

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2019

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### Members Present:

Erik Nelson, Chairman – City of Fredericksburg  
Daniel Cole, Spotsylvania County  
Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg  
Craig Pennington, Caroline County  
Ciara Williams, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)  
Stephen Haynes, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)  
Sonali Soneji, Virginia Railway Express (VRE)  
Leigh Anderson, George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC)  
Rodney White, Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)

### Others Present:

Dave McLaughlin, CTAC Chair

### FAMPO Staff Members Present:

Paul Agnello, FAMPO Administrator  
Mark McCaskill, FAMPO Deputy Administrator  
Stacey Feindt, Public Involvement Coordinator/Title VI Coordinator  
Leah Vigil, Administrative Assistant  
Matthew Lehane, Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Intern  
Jordan Chandler, GIS Intern

Speaker: Summary of speaking points

#### 1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Erik Nelson

The FAMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting was called to order at **9:29 a.m.** with a quorum present.

#### 2. **Approval of November 4, 2019 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Agenda approved by consensus with no objections.

#### 3. **Approval of October 7, 2019 TAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

No changes requested. Meeting minutes were approved by consensus with no objections.

#### 4. **Review of October 21, 2019 FAMPO Policy Committee Meeting**

Mr. Agnello: Policy Committee Meeting summary.

- Letters were sent to Secretary of Transportation, re: I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan Study—See Correspondence

- Additional I-95 Input
- Support of Stafford Safety Request
- Traffic Volume Question was addressed by VDOT
- System for the Management and Allocation of Resources for Transportation (SMART SCALE) Category move was discussed for action this month

**5. Public Comment – None**

**6. FAMPO Administrator Report – Mr. Agnello**

Mr. Agnello highlighted upcoming November meetings:

- Fall Transportation Meeting/ I-95 Corridor Study Presentation for Fredericksburg District on November 12, 2019 at James Monroe High School at 6-8pm.

Mr. Haynes: Fall Transportation Meeting will be part I—Public Comments; followed by Part II—Presentation by the State

- FAMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting at GWRC/FAMPO, November 21, 2019 at 6pm.

**7. Discussion Items**

**a. Approval of FAMPO 2020 Safety Target Letter (ACTION ITEM) – Mr. Paul Agnello**

- Annual review, deadline is February 1, 2020 and no December 2019 meeting
- Mr. McLaughlin: Add X to last metric, page 1
- Mr. Haynes: to research the negative versus positive scoring per Mr. Nelson's inquiry

Target Letter was approved by consensus

**b. Approval of TAC Bylaw Amendment (ACTION ITEM) – Mr. Paul Agnello**

- Amended text in blue to clarify that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair runs the meeting in the absence of the Chairman and First Vice Chair

TAC Bylaw Amendment approved by consensus

**c. 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update – Mr. Mark McCaskill**

- Look for email updates
- 17 new projects, 10 of which included cost estimates
- Five projects have become more focused in scope
- Two-part screening and selection process
  - 1) Pathways for Planning (P4P) and Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS) tools with cost estimates; finalize candidate projects by November 29<sup>th</sup>
  - 2) Present final project lists at January Policy Committee meeting; June/July end date—see Agenda Packet
    - Ms. Anderson: Add “-1” scoring for disruption to multi-modal transportation

**d. System for the Management and Allocation of Resources for Transportation (SMART SCALE), Round 4 Update – Mr. Paul Agnello**

**i. Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) SMART SCALE Presentation from October 2019**

- Round 4: condensed to one month, five applications allowed for region and localities
- Mr. Haynes: VDOT available as SMART SCALE resource for assistance
- Application period opens June 1, 2020; make sure there's no overlap
- August 1, 2020 is application deadline

**ii. Category A vs B Comparison**

- Better scoring overall in category B
- Despite I-95 congestion in region, FAMPO lacks leverage funding to score well in Category A
- 13 out of 21 projects would increase in Category B scoring
- Due to no December meetings, approval is needed now for Policy Committee voting at the end of the month
- Once changed, can still move back to Category A in the future
- Mr. Haynes: VDOT did a comparison study for Stafford and came up with the same results

**iii. Approval of Resolution 20-13, FAMPO Request to Move from Category A to B in SMART SCALE Round 4 (ACTION ITEM)**

- Mr. Nelson: amend, for SMART SCALE in general rather than just for Round 4
- Mr. Haynes: seconded amendment; to be from Round 4 forward
- Mr. Cole: Spotsylvania County approved 7-0 move to Category B

Resolution 20-13 approved as amended by consensus

**iv. Final District Summary, Top 5 Not Selected**

**e. GWRideConnect Leased Spaces Update – Mr. Paul Agnello and Ms. Leigh Anderson**

**i. Approval of Resolution 20-14, Continue Funding GWRide Connect Leased Spaces (ACTION ITEM)**

- Ms. Anderson: recap for Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (CMAQ) funding of 105 leased spaces (grandfathered in indefinitely)
  - Received written confirmation from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) that number of spaces can be decreased and later increased to the maximum 105 spaces
  - Financially sensible to lease versus building parking spaces
  - Overall price may increase slightly per VDOT signage approval

Resolution 20-14 Approved by consensus

## 8. Correspondence – Mr. Paul Agnello

- Letters to the Secretary of Transportation from FAMPO, see Meeting Packet
- Article on a new Fredericksburg area VA Clinic

## 9. Staff Reports

### Mr. Agnello: FAMPO is now fully staffed.

- Mr. Adam Hager started October 28<sup>th</sup> (absent due to HR Orientation)
- Recognized Mr. Dan Cole with Certificate of Appreciation from TAC upon retirement

## 10. Member Reports

### Mr. Stephen Haynes, VDOT: Reminders

- The Commonwealth places focus on individual comments and public attendance for the I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan and presentations
- Request for Quarterly Report from GWRC/FAMPO for Certification Review

### Ms. Williams, DRPT: Register for FY-19 workshops.

- Transportation Demand Management (TDM): Thursday
- MPO webinar: November 13, 10:30-11:30am
- State capital and operating workshops: November 14, 10am-1pm in Richmond
- November 19, 9am-2pm in Arlington
- A resource for SMART SCALE applications pertaining to transit

## 11. Adjourn Technical Advisory Committee Meeting / Next Meeting January 6, 2020 at 9:30am

The location will remain at VRE for the January 2020 TAC meeting as determined by consensus, no objections.

The November 4, 2019 Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at **11:03am** by consensus, no objections.