



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes September 10, 2018

Members Present:

Daniel Cole, Chair, Spotsylvania County
Erik Nelson, City of Fredericksburg
Doug Morgan, Spotsylvania County
Joey Hess, Stafford County
Ciara Williams, DRPT
Stephen Haynes, VDOT
Sonali Soneji, VRE
Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Craig Reed, Fredericksburg Regional Transit

Others Present:

Xavier Harmony, DRPT
Samuel Hayes, Moffat & Nichol

Staff Members Present:

Paul Agnello, FAMPO
Briana Hairfield, FAMPO
Nick Quint, FAMPO
Kari Barber, FAMPO (In at 9:50)
John Bentley, FAMPO
Colin Cate, FAMPO
Leigh Anderson, GWRC

Call to Order

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Chair, Mr. Daniel Cole.

Approval of Technical Advisory Committee Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Hess, with all concurring, the September 10th TAC agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of August 8, 2018

Upon motion by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Hess, the August 8th meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Comment – None

Discussion Items

- a.) 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Population and Employment Projections – Mr. Nick Quint

Mr. Quint stated that FAMPO has reviewed and updated the 2050 Population and Household Projections and after receiving feedback from the localities- determined that they were overly aggressive. So, FAMPO took a deeper dive into the projections and subsequently adjusted and decreased the projections to more accurately reflect the population growth in the FAMPO region. Mr. Quint explained that they did this by looking at the region's [population] growth from 2010 to 2017 and then took that percentage growth and scaled that. Mr. Quint noted that initially they projected a much higher growth for Stafford and Spotsylvania counties, but these projections are more reasonable with Stafford and Spotsylvania being the highest at 2% and 1.5% and King George, Caroline and Fredericksburg at 1%. Mr. Quint then explained that for Fredericksburg, they did something slightly different, they used a 1.84% growth to 2030 and then from 2035 to 2050 they used a 1%. Mr. Quint summarized that what you're seeing is a similar trend, but just not as drastic with Stafford and Spotsylvania leading in growth.

Mr. Quint then asked committee members to refer to the Comparison of August and September Projections powerpoint so that members could compare the projections that had last month versus this month. In 2015 they were projecting 727,451 in total population and now they are projecting 629,815 in total population which is actually less than the 2045 LRTP Projection of 651,760 by about 20,000. So the region is still growing and still growing rapidly but not as rapidly as we thought.

Mr. Quint paused for questions before moving on to Household projections.

Mr. Quint stated that again for households they looked at the last five years of data (2012-2016) and they looked at average household size for each jurisdiction and population in each jurisdiction and they found a similar trend with Stafford and Spotsylvania projecting the most growth.

Mr. Quint again referred to the Comparison of August and September Projections powerpoint and noted that the household projection decreased from 274, 080 to 208,068.

Mr. Quint informed the committee that FAMPO would like comments on this report back within one week so that they can approve this during the October meeting

Mr. Nelson inquired about FAMPO's accounting for 1-95 improvements

Mr. Quint responded that they are anticipating that growth

Mr. Agnello commented that he was surprised that when you look at the data from 2010 to 2017, the jurisdiction that has grown the most is the City of Fredericksburg.

i. Comparison of August and September Projections- Mr. Nick Quint

Upon motion by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Steigerwald, with all concurring, Resolution No. 19-04 was adopted by the Technical Advisory Committee at the August 8 meeting.

b.) Transportation Conformity Update- Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello pointed out that the Technical Committee is the only committee that met in the month of August, so you have seen a lot of this already but the summary is that the Air Quality Report passed. The official federal approval is expected around October 12. Long term, we're not sure if Air Quality Conformity requirements will stay in place in the FAMPO region, we're expecting more information regarding this in the late fall. If it does stay in place, we'll have to do this again this spring.

c.) STARS Study Update – Mr. Paul Agnello and Mr. Stephen Hayes, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

Mr. Agnello mentioned that he and Mr. Hayes have spoken about this on August 8th and this presentation has already been submitted to this committee to view, but this shows recent planning studies that have been done in the GWRC/FAMPO Region. VDOT has identified three potential STARS Studies to pursue for upcoming funding opportunities.

- Port Aquia Dr/Coal Landing Road Corridor
- Mine Rd/Market St. Corridor
- Massaponax Corridor

Mr. Agnello stated that the smaller one, Mine Rd, has been applied for. The other two are larger, more expensive studies. Mr. Agnello noted that the STARS program is competitive statewide and there are scarce resources it's not typical for a district to get three STARS Studies approved. In FAMPO's case, to increase the chance of all three being approved FAMPO has proposed to put up \$200,000 in RSTP funding. \$100,000 for the larger study in Spotsylvania for the Massaponax Corridor and \$100,000 towards the Port Aquia Dr/Coal Landing Road Corridor. There's an action item, a resolution to allocate that funding to support these STARS study efforts. These studies cost an estimate of \$250,000, so \$100,000 towards each study could make them more competitive.

Mr. Hayes pointed out that the two larger applications that FAMPO proposed to allocate funding to have not actually been applied for, the applications are ready and are looking at the various scenarios and strategies and Mr. Agnello suggested the funding be split across two different fiscal years, 2019 and 2020, so we decided it would be best to wait until the next application period in January 2019. At that time we will submit the applications. We did receive very positive feedback from the folks in the central office regarding these studies, particularly with the additional funding. We will be positive they will be funded, but they will not be applied for until 2019. (*Tape A, 945*).

i. FAMPO Resolution No. 19-05, Authorizing Staff to Transfer Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020 Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funding to Support Two Potential VDOT STARS Studies – Mr. Paul Agnello (ACTION ITEM)

Upon motion by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Mr. Hess, with all concurring, Resolution No. 19-05 was endorsed with a request that the Policy Committee adopt it.

d.) Resolution No. 19-06, Amending the TIP to ad UPC 111980 – Nick Quint (ACTION ITEM)

Upon motion by Mr. Nelson and seconded by Ms. Soneji, with all concurring, Resolution No. 19-06 was endorsed with a request that the Policy Committee adopt it.

e.) Draft 1-95 Phase 2 Highway Study Report for Review- Mr. Paul Agnello

f.) Version 5 Travel Demand Model Review – Mr. Paul Agnello

g.) FAMPO Fy2019 Committee Meetings Calendar – Mr. Nick Quint

h.) SMART Scale Update – Mr. Paul Agnello and Mr. Nick Quint

Correspondence – In packet and self-explanatory

Staff Report –

Mr. Agnello reported that the FAMPO Legislative Subcommittee met on September 6, 2018 to discuss the Legislative Agenda for the FY19 General Assembly

Mr. Nelson asked which elected officials were present

Mr. Agnello responded that Delegate Mark Cole and Delegate Bob Thomas were present.

Member Report

DRPT: Ms. Williams introduced Xavier Harmony

VRE:

SPOTSYLVANIA:

Adjourn

The September 10, 2018 Technical Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m. and the next meeting will be held on October 9.