study Presentation

Mr. Agnello stated that the Commonwealth has completed a major study that utilized StreetLight Data. Mr. Agnello stated that the study is designed to understand trip-making within a region. Mr. Agnello relayed that VDOT completed the first study in Northern Virginia for the purpose of compiling data of single-occupancy vehicle trips that could be converted to alternate transportation modes. Mr. Agnello stated this study recommends access to destinations through means other than by car.

Mr. Agnello stated StreetLight provides GPS data that gives precise location information. The study method scans the data for short trips, circuitous trips and common origin-destination trips. Mr. Agnello stated the data identified case studies and showed unique issues to which alternative opportunities and potential costs and benefits were evaluated.

Mr. Agnello advised that the study results identified eleven locations across the region as a starting point. Mr. Agnello stated the eleven locations are in the GWRC Region and go as far east as Dahlgren; as far north as Garrisonville and as far south at Cosner's Corner in Spotsylvania County.

Mr. Agnello stated the eleven case studies have been further studied, and now the following top five are being advanced for further study:

1. Downtown Fredericksburg
2. Central Park
3. Cosner's Corner
4. Garrisonville
5. Dahlgren

The CTAG members expressed pros and cons on the locations and made recommendations accordingly. Mr. Agnello stated these comments would be reviewed by both FAMPO staff and the consultant.

e.) VRE Gas Tax Floor– Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello stated the VRE Gas Tax Floor is a big issue for this region as well as Hampton Roads and Northern Virginia. Mr. Agnello stated the VRE Gas Tax Floor goes back to legislation that was passed by the State in 2013.

Mr. Agnello stated that the gas tax revenues are much lower than what was anticipated and this has resulted in a 30-50% loss of revenues. Mr. Agnello stated that the localities still continue to receive revenues from the gas tax in place; however, because a tax floor was not implemented by the General Assembly, the lower the price of gas drops, the fewer revenues are received. Mr. Agnello stated that this is a sustainable source of transportation funding statewide, and the funding need has never been greater. As a result, support from localities, business partners, etc. are being pursued. Mr. Agnello stated that a similar letter to the one included in tonight's packet will be created and resubmitted to the General Assembly, with the hope that a gas tax floor will be implemented during the next legislative session.

Mr. Agnello stated that just for the FAMPO region, there has been a \$11 million in lost revenue during the two-year period from FY2015-2017.

f.) Community Conversation: Our Transportation Crisis (June 1, 2017)– Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a forum on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. The seminar will run from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The topic is "Community Conversation – Our Transportation Crisis."

Mr. Agnello stated that the Chamber is working with elected officials and the CTB to create a regional taxing authority similar to the one established in Northern Virginia. Mr. Agnello stated this is an important forum, and FAMPO has spots reserved for two CTAG members to attend. Ms. Bertoldi, Ms. McGarrity and Mr. Rump expressed interest at tonight's meeting. All were going to check schedules and let Mr. Agnello know by Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> if they would be able to participate. Mr. Agnello stated that because only two slots are available, they would be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mr. Agnello advised that speakers for the forum will be himself, Mr. Hap Connors and local elected officials representing the City of Fredericksburg and the Counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Included in packet and self-explanatory

### **STAFF REPORT**

Mr. Agnello stated that Marti Donley continues to improve from her foot surgery and now has her cast removed. Mr. Agnello stated that Ms. Donley is awaiting physical therapy and hopes to be back in the office by the June meetings.

### **MEMBER REPORTS**

Mr. Gormley did not have an actual report to present; however, he reminded the CTAG members that Chair and Vice-Chair elections for CTAG will occur in June.

Both Ms. Bertoldi and Ms. McGarrity advised that they would be attending the May 17<sup>th</sup>VDOT "Pardon Our Dust" meeting at Colonial Forge High School. This meeting is for discussion of the Courthouse Road (Route 630) widening project. CTAG was asked to forward any questions, comments, concerns, etc. to either Ms. Bertoldi or Ms. McGarrity, and they would be presented on CTAG's behalf.

### **ADJOURN**

The May 10th meeting concluded at 8:05 p.m. The next CTAG meeting will be held on June14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

*Meeting Minutes completed by Joanna Roberson*