



**FAMPO Technical Committee Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2014**

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Members Present:

Erik Nelson, City of Fredericksburg
Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Angeline Pitts, County of Caroline
Dan Cole, County of Spotsylvania
Doug Morgan, County of Spotsylvania
Joey Hess, County of Stafford
Brad Johnson, County of Stafford
Diana Utz, George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC)
Allison Richter, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Craig Reed, Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)
Chris Arabia, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Nick Alexandrow, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)

Others Present:

Ed Keasler, County of Stafford
Jason Robinson, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Rupert Farley, Transportation Advisory Group (TAG)

Staff Members Present:

Lloyd Robinson, FAMPO
Andy Waple, FAMPO
Rodney White, FAMPO
Marti Donley, FAMPO
Dan 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 March 10, 2014 was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014

The Technical Committee minutes from the February 10th meeting were approved as submitted.

REVIEW OF FAMPO POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014



Mr. Robinson advised that the minutes are included in today's packet. Mr. Robinson relayed that there were extensive comments made from citizens voicing support for or against the proposed Berea Parkway. Also, there were numerous comments made from FAMPO Board members in reply to citizen feedback.

Mr. Robinson stated that Resolution No. 14-01 which was a request that VDOT and the CTB move forward to construct a project to reduce I-95 and other traffic congestion within the FAMPO region that would improve regional safety, economic vitality and quality of life and also to amend the FY12-15 TIP to transfer \$250,000 of previous funds from UPC #13558 (Relocation of Interchange on I-95 at Route 630/Exit 140, Stafford County) to UPC #104928 (I-95 Rest Area Access and Route 3 Connector Road). Mr. Robinson advised that there were extensive member comments included within the minutes regarding Resolution No. 14-01.

Mr. Robinson advised that Resolution No. 14-01 was adopted with a vote count as follows: 6 yes; 3 no; & 2 abstentions.

Mr. Robinson relayed that Resolutions No. 14-02 & 14-03 respectively directing staff to utilize Parsons Brinkerhoff as on-call consultants in updating the Regional Congestion Management Process (CMP) and amending the FY12-15 TIP to include funding for Project UPC #105464 (Mudd Tavern Road Widening – west of I-95) & UPC # 105463 (Mudd Tavern Road reconstruction – east of I-95) were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Robinson advised that Resolution No. 14-04 was in regard to amending the FAMPO By-laws and the information regarding this item is included within the minutes in today's agenda packet. Resolution No. 14-05 was recognition of service for Mr. Quintin Elliott.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

- a.) **Resolution No. 14-06, Amendment to FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add Rolling Stock to the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging (RAAA) Fleet Based on a Grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities – Lloyd Robinson**

Mr. Robinson advised that Resolution No. 14-06 is the annual resolution requesting support for funding to the Rappahannock AAA for replacement vehicles under the 5310 grant request. Mr. Robinson stated this Resolution is supported by staff. Mr. Nelson asked for and received unanimous support from the Technical Committee to endorse with a recommendation that the Policy Committee adopt at the March 17th meeting.

- b.) **Resolution No. 14-07, Adopting Amended Bylaws – Lloyd Robinson**

Mr. Robinson advised that the FAMPO By-laws were amended at the meeting on February 10th. Mr. Robinson stated that additional revisions are going to be on the agenda for the March 17th meeting and that the newest version is included in today's Technical Committee agenda packet.

It was Technical Committee consensus that no action would be taken on Resolution No. 14-07 as the by-law amendments apply to the FAMPO Policy Committee solely.

- c.) **Resolution No. 14-08, Directing that a Public Comment Period & Public Hearing Be Held Prior to the Adoption of the Fiscal Years 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Lloyd Robinson**
- d.) **Resolution No. 14-09, Directing that a Public Comment Period and Public Hearing Be Held Prior to the Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Lloyd Robinson**

Mr. Robinson advised that Resolutions No. 14-08 and No. 14-09 are requesting endorsement of the public hearings and public comment periods to be advertised for FY2015-2018 TIP and UPWP. Mr. Robinson stated that both of these Resolutions will be submitted to the Policy Committee for review at the March 17th meeting and voted on at the May, 2014 meeting. Mr. Robinson relayed that the public comment period would begin on April 17th and concludes on May 16th.

Mr. Nelson asked for and received unanimous endorsement of Resolutions No. 14-08 & No. 14-09 with a request that they be adopted by the FAMPO Policy Committee at the meeting on March 17th.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a.) **Fiscal Years 2015-2020 Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Project List and Allocations – Rodney White**

Prior to Mr. White's comments regarding the FY2015-20 CMAQ/RSTP project listings and allocations, Mr. Nelson stated that it had been brought to his attention that Mr. White would be leaving FAMPO and will begin working for FRED. The Technical Committee thanked Mr. White for his services and congratulated him on his new position.

Mr. White advised that the spreadsheet included in today's agenda packet now reflects the additional funds to be allocated for FY2020. Mr. White stated that as funding shortfalls will occur in both the CMAQ and RSTP funding allocations that the middle years within the FY2015-2020 listing have also been adjusted accordingly.

- b.) **Options for Completing Jackson Gateway – Lloyd Robinson**

Mr. Robinson advised that FAMPO has expended funding and completed the tasks they were assigned in regard to the Jackson Gateway project. Mr. Robinson stated that FAMPO is ready to submit and finalize the next action steps which include the following two scenarios:

- 1.) **Completion of the original study** – Mr. Robinson stated that this would involve approximately two more months of work & would include the original preferred alternative. The study would then be presented to VDOT & FHWA as an Interchange Modification Report (IMR) for their endorsement. The new VDOT alternative would then be included into the Appendix which could be completed within the existing budget authorizations and require no additional funding. However, Mr. Robinson stated that the problem with this option is that it is now unclear as to whether either/or VDOT or Spotsylvania County will endorse the IMR as a result of a presentation given to the County by VDOT at the January 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting which discussed the Super Ramp proposal.
- 2.) **Issue the Report as a Resource & Information Document** – Mr. Robinson stated that this would involve finalizing the report as it is, showing the Committee's preferred phase and alternative and also including the new VDOT alternative as an appendix. This option would then allow both VDOT and the County to use the document as applicable. However, the costs associated with developing a new alternative IMR would then need to be paid by either/or the County or VDOT.

Mr. Robinson advised that it was going to be staff recommendation for the Policy Committee to endorse Option 2 at the upcoming March 17th meeting. Mr. Nelson asked who would be responsible for funding of Option 2. Mr. Robinson said that this option would result in zero funding from FAMPO and fully funded project costs would be the responsibility of both VDOT and the County.

c.) Fiscal Year 2015 Rural Transportation Work (RTW) Program – Andy Waple

Mr. Waple advised that this is the annual program for rural transportation funding to the Counties of Caroline and King George. Mr. Waple stated that both of these localities have been contacted and staff is awaiting feedback from them. Mr. Waple stated that the total funding for the RTW program is \$72,500 and this is the same figure that has been allocated consistently for several years. Mr. Waple advised that this item would be presented to the Policy Committee at the March 17th meeting for their review with a request that it be adopted at the April meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Robinson advised that at the end of March he will be attending the AMPO re-authorization meeting. Mr. Robinson stated that PRTC also concurs that all re-authorizations will be just a piece-meal allocation and nothing substantial will be changed.

Mr. Robinson relayed that effective July 1st he would be going to a part-time employment status with FAMPO. Mr. Robinson stated that he will still be employed by FAMPO; however, will no longer assume the position as FAMPO Administrator.

MEMBER REPORTS

Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT): Mr. Arabia stated that DRPT is finalizing the reviews, etc. for the 2016 grant process.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT): Ms. Richter advised that the transportation meeting for the VDOT 6-Year Plan will be held on May 12th at 6:00 p.m. at Essex High School.

CORRESPONDENCE

One item included in packet that was self-explanatory

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

The next Technical Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 14th at 9:00. The Technical Committee meeting for March 10th was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.