



**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2015**

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Members Present:

Mr. Paul Milde, County of Stafford (Chair) (In at 7:22 p.m.)
Mr. Matt Kelly, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Mark Whitley, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Billy Withers, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Doug Barnes, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Tim McLaughlin, Spotsylvania County (Vice-Chair) (Opened Meeting at 7:15 p.m.)
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Anthony Romanello, Stafford County
Ms. Laura Sellers, Stafford County
Mr. Al Harf, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Ms. Marcie Parker, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Others Present:

Mr. Chris Arabia, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Ms. Allison Richter, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Craig Van Dussen, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Ms. Nutau Pande, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Jason Robinson, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Rupert Farley, Citizen
Mr. Scott Shenk, Free Lance Star

Staff Members Present:

Mr. Andy Waple, FAMPO Transportation Administrator
Ms. Marti Donley, FAMPO
Mr. Lloyd Robinson, FAMPO
Mr. Tim Ware, GWRC
Ms. Diana Utz, GWRC
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

CALL FAMPO MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Mr. McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and received acknowledgement that a quorum was present.



APPROVAL OF FAMPO AGENDA

Upon motion by Mr. Harf and seconded by Ms. Sellers, with all in consensus, the agenda was approved as submitted with the inclusion of a special presentation to be presented by Vice-Chair, Mr. McLaughlin.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

a.) Approval of FAMPO Minutes of February 23, 2015 – Mr. Andy Waple

Upon motion by Mr. Yakabouski and seconded by Mr. Withers, and everyone in consensus, the minutes from the February 23rd meeting were approved as submitted, with notation of a typo on page one to be corrected.

b.) Approval of Resolution No. 15-04, Adopting the Congestion Management Process (CMP) for the FAMPO Region – Mr. Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that Resolution No.15-04 is a federal document that is updated every 4 years that focuses on a process of alleviating congestion through management and operations that use regionally set objectives in a performance based monitoring system to create strategies. Mr. Waple advised that staff has worked with VDOT, DRPT, and both the FAMPO Technical Committee & TAG to develop FAMPO's CMP and are requesting adoption by the Policy Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Sellers, with everyone in consensus, Resolution No. 15-04 was adopted.

c.) Approval of Resolution No. 15-05, Authorizing Staff to Issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to Hire New On-Call Planning Services Consultants & Recommending Same to the George Washington Regional Commission – Mr. Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that Resolution No. 15-05 is authorizing staff to issue a request for proposals to hire new On-Call Consultants as the current contracts expire on June 30, 2015.

Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Sellers, with everyone in consensus, Resolution No. 15-05 was adopted.

d.) Resolution No. 15-06, Endorsing Stafford County's Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for FY2015-2016 TMA Transportation Alternatives Funding – Mr. Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that Resolution No. 15-06 is requesting approval of northern Stafford County's grant application for sidewalks constructed on Mine road which will connect various residential developments to Garrisonville Road. Mr. Waple re-stated that northern Stafford County is the only locality who is eligible for the TMA Transportation Alternatives Funding.

Upon motion by Ms. Sellers and seconded by Mr. Withers, with everyone in consensus, Resolution No. 15-06 was adopted.

e.) Resolution No. 15-07, Recognition of Service Presentation to Andy Waple – Mr. Tim McLaughlin

Resolution No. 15-07 was recognition of service presentation given by Mr. McLaughlin to Mr. Waple for his service as the FAMPO Administrator. Upon motion by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Harf, with everyone in consensus, Resolution No. 15-07 was adopted. Mr. Waple stated that he has learned a lot while being employed by FAMPO and he is happy to have had the experience to serve in his capacity.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a.) HB2/1887 Update – Mr. Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that there is nothing new to report at this time. Mr. Waple stated that the CTB meets tomorrow and Wednesday so nothing has been received since the last CTB meeting. Mr. Waple did advise that staff, as well as Mr. Kelly & Mr. Withers, both attended the HB2 meeting held at the local VDOT District Office.

Mr. Waple advised that all comments, recommendations, questions, & concerns that had been expressed by members of the FAMPO Policy Committee were relayed and the message was given loud & clear. Mr. Waple stated that 1887 bill has now passed in both the House & Senate. Mr. Waple stated that Mr. Nick Donohue, will be attending the April Policy Committee meeting to provide an updated presentation on HB2.

b.) FY2016-2021 Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Regional Surface Transportation program (RSTP) Funding Allocations – Mr. Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that the CMAQ/RSTP project list is included in tonight's agenda packet. Mr. Waple stated that this is being presented tonight as informational only and will be brought back before the committee in April for adoption. Mr. Waple stated that some project years have been adjusted and some funding allocations amended and other than two new projects that were included, the project listing is as has been discussed at previous meetings.

c.) New Approaches to Solving Transportation Problems Workshop– Mr. Andy Waple

Mr. Waple stated that staff is working with VDOT to compile the transportation problems workshop. This workshop will be two separate 2-hour sessions held in the evening. The first session will be informational in nature. Mr. Waple stated that a hypothetical project will be addressed – from start to finish. This session will advise how a project gets included within the region’s 6-year plan; how the project gets to the MPO level; information to be user-friendly and available for citizen’s so they understand the process; all funding options that are available or could be available will be addressed; etc. Mr. Waple stated that staff is working with VDOT to provide graphics, hand-outs, etc.

Mr. Milde stated that he would like to see an “end-result” of this session to have a packet that is compiled and distributed to new board members; distributed to citizens, etc. Mr. Kelly also recommended that a presentation be given beforehand to Mr. Shenk with the Free Lance Star so that information to be released to the public can be actual & concise & not rushed during the actual workshop presentation time slots.

Mr. Kelly & Mr. Milde both stated that they would like to see specific projects – i.e. Bragg Road widening project from Spotsylvania County to Fredericksburg & the Route 630 interchange project highlighted so that the public can see what is involved; can see how long a project takes to complete from start to finish, etc. Hypothetical projects are helpful as well but if it is a project that people can actually relate to may make more of an impact on the process & the difficulty in getting a project approved, built, & maintained.

Mr. Waple stated that the second part of the workshop session will focus on how to get new projects added into the Plan; to evaluate whether projects within the plan are still worthwhile; to have a time of discussion on new ideas & alternatives to consider, etc.

d.) FY2016 Rural Transportation Work (RTW) Program – Mr. Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that the Rural Transportation Work Program is submitted tonight as an informational item only and will be brought back to the committee at the upcoming April meeting for adoption.

Mr. Waple stated that the Rural Transportation Work Program (RTW) is the planning document that supports both the rural localities within Planning District 16 that include Caroline & King George counties. Mr. Waple relayed that this was approved tonight by the GWRC Commission.

FAMPO CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence is included in packet and self-explanatory.

STAFF REPORT & MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Waple advised that staff is working with VDOT to set up dates for the Transportation Workshop and that Ms. Donley sent out on Friday the dates being looked at so that the members can reply back to their availability. Ms. Donley stated that the dates for the two workshops will be held either the

last two weeks in April or the first week in May. Mr. Harf stated that he would also be willing to serve as a volunteer for the workshops.

Mr. Waple stated that ads ran over the weekend advertising to fill the position as FAMPO Administrator and that applications have already been received. Ads have been run in the newspapers, on-line, with NATO, with AMPO, with APA, etc. Mr. Milde stated that the committee who served the last time would be serving again and initially the review process will be handled internally. Mr. Milde stated that Mr. Robinson would be serving as needed during the interim process.

FAMPO COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) and FAMPO Technical Committees meeting minutes are included in packet

ADJOURN

The FAMPO meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. The next meeting will occur on April 20, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.