



Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee Meeting

November 21, 2019

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

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Approved: (Draft Minutes to be approved.)

Members Present

Committee Members:

Brian Geouge

Jacob Pastwik

Leigh Anderson

Debe Fults

Kirsten Talken-Spaulling

Jim Lynch

Others:

Kristin Harding

FAMPO Staff:

Kari Barber

Paul Agnello

Stacey Feindt

Adam Hager

1. Call to Order- Ms. Kari Barber

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Approval of November 21, 2019 Agenda

Due to the absence of other committee members, approval of the bylaws was struck from the agenda by Ms. Barber.

3. FAMPO Update- Mr. Paul Agnello

SMART SCALE Round 4 is coming up. Pre-applications can be submitted starting March 1. Local jurisdictions can submit projects including bike/ped. Projects score well when they include more transportation modes.

FAMPO Administrator Paul Agnello is leaving to work for Spotsylvania County. A replacement administrator will likely be hired in March or April.

4. Review and Approval of BPAC Bylaws

Bylaws will be approved at the next meeting due to the absence of Mr. Erik Nelson and Mr. Craig Pennington. Committee members should review the bylaw draft documents which are

available on the BPAC webpage and can be viewed through the November 21, 2019 agenda link. Please send your comments to Ms. Barber before December 21.

Ms. Talken- Spaulding, Mr. Pastwik and Mr. Lynch commented on using the phrases “alternative transportation” and “active transportation”. Mr. Pastwik asked for the scope of “active transportation” to be described more clearly. The phrase was discussed. Members agreed that the phrase “active transportation” was acceptable.

5. Discussion of BPAC Administration

Ms. Barber stated that in the past, the group had decided to let Mr. Nick Quint run the committee rather than elect officers. She stated that the committee could either do that this time as well, or it could elect officers. Ms. Talken-Spaulding asked what Ms. Barber would advise. Ms. Barber recommended that the committee elect officers to encourage participation and give the group more autonomy. In the absence of officers at a meeting, Ms. Barber could step in. She also advised that the officers’ duties would be to compile the agenda topics in cooperation with her and to run meetings. The committee would meet quarterly after the January meeting, which was being called for SMART SCALE.

Mr. Lynch stated that the BPAC’s purpose is to advise the Policy Committee, but only for Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, and Stafford. Mr. Agnello and Ms. Barber clarified that due to Federal Highway requirements to delineate funds, BPAC advises the FAMPO Policy Committee on Fredericksburg, Stafford and Spotsylvania topics and projects, but in the case of Caroline and King George, BPAC advises the George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC).

6. Update to Current Initiatives

a. Bowling Green Rural Work Program Bike/Ped Recommendations

Current initiatives include a small area plan for Bowling Green which includes working on bike/ped improvement recommendations. There is a concern that there will be an increase in traffic after the Nice Bridge is expanded and crossings and bike/ped infrastructure will need to be upgraded in order to keep downtown Bowling Green safe. Mr. Lynch asked about the sharrows indicated on the map. Ms. Barber stated that while she normally disagrees with their use, for residential streets in Bowling Green off of the main street, annual daily traffic and speeds are so low that sharrows are sufficient.

Mr. Lynch commented that the East Coast Greenway should be linked to the Bowling Green area. In response, Mr. Pastwik provided information and a map on efforts to expand the Greenway around Guinea Station and suggested Bowling Green could connect to it.

b. Website Update with Count Locations and Report

Ms. Barber reviewed the daily trail count feature on the BPAC webpage. A full report on the counter program can be found on the BPAC webpage. Ms. Barber mentioned that FAMPO accepts request to put counters at trail locations. These counters help to identify which trails are used most. Mr. Geouge suggested that a counter be placed on the trail at Courthouse Road and Winding Creek.

c. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Applications Update

These applications are not SMART SCALE applications. Final decisions are expected in June. Applications submitted for Fredericksburg are the VCR Rails-to-Trails project, Kenmore Avenue connector and Mary Washington Hospital connector. The application submitted for Spotsylvania is the Harrison Road/Salem Church Road intersection connection to the VCR Trail. Applications submitted for Stafford are the Belmont- Ferry Farm Trail, Salisbury Drive sidewalk, and Staffordboro sidewalk.

Jim Lynch asked why there were not any applications submitted for Caroline and King George. Mr. Agnello explained that a local funding match is required and perhaps this requirement was a deterrent for those localities.

Mr. Pastwik commented that larger localities also found matching funds to be a deterrent at times as well.

Ms. Barber stated that this was the highest number of TA applications in many years.

7. Review of Bike/Ped Projects Currently in CLRP for FAMPO Localities/Recommended Additions

Ms. Barber will be engaging with localities to update the plan.

Ms. Barber added that there is a new Facebook page- Fredericksburg Area Active Transportation ([facebook.com/fxbgactivetransportation](https://www.facebook.com/fxbgactivetransportation)) and encouraged everyone to follow it for bike/ped items of interest.

8. Comments and Questions

Ms. Fults asked if information on presented topics could be found online. Ms. Barber answered that information was on the FAMPO website and BPAC page and would follow up with her personally to answer questions.

Kirsten Talken-Spaulling asked if FAMPO was conducting presentations for local councils to them in the loop. Ms. Barber agreed it would be a good idea.

Ms. Barber announced that the committee needs a King George representative.

Mr. Lynch commented that he had heard the Nice Bridge would not have a separated bike/ped lane. He suggested that people could contact the Maryland governor to express their concerns. Ms. Barber mentioned that BPAC could send a letter and would address this on the agenda at the next meeting.

9. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned by Kari Barber at 7:30 p.m.

10. Next Meeting

Thursday, January 30, 2019