



CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 11, 2019 ◊ Meeting Minutes

406 Princess Anne Street ◊ Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

<https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/citizens-transportation-advisory-committee/>

Adopted: October 16, 2019

Members Present:

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Dave McLaughlin, Chair, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Melvin Allen, Vice Chair, Stafford County (call-in)
Mr. Neil Holloran, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Stan Huie, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Rupert Farley, At-Large
Mr. David Swan, Stafford County
Mr. Morgan Dean Burch, Stafford County

Others Present:

Ms. Michelle Shropshire, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Ms. Ethylean Crenshaw, Stafford County
Ms. Briana Hairfield, Stafford County
Mr. Joshua Brock, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Jay Brock, City of Fredericksburg

FAMPO Staff Present

Mr. Paul Agnello, FAMPO
Mr. Mark McCaskill, FAMPO
Ms. Leah Vigil, FAMPO
Mr. Mathew Lehane, FAMPO

- 1. Call to Order** – Chairman David McLaughlin
The FAMPO Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. with a quorum present.
- 2. Moment of Silence in Honor of September 11, 2001**
- 3. Approval of September 11, 2019 CTAC Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
Motion made to approve by Mr. Farley, seconded by Mr. Swan.
Motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Approval of July 10, 2019 CTAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**
Motion to approve by Mr. Farley. Mr. McLaughlin took a vote and minutes were approved.
Mr. Gross and Mr. Swan abstained.



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5. Review of FAMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

- a. July 15, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting**
- b. August 5, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting**
- c. August 12, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting**
- d. August 19, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting**

Mr. Agnello summarized the meeting July 15, 2019, was necessary for the Certification Review. This then caused the special meetings on August 5, 2019, and August 12, 2019. August 19, 2019 was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), a year-long process between FAMPO and GWRC.

- 6. Public Comment** – Ms. Briana Hairfield, Stafford County: Officially said good-bye as former FAMPO employee. As new Public Works/Public Information Officer with Stafford County, Ms. Hairfield stated that Stafford residents should be aware there will be a local transportation bond referendum on the November voting ballot. The bond would allow up to \$50M to be borrowed for local road improvements. Road projects have been pre-selected by the Board of Supervisors. For more information on roads and the bond: staffordcountyva.gov/bonds.

7. Discussion Items

- a. I-95 Northbound Rappahannock River Crossing Project Update – Ms. Michelle Shropshire, VDOT**

Ms. Shropshire provided updates on the project. The overview: \$132M budget; the objective is to separate through-traffic from Northbound I-95 at Exits 130 and 133, Routes 3 and 17, respectively. A fourth bridge will be built over the Rappahannock River. See Meeting Packet.

- i. *Free Lance Star* (FLS) Article, “VDOT scaling back northbound Rappahannock River Crossing project,” by Scott Shenk - See Meeting Packet**

- b. Virginia Central Railway (VCR) Trail Bridge Project Status – Mr. David McLaughlin**

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the project started out as a federal project then was moved to FAMPO and then did not qualify for federal funds. The budget has increased from \$340k to \$523k, and 20% will be the responsibility of the City of Fredericksburg and is to be allocated for roads, not vehicles.

Mr. Agnello added that this is important as a trail that spans the City of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County. FAMPO had regional support from Stafford and Spotsylvania Counties.

Mr. McLaughlin solicited comments from CTAC and stated there was no consensus one way or the other from CTAC for him to relay; he will not report to the Policy Committee on the matter. The City of Fredericksburg has already approved 20% contribution. Spotsylvania County has not agreed to anything.

Mr. Burch requested that materials be made available to share with fellow citizens. Mr. Agnello agreed to provide them.



Ms. Shropshire will submit the contract details of the bridge, including engineering aspects, length and materials, to CTAC.

c. I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program Update – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello provided updates on the material. See Material Packet.

i. NOVA I-395/95 FY20 Proposed Projects

Mr. Agnello reported that the projects for the localities under consideration are OmniRide from Stafford to Washington, District of Columbia (D.C.), and the Pentagon, pp11 and 14 of *Commuter Choice* packet material. The next call for these same projects will be about a year from now. FAMPO submits applications for this area. Neither the City of Fredericksburg nor Spotsylvania County applied. Mr. Agnello stated that projects must relate to the improvement of I-395/95 to be eligible for funding consideration.

d. Final approved FAMPO/GWRC MOU from August 19, 2019 – Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello reported that this was a year-long discussion between GWRC and FAMPO that was approved on August 19, 2019. Mr. Agnello stated that it delineates roles and responsibilities between GWRC and FAMPO. See Meeting Packet.

e. FAMPO Meeting Calendar Update– Mr. Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that CTAC meets the second Wednesday of every month and members may review the FY20 FAMPO Calendar for holiday or other meeting conflicts. Members may direct concerns and comments to FAMPO Administrative Assistant, Ms. Vigil.

Mr. Farley noted the February 2020 CTAC meeting is after rather than before the Policy Committee meeting. Mr. McLaughlin concurred with Mr. Farley’s suggestion to move it to February 5, 2020. Mr. Agnello said that may not need to change depending on Policy Committee’s updates.

8. Correspondence

Mr. Agnello said two letters were mailed to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) from FAMPO Chairman Tim McLaughlin.

There was a grant application from the Commonwealth for FAMPO to help I-95 Corridor improvements. If approved, funding would apply to the commuter lots in the region as early as 2020 for \$4.3M.

The letter dated August 12, 2019 was in regard to a meeting with the Washington MPO and Stafford County’s inclusion with FAMPO. A new MOU between the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) and FAMPO is possible and would clarify. This will likely not be resolved until Spring 2020. The GWRC-FAMPO MOU signing in August increased the probability of this happening.

9. Staff Reports

Mr. Agnello: FAMPO has changing staff.

- Ms. Briana Hairfield moved to Stafford County
- Two new GIS Interns, Ms. Jordan Chandler and Mr. Matthew Decatur, joined FAMPO Staff.
- Mr. Mark McCaskill introduced himself as the new FAMPO Deputy Administrator.





- Ms. Leah Vigil introduced herself as the new FAMPO Administrative Assistant. FAMPO currently is in the process of hiring new staff, to fill former staff positions for Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator and Transportation Planner positions.

Mr. Agnello announced that on October 8, VDOT will have a major public hearing on the I-95 Corridor Study at James Monroe High School, 5-7pm; Stafford County has a meeting on October 3, at VDOT, for Bike-Pedestrian (Bike-Ped) improvements on Leeland Road.

Mr. Swan requested that Ms. Vigil email CTAC the information on important meeting dates.

10. Member Reports

Mr. Huie, Spotsylvania: Bike-Ped Trail needed more work and he will coordinate with FAMPO Transportation Planner, Ms. Kari Barber on it.

Mr. Allen, Stafford County: None

Mr. Swan, Stafford County: Poplar Road needed straightening and other safety improvements. It was supposed to be addressed from the 2008 Bond; construction appeared to be nearing completion recently. It could still be improved and addressed by the upcoming bond issue. Potholes were filled upon public feedback.

11. Adjourn Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting / Next Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Farley, seconded by Mr. Swan.

Motion passed without objection.

The September 11, 2019 meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.