



**FAMPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2014**

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Members Present:

Erik Nelson, City of Fredericksburg
Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Dan Cole, County of Spotsylvania
Doug Morgan, County of Spotsylvania
Joey Hess, County of Spotsylvania (In at 9:15)
Brad Johnson, County of Stafford
Craig Van Dussen, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Rodney White, Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)
Chris Arabia, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Nick Alexandrow, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Christine Hoeffner, Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

Others Present:

Ed Keasler, County of Stafford
Dan Grinnell, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Allison Richter, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Rupert Farley, FAMPO Transportation Advisory Group (TAG)
Fiona Curter, FAMPO – (Intern from University of Mary Washington)

Staff Members Present:

Lloyd Robinson, FAMPO
Andy Waple, FAMPO
Marti Donley, FAMPO
Daniel Reese, FAMPO
JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

CALL TO ORDER

The FAMPO Technical Committee meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

The Technical Committee agenda for June 9, 2014 was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2014

The Technical Committee minutes from the May 12th meeting, with a request from Mr. Van Dussen to make a minor correction to them after the conclusion of today's meeting, were approved by the Committee.



REVIEW OF FAMPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 19, 2014

Mr. Robinson advised that the minutes are included in today's packet. Mr. Robinson relayed that the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

- 1.) Resolution No. 14-09 – Adoption of FY2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- 2.) Resolution No. 14-10 – Directing a Public Comment Period and Public Hearing before adoption of FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- 3.) Resolution No. 14-11 – Authorizing Task Order to Parsons Brinckerhoff to Assist FAMPO staff with Scenario Planning Phase II
- 4.) Resolution No. 14-12 – Completion of FAMPO tasks in regard to Jackson Gateway
- 5.) Resolution No. 14-13 – Approval of 2015-2020 CMAQ/RSTP Projects
- 6.) Resolution No. 14-14 – Resolution Honoring Mr. Sterling's Eight-Year Term of Service on the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)

Mr. Robinson advised that the following Discussion Items were addressed: FAMPO Highway Prioritization Methodology; FAMPO Self-Certification process; Federal Transportation Reauthorizations; and FAMPO Administrator's Position to be effective after July 1st.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chair and Vice-Chair respectively for the FAMPO Technical Committee for the upcoming year will be: Mr. Joey Hess, County of Stafford and Mr. Dan Cole, County of Spotsylvania.

ACTION ITEMS

a.) Resolution No. 14-14, Adopting the Fiscal Years 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Lloyd Robinson & Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that Resolution No. 14-14 would be adopted in June. In July the new project list and new funding allocations will be received so the TIP amendments will be adopted in July. Mr. Waple stated that per request of Policy Committee from the May meeting a project description change was requested for one project. Mr. Waple also relayed that staff has received two pages of comments from Mr. Farley which have already been included. Mr. Waple also stated that staff has received an additional eight pages of comments from another TAG member and staff is reviewing these as well. Mr. Robinson stated that it was staff recommendation that Resolution No. 14-14 be adopted. There was unanimous Technical Committee consensus to approve as well.

b.) Resolution No. 14-15, Appointing Henry "Hap" Connors as an Ex Officio Member of the FAMPO Policy Committee – Lloyd Robinson

As Resolution No. 14-15 directly affects the FAMPO Policy Committee, the Technical Committee took no action on Resolution No. 14-15.

c.) Resolution No. 14-16, Certifying that the FAMPO 3-C Process Requirements are Being Carried Out in Accordance with Federal Requirements for a Comprehensive, Continuing and Coordinating Transportation Planning Process in the Urbanized Area – Lloyd Robinson & Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that Resolution No. 14-16 was discussed with the Technical Committee at the May meeting. Mr. Waple stated that both the Resolution and the Self-Certification statement that will be requested to be approved by both the FAMPO Chair and the State are included in today's agenda packet and this will be presented to the Policy Committee at the upcoming June meeting.

Mr. Nelson asked who signs on behalf of the State. Mr. Waple stated that four years ago it was signed by Mr. Elliot so he assumes that this year it will be signed by Ms. Parker. Ms. Richter concurred and also advised that there was a grammatical change that needed to either occur on the Resolution and/or the Packet to make them in conformity. Mr. Waple stated that this correction would be made after the conclusion of today's meeting.

It was consensus from the Technical Committee to endorse Resolution No. 14-16 and request that the Policy Committee adopt it at the upcoming June meeting.

d.) Resolution No. 14-17, Amending the FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Transfer Funds from Project UPC Number 93962 (Route 3 Signal Optimization) to Project UPC 93963 (Route 1 Signal Optimization) – Lloyd Robinson

There was Technical Committee consensus to endorse Resolution No. 14-17.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Robinson advised that the Virginia Transit Association meeting was held last week at the Expo Center and participation was good. Mr. Robinson stated that FRED had a bus on display and that both FAMPO & GWRC shared a booth. Mr. Robinson stated that there was a good discussion held on the NTD Vanpool program that Ms. Utz oversees. Mr. Robinson stated that it was hoped that the first year's totals would reflect 200 van pool operators participating in the program. To date, we have 352 registered on a state-wide basis so the program is running better than anticipated. Mr. Robinson thanked the committee for allowing him to serve them for the last eight years.

Mr. Waple stated that FHWA has posted changes within MAP 21 and these changes were released last week. Mr. Waple stated that the report includes fifty-nine pages of material and is performance-based. Mr. Waple advised that he will be reviewing the report and will provide the highlights from it to the Technical Committee at the upcoming July meeting.

MEMBER REPORTS

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT):

Mr. Arabia advised that Ms. Utz is doing a great job in marketing for the I95 express lane projects. Mr. Arabia stated that Ms. Utz is adding at least one new van pool each month so commuting participation is continuing to grow. Mr. Arabia stated that the I95 project is still on schedule and is expected to be fully operational by early 2015.

Virginia Railway Express (VRE):

Ms. Hoeffner advised that VRE is finalizing a step-up program that will coincide with the opening of the I95 express lane project. Ms. Hoeffner stated that VRE is working with both PRTC and Amtrak in regard to the possibility of providing additional trains, especially for the reverse home commutes. Ms. Hoeffner stated that VRE has adopted its System Transportation Plan for FY2040. Ms. Hoeffner stated that VRE representatives would be more than willing to come to the FAMPO committees to provide presentation on the Transportation Plan and/or the VRE budget process for FY2016.

There was consensus from the Technical Committee that they would like to have a presentation made at an upcoming Technical Committee meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Robinson advised that correspondence is included in tonight's agenda packet and is self-explanatory.

NEXT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING, JULY 14th, 2014/ADJOURN

The next Technical Committee meeting will be held on Monday, July 14th at 9:00 a.m. The Technical Committee meeting for June 9th was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.