



**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2015**

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Members Present:

Mr. Tim McLaughlin, County of Spotsylvania (Chair)
Mr. Matt Kelly, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Mark Whitley, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Billy Withers, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Paul Trampe, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Paul Milde, Stafford County
Mr. Anthony Romanello, Stafford County
Ms. Laura Sellers, Stafford County
Mr. Chuck Steigerwald, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Ms. Marcie Parker, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Guy Gormley, CTAG (non-voting member)

Others Present:

Mr. Evan Charles, VDOT
Mr. Sean Nelson, VDOT
Ms. Allison Richter, VDOT
Mr. Jason Robinson, VDOT
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, VDOT
Mr. Craig Van Dussen, VDOT
Mr. Scott Shenk, FLS
Mr. Rupert Farley, CTAG
Ms. Fran Larkins, CTAG

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Paul Agnello, FAMPO
Mr. Lloyd Robinson, FAMPO
Ms. Marti Donley, FAMPO
Mr. Nick Quint, FAMPO
Mr. Daniel Reese, FAMPO
Mr. Tim Ware, GWRC
Ms. Diana Utz, GWRC
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

CALL FAMPO MEETING TO ORDER

Chair, Mr. McLaughlin, called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. and received acknowledgement that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF FAMPO AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Sellers, with all in consensus, the agenda was approved as submitted.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT – None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS - None

ACTION ITEMS

a.) Approval of FAMPO Minutes of June 15, 2015 – Mr. Paul Agnello

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Milde, with abstentions from Ms. Parker, Mr. Trampe, Mr. Whitley & Mr. Withers, and all others in consensus, the minutes from the June 15th meeting were accepted as presented.

b.) Approval of Resolution No. 16-01, to Amend the FY15-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add Funds for Safety Improvements on I-95 – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that Resolution No. 16-01 is for the amendment of the FY15-18 TIP to add \$17.9 million dollars for safety improvements to exit ramps at Exits 130 & 133 and is a request made by VDOT.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Milde, with all in consensus, Resolution No. 16-01 was adopted.

c.) Approval of Resolution No. 16-02, to Endorse a Project of Statewide Significance for Funding Under the HB2 Project Prioritization Program – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that Resolution No. 16-02 is requesting endorsement of projects for consideration under the HB2 Project Prioritization program. Mr. Agnello stated that it was consensus from the July 13th workshop meeting that the region's number priority project of statewide significance is the Rappahannock River Crossing project. Mr. Agnello advised that this project will result in improvements to I-95 at Exits 130 & 133, as well as construction of collector-distributor lanes between the two exits.

In addition to the Rappahannock River Crossing project, Mr. Agnello stated that other smaller projects for consideration would be improvements to I-95 at Exits 118 & 126; park & ride lot expansions; VRE station platform extensions; and VRE Crossroads Yard expansion.

Mr. Kelly stated that as the amount of funding that will actually be awarded to the region is still an unknown factor so he thinks it is in the region's best interests to submit projects for consideration by the CTB that can actually be phased or completed. Regarding the platform extensions for the VRE stations, Mr. Kelly stated that this project would require upgrades at all stations from Spotsylvania to Stafford. Mr. Kelly stated that park & ride lot expansions would have more of an immediate impact to the region. As this region is updating its 40 year transportation plan, Mr. Kelly stated that he thought it would be beneficial for someone from VRE to come to an upcoming FAMPO meeting so that their forty-year plan can be discussed as well.

Mr. Milde stated that a Resolution is not needed tonight as the resolutions are due by December 1st. Mr. Milde concurred that as the application process begins on August 1st & ends on September 30th so clearly a consensus on which project(s) need to be submitted for consideration of funding by the CTB is needed tonight.

Mr. McLaughlin concurred with Mr. Milde in that he did not feel it was urgent that the Policy Committee adopt Resolution No. 16-02 at tonight's meeting. However, from both the July 13th workshop meeting and from tonight's Policy Committee meeting, there is concurrence that the number one regional project to move forward is the Rappahannock River Crossing project.

Ms. Sellers asked what the price is for leasing park & ride spaces in private commercial business sites. Ms. Utz advised that the spaces GWRC leases cost \$1.00 per day, per space. Ms. Sellers stated that she would like to see more information presented to the Policy Committee on potential new commercial sites that would consider leasing in lieu of building or expanding existing park & ride lots at a cost of \$10,000 per space.

Ms. Utz advised that the leased park & ride lot spaces need to be paved, in a lit parking area, need to be stripped spaces, and the commercial development needs to sign a lease indicating that commuters will be able to utilize the spaces. Ms. Utz stated that on the Route 610 corridor there were absolutely no additional commercial spaces available from two years ago when spaces were being sought. Ms. Utz relayed that commuters have also been no longer allowed to park in the Wal Mart on Route 3 East or the Home Depot on Route 3 East.

Mr. McLaughlin received unanimous consensus from the Policy Committee to instruct FAMPO staff to move forward in putting the application process together and to work with VDOT to ensure that the application is concise. As there are still questions unanswered, the Policy Committee is recommending that staff proceed with the application packet for submitting the Rappahannock River Crossing project as the number one project of statewide significance from this region. At the upcoming September meeting, the Policy Committee will then be asked to adopt Resolution No. 16-02.

d.) Approval of Resolution No. 16-03, Recognizing the Dedicated Service of Daniel Reese – Mr. Paul Agnello

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Sellers, with all in consensus, Resolution No. 16-03 was approved.

FAMPO CORRESPONDENCE – Correspondence is included in packet and self-explanatory.

STAFF REPORT – Mr. Agnello introduced the two newest FAMPO employees – Mr. Nick Quint who has been hired as a Regional Transportation Planner and himself as the new FAMPO Administrator.

Mr. Agnello advised that staff will be working with VDOT and has a meeting scheduled for Thursday of this week to discuss planning studies for Exits 126 and 130 in Spotsylvania County.

MEMBER REPORT - None

FAMPO COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – Tech and CTAG minutes are included in tonight’s agenda packet.

ADJOURN

The FAMPO meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will occur on September 21, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.