



**Transportation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2014**

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Committee Members Present:

Mr. Art Snyder, Chairman, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Travis Bird, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Rupert Farley, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Bill Milligan, Spotsylvania County
Ms. Michele Trampe, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Allen Ludwig, City of Fredericksburg
Ms. Vanessa Griffin, Stafford County (via conference call-in)
Ms. Fran Larkins, Stafford County

George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Staff:

Mr. Daniel Reese, FAMPO
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRC
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

Others Present:

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Snyder called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Transportation Advisory Group agenda for May 14, 2014 was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF TAG MEETING SUMMARY OF MARCH 12, 2014

The minutes were unanimously accepted as presented.

REVIEW OF FAMPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2014

Mr. Reese advised that the minutes from the April 21st Policy Committee meeting are included in tonight's agenda packet. Mr. Reese relayed that Resolution No. 14-06; 14-07; 14-08 were all unanimously approved and are for the following items respectfully: TIP Amendment to add rolling stock to RAAA for replacement vehicles; TIP Amendment per request from VDOT to transfer current funding from projects that are currently idle and not moving forward to Mudd Road Tavern project that is moving forward and a transfer of funds would fully fund the Mudd Road Tavern

project; and directing a public comment period and public hearing to be held prior to the adoption of the FY 2015 UPWP.

Mr. Reese stated that the following discussion items were addressed: FY2015-2020 CMAQ/RSTP funding allocations; Scenario Planning Phase II; Travel Demand Model; Jackson Gateway completion; and FY2015 RTW program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS (if any)

Ms. Trampe advised that Dr. Trampe had recently conducted a public forum with their homeowner's association. Ms. Trampe stated that it was designed to be an informational meeting to educate the public on transportation related issues. Ms. Trampe stated that as the FAMPO website contains a lot of good information this link was given to those who participated.

Ms. Trampe stated that there were some questions that came from this meeting and she would like to know who to forward these too for answers. One question was in regard to the HOT lanes in how they would become applicable after the HOT lanes project is completed.

Ms. Anderson stated that once completed the HOT lanes would be reversible and operate the same way as they do now. At first, the lane directions will stay the same during the same time periods as it is now; however, after some later time the lane direction time frames may change. Ms. Anderson stated that if changes occur, it will be based on demand and usage. Ms. Trampe stated that she felt this was important information to relay to the citizens but she was not sure when the right time frame for getting information out would be.

Ms. Trampe stated that closer to the HOT lanes going live that maybe TAG could request that a VDOT representative come and speak at a "town hall" type meeting. Ms. Trampe stated that Dr. Trampe can reserve a meeting facility that will hold a large number of people and this could certainly be opened up to all Spotsylvania County residents as well as to the region.

Ms. Anderson relayed that representatives from Trans-Urban would be more than willing to come and provide a presentation as well. Ms. Larkins stated that brochures regarding an upcoming meeting can also be distributed at the local farmer's markets as well. TAG members were receptive to pursuing this outreach opportunity as the time gets closer.

Ms. Trampe stated that the rest of the questions are VDOT-related and she was asked to forward these to Ms. Donley so they could be relayed to the appropriate VDOT representative.

ACTION ITEMS

- a.) **Resolution No. 14-09, Adopting the Fiscal Year 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Daniel Reese**

Mr. Reese advised that Resolution No. 14-09 has been circulated to the various committees over the last several months. TAG had some requests for either amendments and/or typo corrections and Mr. Reese asked that these be forwarded to FAMPO so Ms. Donley can have record of the requested changes.

b.) Resolution No. 14-10, Directing that a Public Comment Period and Public Hearing be Held Prior to the Adoption of the Fiscal Years 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Daniel Reese

Mr. Reese stated that Resolution No. 14-10 is in accordance with the federal mandates that require an MPO to conduct a public comment period and public hearing before adoption of a TIP.

TAG had several amendments and corrections and Mr. Reese stated that these would be forwarded to Ms. Donley. Mr. Reese also relayed that additional comments will be received through the end of May and if they find other changes to again forward these to Ms. Donley.

c.) Resolution No. 14-11, To Authorize Staff to Execute a Task Order with Parsons Brinkerhoff (PB) to Assist with Scenario Planning Phase II – Daniel Reese

Mr. Reese advised that the scope of work included in Resolution No. 14-11 is self-explanatory. TAG had some specific comments and questions and Mr. Reese advised that he would take these back to staff for answers.

d.) Resolution No. 14-12, Finding that FAMPO Work on I-95 Exit 126/Jackson Gateway Project has been Valuable and Directing FAMPO Staff to Transmit All Results of this Work to Spotsylvania County and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Directing Staff to Undertake Certain Actions – Daniel Reese

Mr. Reese advised that Resolution No. 14-12 has been discussed at several prior meetings. The Resolution is simply asking for closure on FAMPO's part in regard to the Jackson Gateway study. The original study components have been met and funding utilized. The work order has now changed and all additional studies will be coordinated between Spotsylvania County and VDOT.

e.) Resolution No. 14-13, Allocating Fiscal Years 2015-2020 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funding Allocations – Daniel Reese

Mr. Reese advised that the current project listing included in tonight's agenda packet shows the projects and the funding components. Mr. Reese stated that the projects listed in red are ones still requiring additional funding. Projects listed with a zero in the funding category are fully funded projects. Projects listed with brackets are projects that are over-funded.

TAG had some questions regarding status of unfunded projects and requested that FAMPO provide clarification on where these projects stand. Mr. Reese advised that he would relay this request to staff and provide feedback to the TAG members.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a.) FAMPO Highway Prioritization Methodology – Daniel Reese

Mr. Reese advised that staff is currently reviewing and updating its Highway Prioritization Methodology processes. Mr. Reese relayed that this effort is occurring state-wide and will be federally mandated by Congress in 2015.

Mr. Reese asked that if TAG had questions or comments to please forward these to FAMPO for follow-up.

b.) FAMPO Self-Certification – Daniel Reese

Mr. Reese relayed that attachments included in tonight's agenda packet are in draft format. Mr. Reese asked that TAG review and provide comments to staff by the end of May. Mr. Reese relayed that this would be presented to the Policy Committee for their endorsement at the June, 2014 meeting.

c.) Federal Transportation Reauthorization – Daniel Reese

Mr. Reese advised that as state and federal budgets have still not been confirmed, the future of stable transportation funding is in question. Mr. Reese relayed that Mr. Robinson has submitted comments to VDOT's District Engineer regarding this budget concern. Mr. Reese relayed that if the House Bill is not re-authorized that all projects that have federal dollars allocated to them will stop until at which time the budget is finalized.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Reese advised that Mr. Robinson will be going part-time effective July 1st and will no longer serve as the FAMPO Executive Director. Mr. Reese relayed that Mr. Robinson has recommended to the Policy Committee that Mr. Waple be appointed as the next FAMPO Executive Director. Mr. Reese relayed that the Policy Committee has not made a decision to date on Mr. Robinson's replacement and has requested that a sub-committee be formed to decide on how they wish to proceed with filling Mr. Robinson's current position.

Mr. Reese advised TAG that their specific questions from tonight's meeting would be given to staff and that he would provide feedback to each of them as soon as possible. Mr. Reese stated that once he receives answers he will forward them to TAG and will not wait to distribute these at the upcoming June meeting.

MEMBER REPORTS

None Given

CORRESPONDENCE

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

ADJOURN

Upon motion and seconded, with all concurring, the May 14th meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 11, 2014.

Meeting Minutes completed by JoAnna Roberson