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Subject: FAMPO Launches Public Comment Period for Draft Public Participation Plan



Good afternoon,

I would like to thank you for sharing your time and thoughts with us on how FAMPO can do a better job in reaching out to George Washington 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 during this outreach effort, 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** and last 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.

Listed below are ways the draft plan can be viewed and commented upon. 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.

- View an [Electronic Version](#) on the [FAMPO website](#)
- Fill out the [Online Comment Form](#)
- Visit [FAMPO's Facebook Page](#)
- Send by [email](#)
- Mail via USPS to FAMPO, 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
- Send by fax to (540) 899-4808
- Call (540) 373-2890 or [email](#) the FAMPO office to request a copy be sent to you

- Visit your local public library or local planning office. A copy is available for review (in house only) with comment cards included

If you or someone you may know may need assistance when attending the public hearing on November 19th, please have them contact me by Thursday, November 15th.

Below are links to Printable Comment Forms and Flyers available in both English and Spanish that we hope you will be able to post and share with others. Please call or email me if you have any questions.

[Printable Comment Form \(English\)](#)

[Printable Comment Form \(Spanish\)](#)

[Flyer \(English\)](#)

[Flyer \(Spanish\)](#)

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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