



Transportation Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2014
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Committee Members Present:

Ms. Vanessa Griffin, Chair, Stafford County
Mr. Guy Gormley, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Allen Ludwig, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Rupert Farley, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Bill Milligan, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Art Snyder, Spotsylvania County
Ms. Fran Larkins, Stafford County

George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Staff:

Mr. Daniel Reese, FAMPO
Ms. Marti Donley, FAMPO
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

Others Present:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Griffin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

The Transportation Advisory Group agenda for the November 6th meeting was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF TAG MEETING SUMMARY OF OCTOBER 9, 2014

The minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

REVIEW OF FAMPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2014

Mr. Reese advised that the minutes from the October 20th FAMPO Policy Committee meetings are included in tonight's agenda packet. The recap is as follows:

Mr. Reese advised that the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted by the Policy Committee at the October 20th meeting:

Resolution No. 14-25 – Appointment of Mr. Waple & Mr. Ware respectively as member and alternate to the Virginia Association of MPO’s (VAMPO) Board

Resolution No. 14-26 – Amending the FY15-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Authorize an amendment to the Scope of Work for the US-1 Signal Optimization Project (UPC #100441) in the City of Fredericksburg and to also switch the Allocation Years of Funding between the US-1 Signal Project and the Route 610/Onville Road Intersection project

Resolution No. 14-27 – Endorsing Stafford County’s Grant Application to the Virginia Department of Transportation for FY2016 Transportation Alternatives Funding

Mr. Reese advised that discussion occurred on the following topics and that comments are included within the minutes in tonight’s agenda packet: DRPT Southeast High Speed Rail: Richmond to Washington DC Corridor Tier II EIS Update; House Bill 2 update; Southeastern Institute of Research (SIR) Telephone Research Survey update; and 2014 Federal Certification Review update.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS (IF ANY)

None

ACTION ITEMS

a.) Resolution No. 14-28, Amending the FY15-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add Funding for the Preliminary Engineering Phase of the Chatham Bridge Replacement Project (UPC # 105535) – Daniel Reese

Mr. Reese advised that Resolution No. 14-28 was a request made through FAMPO by VDOT. The Resolution states that as the Chatham Bridge is structurally deficient that funding be amended to allow VDOT to begin the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase of the Bridge replacement project.

Mr. Farley stated that this was discussed several years ago but asked if there is now a concept and Mr. Reese concurred that it was. Mr. Snyder asked if this was a bridge modification repair or a total bridge replacement. Mr. Reese advised that the project would consist of a total bridge replacement.

Upon motion by Mr. Farley and seconded by Ms. Larkins with all in consensus, Resolution No. 14-28 was endorsed by TAG with a request that the Policy Committee adopt it at the upcoming November meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a.) House Bill (HB) 2 Update – Daniel Reese

Mr. Reese advised that staff has looked at how both the Hampton Roads and Richmond areas are preparing their text in regard to HB 2 moving forward. Mr. Reese advised that as the ultimate decision of how much money is dispersed to each region lies strictly with the Commonwealth Transportation Board that FAMPO wants to ensure that they too are presenting a packet to the CTB that is worthwhile and complete.

b.) Southeastern Institute of Research (SIR) Telephone Research Survey– Daniel Reese

Mr. Reese advised that FAMPO conducted two surveys in the past; in 2009 a telephone survey was conducted and in 2010 an internet survey was completed. Mr. Reese stated that this will be presented to the Policy Committee at the upcoming October meeting for their review with a request that is to be adopted at the November meeting.

Mr. Reese advised that the research surveys are not federally required; however, have proven to be beneficial to FAMPO staff in the past in regard to the data obtained; the concerns of the citizens; etc. and allows staff to compile and update the regional transportation plans.

TAG made numerous relevant comments in regard to the data obtained from the previous two surveys. Mr. Reese wrote the recommendations down and advised that they would be presented to FAMPO staff for consideration of things to be asked and specific question content that TAG felt would be beneficial in getting citizen input on.

c.) 2014 Federal Certification Review – Daniel Reese & Marti Donley

Mr. Reese advised that FAMPO staff recently attended the Federal Certification Review process held in Washington, DC and that this is a federally mandated forum that is held every four years.

Mr. Reese stated that in 2014, FAMPO receive several recommendations. Mr. Reese advised that all of the previous recommendations had been addressed and the Transportation Plan updated to reflect the changes.

Mr. Reese advised that this year's session went very well and there was good dialogue and conversation between FAMPO staff and the federal representatives. Mr. Reese stated that FAMPO is not expecting any recommendations being mandated this year and if any revisions are due they will be minimal. Mr. Reese stated that a final report will be submitted to staff in approximately 90 days and the findings in this report will be distributed to the FAMPO committees.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Reese advised that he would be attending the Governor's Transportation conference being held in Roanoke and that Ms. Donley, himself, and members of FAMPO staff had participated in the United Way Appreciation Day held this past weekend. Ms. Donley stated that the Unite Way Appreciation Day was well attended and that interest in regional transportations issues were of importance to those

who stopped by the FAMPO booth. Ms. Donley stated that over 60 new people signed up to receive emails, correspondence, packets, etc. regarding FAMPO.

MEMBER REPORTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

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

TAG had discussion on what is actually TAG's purpose. There were comments made that TAG's purpose and the direction it should be headed need to be re-visited. The comment was made that re-organization may need to occur in order to increase TAG's effectiveness. Comments were also made that even the TAG name needs to be re-defined. TAG asked that Ms. Donley contact other MPO's to inquire as to how other regions' TAG groups operate. It was decided that the FAMPO by-laws, mission statement, etc. would be included in the January agenda packets so TAG's roles can be re-defined for the upcoming year.

ADJOURN

The November 6th meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2015.

Meeting Minutes completed by JoAnna Roberson