

**Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Minutes
October 10, 2018
Adopted December 5, 2018**

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Dave Swan, Chair, Stafford County
Mr. Guy Gormley, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Dave McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Neil Holloran, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Melvin Allen, Stafford County
Mr. Timothy Brown, Stafford County
Mr. Morgan Burch, Stafford County
Mr. Bobby Anderson, At-Large
Mr. Rupert Farley, At-Large
Mr. Larry Gross, At-Large

George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Staff:

Mr. Nick Quint, FAMPO
Ms. Briana Hairfield, FAMPO
Mr. John Bentley, FAMPO
Mr. Colin Cate, FAMPO
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

Call to Order – Mr. Swan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Farley requested that Item 7a. under the Discussion Item category be removed from the agenda as Resolution No. 19-07 is a housekeeping resolution that requires no action being taken from CTAC.

Mr. Quint also advised that item 7e under the Discussion Item category also needed to be removed from the agenda (which is the I-95 Phase 2 Highway report & Resolution No. 19-11 endorsing the study) as this item was discussed at a previous meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Gormley and seconded by Mr. Anderson, with all concurring, the October CTAC agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of September 12, 2018 CTAG Meeting Minutes

Mr. Swan advised that at the September 12th meeting CTAC voted to approve Resolution No. 19-06 that amends the TIP to add UPC#111980 as an action item. However, Mr. Swan stated the item was discussed but CTAC did not actually take a vote and the minutes need to reflect this accordingly. Upon motion by Mr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Dave McLaughlin, with all concurring, the September 12th minutes were approved as amended.

Review of September 17, 2018 FAMPO Policy Committee Meeting

Mr. Quint advised that discussion occurred at the September 17th Policy Committee meeting on the legislative priorities and this item will be discussed at tonight's CTAC meeting. Mr. Quint also advised there was lengthy discussion regarding the budget for GWRC/FAMPO and no resolution was presented. Mr. Quint advised that further discussion will occur from the Policy Committee and CTAC will be updated as the issue moves forward.

Mr. Quint advised that discussion also occurred regarding the possibility of FAMPO moving out from GWRC and becoming its own entity. Mr. Quint stated there was no action taken on this item and it is an item where discussion will continue and CTAC will be advised as further discussion occurs.

Mr. Gross asked if it is common state-wide for an MPO to be an independent entity. Mr. Quint stated that staff is compiling research and data on this item now and that preliminary data indicates that there are some independent MPOs; however, the majority are a subsidiary to another agency.

Public Comment - None

FAMPO Administrator Report

Mr. Quint advised that there would not be any FAMPO meetings scheduled for the month of November and the next CTAC meeting will be scheduled on December 5th at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Quint relayed however that VDOT will be hosting the fall Transportation meeting on November 28th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the VDOT District Auditorium. Mr. Quint stated this is an important meeting and occurs twice a year. Mr. Quint relayed there will be board displays and presentations on the Smart Scale projects and will be an opportunity to hear a presentation from the Secretary of Transportation.

Mr. Gormley stated his concern with the time of the meeting. The 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. time frame does not allow for those commuting outside of the region to be available to attend. Mr. Gormley asked that FAMPO staff forward this request to VDOT District office and request that the meeting time be changed to 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for future semi-annual transportation meetings.

Discussion Items

- a. Adopted Resolution No. 19-07, Authorizing Staff to Issue a Request for Proposals to Hire New On-Call Planning Service Consultants– Nick Quint**

Per request of CTAC committee, Resolution No. 19-07 was removed from agenda at beginning of tonight's meeting.

- b. Performance Based Planning – Nick Quint**

Mr. Quint advised that performance based targets for bridge repairs is a target request from VDOT. Resolution No. 19-09 is requesting authorization by VDOT to move to a more performance driven approach for performance measures included in the bill. Mr. Quint advised there are 14 applicable

performance measures that will be applicable to FAMPO. Mr. Quint stated there are 17 total new performance measures being implemented; however, the other 3 only currently apply to regions larger than FAMPO.

Mr. Quint stated the State develops targets & MPO's can accept the state targets; develop its own; or implement a combination of the two. Mr. Quint stated that it would require a lot of work from FAMPO staff for the MPO to develop its own performance measures.

- i. Resolution No. 19-09, Adopting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Transportation Pavement/Bridge & System Performance Targets

There was no action taken by the FAMPO CTAC on Resolution No. 19-09 at the October CTAC meeting.

- c. **Resolution 19-10, Endorsing Regional Base Year & Future Years Population & Employment Control Totals for Use in the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**
– Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised that even though the region is continuing to grow and is still the 2nd fastest growth region within the State; the feedback & data utilized in the FY2045 LRTP has been adjusted. Mr. Quint stated the previous projections were adjusted and decreased to more accurately reflect the expected population growth for FY2050. Mr. Quint advised the population growth is expected to be 11,500 less than was previously projected.

There was no action taken by the FAMPO CTAC on Resolution No. 19-10 at the October CTAC meeting.

- d. **Smart Scale Update** – Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised that presentation tonight came from the CTB meeting that was held in September of 2018. Mr. Quint relayed that a total of 468 Smart Scale applications were submitted statewide for Round 3 of the Smart Scale application process. Mr. Quint stated that VDOT expects 10% of the applications submitted to be screened out. Mr. Quint advised that to date, VDOT has not provided any information to MPO's on the applications screened out and this finalized data is expected to be received by month-end. Mr. Quint relayed that both the Richmond & Staunton MPO's submitted the largest number of applications with Richmond submitting 85 & Staunton submitting 71. Mr. Quint stated the Fredericksburg District (which includes this region & the Northern Neck) was the second lowest and submitted a total of 35 applications for consideration. Mr. Quint stated that a lot of the areas in the Northern Neck did not have any projects being submitted.

Mr. Quint advised that the total amount of projects submitted have an estimated cost of \$12,389.30b and there is only \$950m of available funding statewide to be allocated. Mr. Quint relayed that there was an increase in bicycle/pedestrian projects submitted for consideration in Round 3 of the Smart Scale process and this was the second highest project category submitted (there were 371 highway projects submitted; 15 bus transit projects submitted; 9 TDM projects submitted; 2 rail transit projects submitted; & 1 rail freight project submitted).

Mr. Quint advised the Smart Scale schedule is as follows: September – final screening & validation; October-November – fall VDOT transportation meetings will be scheduled statewide; on-going & thru January, measure development and scoring process will occur; January 15, 2019 scores to CTB & public in the February-April time frame; & Draft SYIP submitted for review with adoption being asked for at the June CTB meeting.

e. Resolution 19-12, Endorsing the Recommendations from the King George County Transit Study – Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised that currently there is no transit service in King George County outside of private vanpools that operate between the Fredericksburg region and Dahlgren. Mr. Quint stated that King George County terminated its previous FRED service in 2012. Mr. Quint relayed the purpose of the existing market analysis looks at where likely transit riders live, where employment and retail services are concentrated & what the major travel patterns for the county are.

Mr. Quint stated that no action has been taken either by King George County or FAMPO at this time; however, the following 3 recommendations have been presented as a result of the services provided by the consultant and these are as follows:

1. Express bus service between Dahlgren & Fredericksburg during peak periods with a local circulator running during the mid-day on Routes 3, 206 & 301
2. Same as Option 1, but with more express trips added
3. Local circulator on most trips & some local trips going to Fredericksburg via the Route 301 & 3 corridors

Mr. Quint advised that Resolution No. 19-12 is endorsing the recommendations made from Four-Square. There was no action taken by CTAC on Resolution No. 19-12 at the October CTAC meeting.

f. Resolution 19-13, Directing that a Public Comment Period & Public Hearing be Held Prior to Amending the Fiscal Year 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Nick Quint

There was no action taken by CTAC on Resolution No. 19-13 at the October CTAC meeting.

g. Resolution 19-14, Amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to update the Mudd Tavern Road Widening Project – Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised that Resolution No. 19-14 is amending the TIP to add funding for this fiscal year for right-of-way cost and for next year construction cost west of I-95 to Route 1 and this project will go from 2 to 4 lanes.

There was no action taken by CTAC on Resolution No. 19-13 at the October CTAC meeting.

Correspondence – Included in tonight’s agenda packet and are self-explanatory

Member Report

Mr. Brown asked who sets the CTAC agenda. Mr. Quint stated that FAMPO sets the agenda; however, at any time, any member can request an agenda item be added for discussion purposes at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Quint stated that should a member wish to add an agenda item they just need to contact him and the item will be added on the next availability. Mr. Hollaran asked if the FAMPO CTAC agenda packets could be received earlier as he just received this the day before the meeting. Ms. Hairfield stated that usually the agenda packet is posted on the FAMPO website by Monday. Ms. Hairfield confirmed that the email address contact that FAMPO has is current. Mr. Farley asked if there is any data or feedback available regarding either success or failure on the northbound Route 3 entry lane project. Mr. Quint stated that to date no official data has been provided from VDOT; however, the general comments staff has heard seem to be mixed – some feel it has helped Route 3; however, has not reduced traffic congestion on I-95. Mr. Quint stated he would follow-up with VDOT to see if any data is available. Mr. Gormley stated that possibly VDOT could be asked to come to the December CTAC meeting to provide updates on the Route 3 safety improvement project, the status of other projects to be coming to construction date, traffic flow, safety projects, etc.

Adjourn

The October 10th meeting concluded at 7:20 p.m. The next CTAC meeting will be held on December 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. *Meeting Minutes completed by Joanna Roberson*