

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2020

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Members Present:

Erik Nelson, Chairman – City of Fredericksburg
Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County
Rodney White, Spotsylvania County
Alex Owsiak, Stafford County
Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Ciara Williams, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Sonali Soneji, Virginia Railway Express (VRE)
Leigh Anderson, George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC)
Stephen Haynes, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Dan Grinnell, VDOT Environmental Division

Others Present:

Dr. Linda Millsaps, GWRC
Dave McLaughlin, CTAC Chair
Rupert Farley, CTAC

FAMPO Staff Members Present:

Adam Hager, Transportation Planner
Stacey Feindt, Public Involvement Coordinator/Title VI Coordinator
Leah Vigil, Administrative Assistant
Kari Barber, Transportation Planner/Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator
Matthew Lehane, Transportation Planner

Speaker Name: 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 January 6, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
Agenda approved by consensus with no objections.
- 3. Approval of November 4, 2019 TAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**
No changes requested. Meeting minutes were approved by consensus without objection.
- 4. Review of FAMPO Policy Committee Meetings**
 - a. Policy Committee Meeting, November 18, 2019**
Mr. Agnello summarized meeting highlights:

- System for the Management and Allocation of Resources for Transportation (SMART SCALE):
 - Decision made to move from Category A to B
 - Due to FAMPO Administrator vacancy, pre-application development for regional projects moved to TAC Leadership (Mr. Nelson, Mr. Owsiak and Mr. Agnello)

b. Executive Committee Meeting, November 22, 2019

- FAMPO Staff Transitions
 - Administrator position advertised before Thanksgiving, closing date today
 - Hiring process projected to begin later this month

5. Public Comment – None

6. Discussion/Action Items

a. Lafayette Boulevard Transit Study Update – Mr. Matthew Lehane

- Recommendations presented that were developed by FAMPO and consultants
- Deadline for comments (relayed after the meeting) – January 22
- Deadline to finish and approve the study- March 31
- Formal TAC approval of the study at next meeting - February 3
- Next steps for Lafayette Boulevard Phase 2: get final comments then approval by February 2020 at Policy Committee meeting

Ms. Anderson: FRED completed construction of Lee Hill Transit hub off Market St

Mr. Nelson: study recommendation clarifications--

- Service change decisions will be made by Fredericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)
- Sidewalks and amenities included in SMART SCALE

Mr. Agnello: Spotsylvania is considering adding Route 208 commuter lot repairs to the Lafayette SMART SCALE application

Mr. Nelson: Status on Baker International update inquiry

Mr. Hager: Per outgoing FAMPO Administrator, likely pushed out to FY21

b. SMART SCALE Projects, Round 4 Update – Mr. Paul Agnello

- Timeline differences: Round 4 Preapplication period carries more weight
 - Begins March 1 and runs out at the end of the month
 - Five slots available to FAMPO for regional project applications
 - This month--Identify regional projects
 - Next month--Packaging of projects
- See meeting material for draft list of projects

Mr. Haynes: VDOT requests prompt concurrence of localities' draft project lists

Mr. Pennington: Caroline County has four local projects (none from last year) and will not have any regional projects for GWRC

Dr. Millsaps: Will follow-up with King George to find out if they will apply for GWRC slots and relay to members

Mr. Haynes: King George has four local projects and no additional regional ones on file with VDOT

Mr. Owsiak: Stafford County in development of projects, cost estimates and other project standards to be completed by March; consensus of draft list scheduled for Stafford County in February

Ms. Barber to relay cost estimate breakdowns for bike/ped recommendations

Mr. Agnello: Spotsylvania County's transportation committee meets January 16 with VDOT attending

Mr. Pennington: Caroline County deliberating at first meeting in February

Mr. Nelson: Fredericksburg by end of January with draft list

- Princess Anne and Route 1 will NOT be in SMART SCALE; UPC already assigned
- Fredericksburg to include Route 3 and US 1, for inclusion in the Spotsylvania Ave improvement for SMART SCALE
- Adding Gateway intersections; will follow-up today with Mr. Haynes with the SMART SCALE finalized list today

c. FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update and 2045 Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) Amendment – Mr. Adam Hager

- Awaiting input from Cambridge for draft TIP document including the project list
- CLRP and TIP Project Lists projected for completion by the end of January
- Two-week turnaround request of TAC Leads for review and comments on TIP project list and TIP document narrative
- Finalization of both draft documents around February 21 and ready for public comment by March
- The CLRP may require removal of some projects

d. Draft FAMPO Calendar Update – Ms. Stacey Feindt

- January CTAC meeting moved to next Wednesday for I-95 Corridor Improvement Meeting 3
- July and September TAC meetings on following Mondays due to holidays

Mr. Haynes: I-95 meeting at VDOT Fredericksburg District Auditorium postponed again, expected to be in last couple of weeks of January, TBD

7. Correspondence – Mr. Adam Hager

- Signed 2020 Safety Target Letter
- Cambridge Systematics Task Order and Notice to Proceed
- Public member email and transportation project proposal
- FLS Articles

- SMART SCALE Editorial
- Stafford diverging diamond at Exit 140
- Governor's office \$3.7B rail deal

8. Staff Reports- Mr. Adam Hager

- November 15, last day for Mr. McCaskill
- December 2, last day for Mr. Agnello
- UPWP Quarter 2 Report format received verbal approval from VDOT; completion by the end of the month
- Ms. Feindt conducted public outreach at Central Rappahannock Regional Libraries; concerns:
 - Largely focused on need for alternative modes of transportation
 - There was little mention of traffic
- January 2, FAMPO received request for TIP Amendment; more details will be available to TAC in February meeting
- FAMPO Administrator job ad has been posted and the closing date is today (open until filled)

9. Member Reports

Mr. Stephen Haynes, VDOT: Reminders

- SMART SCALE—FAMPO Policy Committee needs to approve the project list
- For TAC leads--Submit project lists from VDOT spreadsheet in advance of January 27, Policy Committee meeting
- Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions (STARS)—VDOT to hold public hearings for North Stafford Route 1 and Spotsylvania projects

Dr. Millsaps, GWRC: A legislative transportation bill or two may be introduced

Mr. Agnello, Spotsylvania County:

- Helped to transition staff upon departure as FAMPO Administrator
- Spotsylvania to likely propose a bond referendum, similar to Stafford
- Confirmed with Mr. Haynes, Spotsylvania submitters for SMART SCALE—Mr. Agnello, Mr. White and Mr. Hughes

10. Adjourn Technical Advisory Committee Meeting / Next Meeting February 3, 2020 at 9:30am

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

The January 6, 2020 **Technical Advisory Committee** adjourned at **10:43am** by consensus, no objections.