



**Citizens Transportation Advisory Group (CTAG) Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2016**

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Committee Members Present:

Mr. Guy Gormley, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Jim Perkins, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Todd Rump, Spotsylvania County
Mr. William “Michael” Wood, Spotsylvania County
Ms. Adela Bertoldi Stafford County (via Conference Call)
Ms. Fran Larkins, Stafford County
Ms. Dawn McGarrity, Stafford County
Mr. David Swan, Stafford County
Mr. Rupert Farley, At-Large Member (Spotsylvania County)
Mr. Larry Gross, At-Large Member (Spotsylvania County)

George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Staff:

Mr. Paul Agnello, FAMPO
Ms. Marti Donley, FAMPO
Mr. Nick Quint, FAMPO
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

Others Present:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gormley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The CTAG agenda for the June 8th meeting was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF CTAG MEETING SUMMARY OF MAY 11, 2016

Ms. Larkins advised that she had three amendments she was requesting be made to the May minutes. Staff advised that these would be addressed accordingly. Upon motion by Mr. Farley and seconded by Ms. McGarrity, with all others concurring, the minutes for the May meeting were adopted to include staff follow-up for edits requested.

REVIEW OF FAMPO MEETING OF MAY 16, 2016

Mr. Agnello advised that the minutes are included in tonight’s agenda packet and are self-explanatory. Mr. Agnello relayed that the discussion of meeting documents going paperless rather than xeroxing full agenda

packets for each Policy Committee meeting was favorably supported. Staff was asked to provide information on the cost of Xeroxing versus the cost of the information being provided electronically.

Mr. Gormley asked that staff provide this item as a Discussion item on the July agenda so that further comments can be provided at that time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a.) Selection of New Chair and Vice Chair – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that the FAMPO committees elect a new chair and vice-chair each year who serves from July to the following June. If the CTAG desires to remain on a similar rotating schedule, then the chair position for the upcoming year would be a representative from Spotsylvania County and the vice-chair from Stafford County.

Upon motion by Mr. Farley and seconded by Mr. Perkins, Todd Rump was nominated to serve as the chair for CTAG beginning in July of 2016. There was committee concurrence on this nomination.

Upon motion by Ms. McGarrity and seconded by Mr. Swan, Fran Larkins was nominated to serve as the vice-chair for CTAG beginning in July of 2016. There was committee concurrence on this nomination.

b.) FY2017 Meeting Dates and Times – Ms. Marti Donley

Ms. Donley advised that included in tonight's agenda packet is the current listing of the CTAG members. Ms. Donley stated that the City of Fredericksburg has six openings; the County of Spotsylvania has one opening; and the County of Stafford has one opening.

Ms. Donley relayed that the meeting dates for the upcoming CTAG meetings from July 2016 to June 2017 are also included in tonight's agenda packet. Ms. Donley stated that the meeting dates do not conflict with any office holiday closings.

Ms. Donley also advised that included in tonight's agenda packet is a calendar that lists the meeting dates for all three FAMPO committees to include: CTAG, Technical and Policy. Ms. Donley relayed that CTAG will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.; the Technical Committee will meet on the second Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m.; and the Policy Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Agnello advised that discussion is going to occur at this month's Technical Committee meeting which will be held on Monday, June 13th regarding a potential change in the monthly meeting times. Mr. Agnello

stated that the Policy Committee requested to receive monthly agenda information a week before their meeting date. Mr. Agnello stated that currently the Technical Committee meets a week before the Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Agnello advised that in order to accommodate the Policy Committee's request, discussion will be held with the Technical Committee at the upcoming June meeting for a request that this meeting date be moved to the first Monday in each month instead of the current second Monday in the month.

c.) I-95 Phase I Corridor Study Update – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that the advisory committee for the I-95 Phase I Corridor Study Update continues to meet monthly and the next meeting is scheduled for June 17th. Mr. Agnello stated that if CTAG members have additional comments for the advisory committee to please forward these to staff by close of business on May 30th.

Mr. Agnello stated that the advisory committee initially reviewed and studied ten alternatives. Mr. Agnello relayed that two of the ten alternatives have been selected for additional review, modeling and further study.

Mr. Agnello relayed that the two alternatives selected are 3c7b and 7a11, and both of these alternatives assume the Rappahannock River Crossing project will occur in both the northbound and southbound directions.

Mr. Agnello stated that alternative 3c7b is new from what was presented last month. Mr. Agnello stated this project would include the following:

Alternative 3c7b:

Exit 143 to 133 (Stafford) widening of six to eight General Purpose lanes in both the northbound and southbound directions

Exit 130 to 126 (Spotsylvania) CD lanes to a new full interchange at Harrison Road with a widening from six to eight General Purpose lanes from Harrison Road to Route 1 (Mr. Agnello stated that what was presented last month was a partial interchange at Harrison Road).

Alternative 7a11:

Mr. Agnello stated that this alternative is the same that was presented last month and would include the following:

Exit 143 to 133 (Stafford) extension of Express Lanes to Route 17 (Mr. Agnello relayed that if the Atlantic Gateway project occurs, it is unknown at this time how the interchange points would be connected).

Exit 130 to 126 (Spotsylvania) CD lanes with new access points at both the Harrison Road and Courthouse Road locations

Mr. Agnello relayed that a third hybrid alternative is being considered which is referenced as Alternative 7c11. Mr. Gormley stated that if extensions are made to Route 610, then the choke points and back-ups will then occur at Route 17. Mr. Gormley stated that in order to resolve the potential issues of a HOT lane extension that Transurban needs to provide data that shows the changes and how the new modeling data is different than what was used initially for the HOT lanes construction at Route 610. Mr. Gormley stated that the models are never right and need to be compared with modeling data that shows actual results. Mr. Gormley relayed that the initial modeling data for the HOT lanes project to Garrisonville should be compared to the modeling data being used for determining a HOT lane extension further south to determine the level of wrongness.

Ms. Larkins stated that even if improvements are made that the truck traffic on Route 17 is still not being properly addressed. Ms. Larkins stated that both trucks and cars will have to switch lanes in order to come off of Route 17 and head back onto I-95. Ms. Larkins stated that consideration needs to be given for early signage to be implemented and that accurate and timely signage will become critical. Mr. Agnello advised that VDOT representatives will be giving an update and presentation to the FAMPO Policy Committee meeting at the upcoming June 20th meeting.

Mr. Agnello advised that to date, all modeling, etc. is very conceptual and no property owners, right-of-way acquisitions, etc. have been considered. Mr. Gross asked if all interchange alternatives in consideration would need to have Interchange Justification Reports (IJR) completed by FHWA – Mr. Agnello concurred.

Mr. Agnello advised that the next steps in the I-95 Phase I Corridor Study update are as follows:

Advisory Committee to select a preferred alternative at the June 17th meeting

Outreach on final study results to be available for review in July

Ms. Larkins asked when Phase II of the I-95 Corridor Study would begin. Mr. Agnello stated that Phase II is expected to begin in the November 2016 time frame. Mr. Farley stated that again an alternative for consideration that no one seems to want to pursue that would solve the traffic congestion problems at a minimal cost is to establish congestion pricing. Mr. Farley stated that this alternative would be less expensive than lane widening, bridge replacements, and fly-overs constructed.

d.) HB2 Update– Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that staff has received recent updates in regard to the HB2 funding allocations and HB2 process. Mr. Agnello stated that the initial allocations are to be less than those received from Round one of the HB2 process. Mr. Agnello relayed that with this being said, that the Round one allocation was actually higher than anticipated. Initially, there was expected to be \$800 million allocated when actually \$1,716,000,000 for FY2017-2022 was awarded.

Mr. Agnello stated that for Round two, \$297 million has been allocated to FY2022; however, this amount did not include FY 2018-2021 or FY2023, so it is anticipated that this initial allocation amount will significantly increase over the next several months.

Mr. Agnello relayed that the following schedule will be upcoming:

July 11th – 6-8:00 p.m. – Regional HB2 Priority Workshop meeting held at VDOT Fredericksburg District Office and this meeting will focus on regional projects to be submitted by FAMPO/GWRC

July 18th – Final concurrence needed from FAMPO/GWRC on its regional HB2 projects

August 1st – HB2 application process begins

August 15th – Pre-Application deadline for guarantee of application technical assistance to be offered by the State on project application submissions

September 30th – HB2 application process period ends

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STAFF REPORT

None

MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Farley thanked Mr. Gormley for his efforts in serving as CTAG chairman for the last year and Mr. Farley’s comments were endorsed by the committee members.

Ms. Larkins asked if there was any new information available on the Harry Nice Bridge project. Mr. Agnello advised that nothing official has been received by staff; however, unofficially it appears that King George County is in favor of seeing the project kept on track and moving forward.

ADJOURN

The June 8th meeting concluded at 8:27 p.m. The next CTAG meeting will be held on July 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes completed by Jo. Anna Roberson