

September 20, 2012

I would like to thank you for sharing your time and suggestions with us on how FAMPO can do a better job in reaching out to our region's Title VI community. We feel that it is so important to hear what our citizens have to say as transportation plans are developed as it affects all of us who live in this region.

There were 188 in-person and telephone interviews and two focus group meetings conducted, and shall I say, the information that was shared was second to none. During the focus group meetings, it was an honor and pleasure to gather around the same table with people who shared so much passion in whom they represented.

The update to FAMPO's Public Participation Plan is now complete, and the draft is ready for public review and comment. The purpose of this plan is to serve as a guide for our staff in the development of public outreach strategies that is intended to encourage citizen involvement during the regional transportation planning process. Incorporated into this update are some of the outreach methods suggested during the interviews and focus group meetings. Also, as a complimentary addition to this update, a Limited English Proficiency Plan has been included as well.

A public comment and review period for this draft plan will begin on Monday, September 24th until Monday, November 19th. Written comments will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. on November 19th. Spoken comments will be accepted during a public hearing scheduled to begin no earlier than 7:10 p.m. during the Policy Committee meeting on November 19, 2012 which will be held at the GWRC/FAMPO office located on 406 Princess Anne Street in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Parking will be available at the back of the building.

I am enclosing a copy of the draft plan as well as some comment forms. This draft plan is also available for review and comment on our website at www.fampo.gwregion.org, in the public libraries and in the region's local government planning offices. Written comments can be sent to FAMPO, 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22554 or by fax at (540) 373-2890. Electronic comments can be sent to fampo@gwregion.org.

We hope to hear from you and members of your community on how we can improve in our public outreach efforts during the transportation planning process. Thank you again sharing your time and thoughts with us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure