



**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2019**

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Approved: November 18, 2019

Members Present:

Chairman Matthew Kelly, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Tim Baroody, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Kevin Marshall, Spotsylvania County
Mr. David Ross, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Mark Dudenhefer, Stafford County
Ms. Meg Bohmke, Stafford County
Ms. Wendy Maurer, Stafford County
Ms. Cindy Shelton, Stafford County
Mr. Tim McLaughlin, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Todd Horsley, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Mr. Dave McLaughlin, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Chair
Ms. Nancy Long, Caroline County
Ms. Marcie Parker, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, VDOT

Others Present:

Dr. Linda Millsaps, George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC)
Ms. Kate Gibson, GWRC
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRC
Ms. Michele Dooling, GWRC
Ms. Susan Gardner, VDOT
Mr. Stephen Haynes, VDOT
Mr. Alex Owsiak, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Mr. David Star, Stafford County
Mr. Bryon Counsell, TAC
Mr. Jason Towery, Stafford County
Mr. Rupert Farley, CTAC
Mr. Scott Shenk, Free-Lance Star (FLS)
Mr. Theron Keller, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Paul Milde, Chamber of Commerce

Staff Members Present:

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

Mr. Matthew Decatur, FAMPO

1. **Call FAMPO Policy Committee Meeting to Order – Chairman Kelly** called the meeting to order at **7:15 p.m.**
2. **Determination of a Quorum – Mr. Agnello, FAMPO Administrator**
3. **Approval of September 16, 2019 Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
The motion to approve the agenda by Ms. Maurer seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, with all concurring.
4. **Public Involvement - Stafford [County], Aquia resident, Mr. David Star, 76 Olde Concord Rd, Stafford VA 22554:** Written comments, “I would like to address the Board on the need to have an alternate route through the region north and south besides I-95 and Rt1/301. I envision a I-295 like road from Spotsylvania *sic* County to Stafford. Either east or west of the current bridges. I know that the lease with Transurban may have to be re-worked to allow a competing road, unless we use 301 as an alternative road north and turn it into a limited access hwy.”
7. **Consent Agenda**

- a. **Approval of August 19, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM) – Mr. Agnello**

Motion made to amend and approve the Consent agenda with page 2 addition of the board member who seconded the Motion to send a letter to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under **Chairman’s Comments.**

Motion made by Ms. Maurer, Seconded by Mr. Ross
Motion carried unanimously.

Point of Order made by Mr. Agnello.

Chairman Kelly acknowledged and returned to Meeting Agenda Order.

5. **Chairman’s Comments – Chairman Kelly**
NONE
6. **FAMPO Administrator Report – Mr. Agnello**

Mr. Agnello briefed the Board on highlights of his online report:

- The Lafayette Blvd Multi-modal Study is moving ahead; the transit component is nearing completion. The next meeting is September 25, 2019 at 1pm.
- Highlights of upcoming meetings and public hearings held by VDOT
- Mr. Agnello introduced new staff, Ms. Leah Vigil, new administrative assistant, replacing part of former Public Involvement Coordinator/Title VI Coordinator, Ms. Briana Hairfield. The newest Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Intern Matthew Decatur, joins others

and new hire, Ms. Jordan Chandler, GIS Intern (not present) to work on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) items and Rural Work programs.

8. Action Items/Discussion Items

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

Ms. Parker presented on the latest project changes.

Ms. Parker advised the November meeting would be a good time to address concerns with the Secretary and Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in person as an alternative to Chairman Kelly’s suggestion of a written letter to Richmond.

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

b. Update on 2019 Certification Review/FY-20 UPWP – Mr. Paul Agnello

i. FY20 UPWP Letter – See Meeting Packet

ii. Draft Quarterly Report Template – Mr. Agnello gave a presentation on the template.

Ms. Maurer requested a separated column with the 10% underruns and overruns of financials.

Dr. Millsaps observed an alternative 1-page summary with a basic bar chart showing anticipated projections versus current financials, showing “red and orange” items versus green, on-track funds.

Ms. Parker said they agree 100% with the summary presented by Mr. Agnello.

iii. Approved 3-C Agreement

iv. FHWA Certification Review Presentation from May 20, 2019

v. Washington, DC Transportation Management Area (TMA) Planning Certification Review Report

vi. Excerpt of 2019 Federal Certification Review Report Findings

vii. Map of North Stafford TMA

viii. 2004 Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between the Washington MPO and FAMPO – See Meeting Packet for items iii.-viii.

c. I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program Update – Mr. Paul Agnello gave an overview of funding for transit options from D.C. to Spotsylvania.

i. NOVA I-395/95 FY Proposed Projects – See Meeting Packet

d. Outer Connector Map – Ms. Cindy Shelton introduced the topic for renewed discussion.

i. Outer Connector Timeline – See Meeting Packet

e. FAMPO Meeting Calendar Update – Mr. Paul Agnello presented the proposed snow dates, including conjunction with GWRC for feedback. Dr Millsaps, said if they changed dates to

second rather than regular third Monday, updated financials cannot be presented.

Chairman Kelly said that the finalized Committee Calendar could be presented at the next meeting. Mr. Kelly noted that the location will not change and will remain at GWRC/FAMPO, rather than move to VDOT, in line with GWRC Board decision for meeting location.

9. Correspondence – Mr. Agnello observed that the SMART SCALE conversation will need to begin in coming meetings.

10. Staff and Agency Reports – None

11. Board Member Comments – Ms. Parker recommended avoiding I-95 for the coming weekend due to scheduled construction and lane restrictions northbound.

Ms. Shelton asked when the Route 1 STAR Study results will be presented.
Mr. Haynes responded that it was not scheduled.

12. Adjourn FAMPO Meeting/Next Meeting, October 21, 2019 –

Ms. Maurer motioned to adjourn, Mr. Ross seconded.

Motion was approved unanimously.

The September 16, 2019 FAMPO Policy Committee meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 21, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. at the same location.