



Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2018

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Members Present:

Mr. Mark Dudenhefer, Chair, County of Stafford
Mr. Tim Barody, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Matt Kelly, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Billy Withers, City of Fredericksburg
Ms. Nancy Long, Caroline County (Non-Voting Member)
Mr. John Jenkins, King George County (Non-Voting Member)
Mr. Kevin Marshall, Spotsylvania County
Mr. David Ross, Spotsylvania County
Ms. Meg Bohmke, Stafford County
Ms. Cindy Shelton, Stafford County
Mr. Chuck Steigerwald, PRTC
Ms. Marcie Parker, VDOT

Others Present:

Mr. Todd Horsley, DRPT
Ms. Susan Gardner, VDOT
Mr. Stephen Haynes, VDOT
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, VDOT
Mr. Dave Swan, CTAG Chairman
Mr. Mike Smith, Stafford County
Mr. Paul Milde, Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Tim White, Kimley-Horn
Mr. Scott Shenk, Free Lance Star

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Paul Agnello, FAMPO
Ms. Marti Donley, FAMPO
Ms. Briana Hairfield, FAMPO
Ms. Kari Barber, FAMPO
Mr. John Bentley, FAMPO
Mr. Colin Cate, FAMPO
Mr. Tim Ware, GWRC

Ms. Linda Millsaps, GWRC
Ms. Michele Dooling, GWRC
Ms. Diana Utz, GWRC
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

CALL FAMPO MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman, Mr. Dudenhefer called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. and received acknowledgement that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF FAMPO AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Bohmke, with all concurring, the agenda for the June 18th meeting was approved as submitted.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT - None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Dudenhefer stated this was his last meeting as chairman and he has enjoyed his membership on the Policy Committee. Mr. Dudenhefer stated he previously had served as a member of FAMPO during his first tenure of service on the Stafford County Board of Supervisors. Mr. Dudenhefer stated transportation within the region is a passion of his and he looks forward to continued working relationships between the localities.

Mr. Dudenhefer welcomed Ms. Millsaps who is the newly hired Executive Director for GWRC and stated that FAMPO looks forward to working with her.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a.) Approval of Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2018 – Mr. Paul Agnello
- b.) Air Quality Conformity Update – Mr. Paul Agnello
 - i. Approval of Resolution No. 18-34, Endorsing the FAMPO Technical Advisory Committee to Approve for Submittal to FHWA the FY2018-2021 TIP and 2045 Air Quality Conformity Report on behalf of the FAMPO Policy Committee
 - ii. Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) Meeting of June 4, 2018
- c.) Approval of Resolution No. 18-37, Amending the Fiscal Years 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to Add UPC 113538 – Mr. Paul Agnello
- d.) Approval of Resolution No. 18-38, Authorizing Staff to Execute a Contract with the Fredericksburg Regional Alliance for the Project 2030 Strategic Plan – Mr. Paul Agnello

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Shelton, with all concurring, the Consent Agenda for the June 18th meeting was approved as submitted.

ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a.) STARS I-95 Northbound at US 1 (Exit 126) Alternatives Design Analysis – Mr. Tim White, Kimley-Horn

Mr. White advised the STARS program is a VDOT program that has been in place for over 10 years and is a state-wide funded program that uses crash data to develop solutions that will reduce crashes and congestion bottleneck areas within a region/locality. Mr. White stated that 2 locations were chosen for consideration of STARS projects for the Fredericksburg region. Mr. White relayed the metric data is included in VDOT's business plan and the history shows that 50% of the projects submitted for consideration have been approved and 75% of those approved for consideration have ultimately been funded.

Mr. White stated the data compiled uses crash hotspot data, speed data & AADT data and these data sources are combined that then identifies corridors that pose safety and congestion challenges. Mr. White relayed the goal of the STARS program is to develop solutions that will both reduce crashes & improve traffic congestion that provide for improvement projects that can be programmed into VDOT's 6-year Improvement Program (SYIP).

Mr. White stated there are 6 categories that are scored state-wide and these include: Congestion/Mitigation; Economic Development; Accessibility; Safety; Environmental Quality; & Land Use. Mr. White advised each project is scored in each category based on the Smart Scale typology process and that each region could have a different area of importance. For the FAMPO region, the projects for consideration will be those that have Congestion/Mitigation & Safety as its top 2 priorities.

Mr. White stated the project selected for the FAMPO region is improvements at I-95/Exit 126 and came as a result of a study that was completed along this corridor in 2015. The project improvements will do the following:

Increase the capacity on US1/I-95 on the northbound entrance ramp to accommodate the 2040 conditions

Reduce the northbound queue length on US1 in the a.m. hours

Identify improvements that then can be submitted for funding under the Smart Scale process

Mr. White advised the study area is from US1 from Southpoint Parkway to Market Street and on I-95 northbound from US1 intersection to the northbound on-ramp through the Courthouse Road overpass.

Mr. White stated STARS recommended several design constraints for further consideration that included study at the I-95 bridge over US1; the Route 208 bridge over I-95; acceleration lengths; & ramp speeds. Mr. White advised that all 4 locations were studied and both weekday traffic counts and weekend travel congestion data was compiled.

Mr. White advised the preliminary construction cost estimates for the recommended improvements are \$13.3m and will take up to 18 months to complete. Mr. White stated the inclusions in this \$13.3m cost estimate are the following: utility re-locations, traffic signal modifications & storm water management improvements. Mr. White relayed VDOT is still working to finalize the cost of the improvements needed but not included in the \$13.3m cost estimate and expects the total complete project cost to be \$20 to \$25m. The exclusions that will still be needed include: noise walls, contingencies, incentive/disincentive access, construction/engineering cost, inflation, preliminary engineering & obtaining needed right-of-ways.

b.) I-95 Phase 2 Highway Study Update – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that as part of the analysis of future build scenarios for the I-95 corridor study, that 4 scenarios were identified with potential benefits and costs included. The 4 scenarios include either new or improved interchange improvements at the following locations: Exit 131 (near rest area) new/full interchange; Exit 128 (Harrison Road) new/full interchange; Exit 126 (Massaponax) improved interchange; & Exit 124 (Jackson Village) new/full interchange.

Mr. Agnello advised the comparison of the 4 proposed scenarios for consideration include the following assumptions that are incorporated into the 2045 no-build network and include the I-95 southbound river crossing project; the I-95 northbound river crossing project; and a 4th lane being added to I-95 northbound/southbound between Exits 130 & 126.

Mr. Agnello stated the Exit 131 scenario proposes a new full access interchange being constructed that will provide direct access to development at Celebrate Virginia South. The project will also include new ramps to and from I-95 southbound and northbound and will connect Carl D. Silver Parkway and Gordon W. Shelton Boulevard.

Mr. Agnello advised the Exit 128 scenario proposes a new full access interchange being constructed at Harrison Road between Route 3 and Courthouse Road. The project will also widen Harrison Road to 4 lanes from I-95 to Salem Church Road.

Mr. Agnello relayed the proposed improvements to Exit 126 will include a new super ramp that will connect southbound I-95 to eastbound US 17, with an additional ramp built that will provide access to southbound US1. The project will also allow for a northbound CD lane facility that will be added along I-95 from south of Mills Drive to south of Courthouse Road. A new on-ramp will allow the westbound traffic on US 17 to access the northbound CD lanes. Additional improvements that are being recommended by VDOT as a result of the STARS study will also include a second lane on the northbound on-ramp at Exit 126; a second lane on the southbound off-ramp; & a 5th southbound deceleration lane on I-95.

Mr. Agnello stated the Exit 124 scenario will include a new full interchange access point for a new roadway crossing at I-95 for planned future development at Jackson Village & Alexander's Crossing.

Mr. Agnello stated that when the 4 scenarios were studied, methodology was developed that quantified the benefits and costs that were associated with each of the scenarios. Mr. Agnello stated that also among the performance measures that are associated with each scenario that the reduction of hours of delay was chosen as the most beneficial in converting an equivalent value of benefit. Mr. Agnello stated the delays are defined as the differences between congested travel times and free-flow travel times within the defined study area.

Mr. Agnello stated a draft report should be available for committee distribution at the upcoming July 16th meeting. Mr. Agnello stated that there was not enough time to advance any of the 4 scenarios for Round 3 of the Smart Scale application process; however, but could potentially be ready for consideration for Round 4 of the Smart Scale application process.

Ms. Parker stated that 3 of the 4 proposed scenarios would require full IJR's being completed. Mr. Agnello stated IJR's cost \$50m and take 1-2 years to complete. It was committee request that at the upcoming July meeting staff provide data that looks at relative cost with information that determines how cost estimates were determined on both the benefit/cost analysis. It was also requested that the consultants refine cost estimates for the 3 different sketches for both the northbound/southbound options. The committee also asked that data be provided on the 2nd step of where drivers go – i.e. the first round of data showed a percentage of riders exit off of I-95 onto Route 3 & head into Central Park/Wegmann's, etc. However, data did not show where they went once completing errands/first stop – i.e. do they get back on I-95; do they go down Fall Hill Avenue into the City; do they get on River Road in Spotsylvania, etc.

c.) Smart Scale Regional and Local project Updates– Mr. Paul Agnello

- i. Approval of Resolution No. 18-35, Supporting Stafford County, City of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County and Fredericksburg Regional Transit Smart Scale Project Applications

Mr. Agnello advised Resolution No. 18-35 is asking for approval of the Smart Scale application projects being submitted for consideration in Round 3 of the Smart Scale process that are being submitted from the City of Fredericksburg, the Counties of Spotsylvania & Stafford & FRED.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Bohmke, with all concurring, Resolution No. 18-35 was adopted by the Policy Committee at the June 18th meeting.

- ii. Approval of Resolution No. 18-36, Authorizing Support for the George Washington Regional Commission and Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Smart Scale Project Applications

Mr. Agnello advised Resolution No. 18-36 is asking for approval of the Smart Scale application projects being submitted for consideration in Round 3 of the Smart Scale application process that are being submitted from GWRC & FAMPO. Mr. Agnello stated that each entity was allowed to submit up to 4 projects and a total of 8 projects will be submitted for consideration.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Ross, with all concurring, Resolution No. 18-36 was adopted by the Policy Committee at the June 18th meeting.

d.) FAMPO Legislative Committee Discussion – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised last year FAMPO had 2 issues that were presented to the General Assembly for consideration. Mr. Agnello relayed the request to increase speed limits on the following corridors: Rt. 3, Rt. 17, Rt. 207 & Rt. 301 passed. However, the request for re-consideration of including weekend traffic data into the Smart Scale application scoring process did not advance.

Mr. Kelly stated he felt a legislative committee should be re-established and requested that each jurisdiction provide one representative to serve on the committee. Mr. Kelly stated that last year issues were discussed and presented; however, no official legislative committee was formed. Mr. Kelly stated this committee would be responsible to meet with all elected officials to pass along specific issues, concerns, etc. that come from the Policy Committee. The members elected to serve on the legislative committee are as follows: City of Fredericksburg – Matt Kelly; County of Spotsylvania – Tim McLaughlin; & County of Stafford – Cindy Shelton.

e.) Approval of Resolution No. 18-39, Authorizing Staff to Execute a Contact with Cambridge Systematics for MAP-21/FAST Act Performance Measure Target Setting – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised FAMPO adopted measures required by MAP21/FAST ACT that included performance based plans for safety, congestion, bridges/pavements, etc. Mr. Agnello relayed that 2/3 of the plan is complete; however, performance measure category was not available when UPWP was completed. Mr. Agnello stated to ensure the TIP moves forward with a completion date of November 2018 and a compliance date of May of 2019, Resolution No. 18-39 is asking for support for staff to execute Cambridge Systematics to complete the performance requirement category.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Bohmke, with all concurring, Resolution No. 18-39 was adopted by the Policy Committee at the June 18th meeting.

f.) Approval of Resolution No. 18-40, Authorizing Staff to Extend On-Call Planning Services Contracts with Michael Baker International and Cambridge Systematics– Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello stated that Resolution No. 18-40 is asking for support for staff to extend the on-call planning services contracts with Michael Baker and Cambridge Systematics for 1 more year. Mr. Agnello relayed the current contract expires on July 31st. Mr. Agnello stated that staff is asking the contracts be extended for 1 additional year, expiring on July 31, 2019. Mr. Agnello stated no funding allocations are involved.

Mr. Ross asked why the contracts were not re-bid. Mr. Agnello stated it was a timing issue that resulted in delays from Stafford County and once the information was received from Stafford, it did not give staff sufficient time to complete the task orders. Ms. Bohmke concurred with Mr. Ross and stated that she felt the contracts for on-call consultants should be re-bid annually. Ms. Bohmke stated her concern was not that existing on-call consultants had not done a satisfactory job & that they may not be re-selected each year if their bid was to come in as the lower/lowest bid but she did feel it should be an annual re-negotiation process. Ms. Bohmke stated that in order to prevent time becoming a factor for FY2019 that possibly staff should begin the process earlier in the year.

Upon motion by Ms. Bohmke and seconded by Mr. Kelly, with Mr. Ross voting no and all others concurring, Resolution No. 18-40 was adopted by the Policy Committee at the June 18th meeting.

g.) Approval of Resolution No. 18-41, Approving the Slate of Officers to Serve in Fiscal Year 2019 – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised the following slate of officers to serve on FAMPO for FY2019 are as follows:

Chairman – Tim McLaughlin (County of Spotsylvania)

1st Vice-Chair – Matt Kelly (City of Fredericksburg)

2nd Vice-Chair – Mark Dudenhefer (County of Stafford)

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Bohmke, with all concurring, Resolution No. 18-41 was adopted by the Policy Committee at the June 18th meeting.

h.) Approval of Resolution No. 18-42, Recognizing the Dedicated Service of Chairman Mark Dudenhefer – Mr. David Ross

Mr. Ross asked for approval of Resolution No. 18-42 that is recognizing the dedicated service of Mr. Mark Dudenhefer who has served as the FAMPO chairman for FY2018.

Upon motion by Mr. Ross and seconded by Mr. Kelly, with all concurring, Resolution No. 18-42 was adopted by the Policy Committee at the June 18th meeting.

STAFF AND AGENCY REPORTS

Mr. Agnello advised that FAMPO sponsored the state-wide VACO conference on June 8th and there were approximately 75 people in attendance. Mr. Agnello stated that tonight would be Marti Donley's last FAMPO meeting and she will be retiring after compiling meeting agendas for 125 FAMPO Policy Committee meetings. Mr. Agnello relayed that Ms. Donley's efforts over the 12 years to FAMPO has been greatly appreciated and wished her well on her retirement. Mr. Agnello stated he is also glad to introduce Ms. Briana Hairfield who is the new staff member hired to replace Ms. Donley and FAMPO is pleased to have her on board.

MEMBER REPORTS - None

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Agnello advised that included in tonight's agenda packet is the revised FAMPO committee meetings calendar. Mr. Agnello relayed that the Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on July 16th. There is no GWRC meeting for the month of July so the Policy Committee can actually meet at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:15 p.m. if this earlier start time works out for the committee members. It was committee consensus to meet at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Agnello advised that on July 12th between the hours of 5-7:00 p.m. at James Monroe High School VDOT will be conducting a "Pardon Our Dust" public meeting on the upcoming construction project for the I-95 Southbound Rappahannock River Crossing project.

FAMPO COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Minutes from the Technical Committee and CTAG are included in tonight's agenda packet.

ADJOURN FAMPO MEETING/NEXT MEETING, JULY 16, 2018 – The June 18, 2018 meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. & the next meeting date will be on July 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.