



## Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 27, 2020, 7:30pm

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Fredericksburg District Auditorium  
87 Deacon Rd, Fredericksburg VA 22405

<http://www.fampo.gwregion.org/committees/policy-committee/>

Approved: February 24, 2020

### Members Present:

Chairman Matthew Kelly, City of Fredericksburg  
First Vice Chair Ms. Cindy Shelton, Stafford County  
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, Stafford County  
Mr. Mark Dudenhefer, Stafford County  
Ms. Meg Bohmke, Stafford County  
Mr. William Withers, City of Fredericksburg  
Mr. Tim Baroody, City of Fredericksburg  
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Spotsylvania County  
Ms. Deborah Frazier, Spotsylvania County  
Ms. Annie Cupka, King George County  
Ms. Cathy Bindin, King George County  
Mr. Dave McLaughlin, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Chair  
Mr. Charles Steigerwald, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)  
Ms. Marcie Parker, VDOT  
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, VDOT  
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

### Others Present:

Mr. Ben Mannell, VDOT Project Manager  
Mr. Michael McLaughlin, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Director  
Mr. Erik Nelson, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair  
Mr. Adam Recchia, Foursquare Integrated Transportation Planning (ITP)  
Dr. Linda Millsaps, George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC)  
Ms. Kate Gibson, GWRC  
Ms. Michel Dooling, GWRC  
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRC  
Ms. Susan Gardner, VDOT  
Ms. Linda LaSut, VDOT  
Mr. Alex Owsiak, TAC  
Mr. Rupert Farley, CTAC  
Mr. Al Durante, CTAC  
Mr. Josh Brock, CTAC  
Ms. Tinesha Allen, Stafford County  
Mr. Jason Towery, Stafford County  
Ms. Briana Hairfield, Stafford County  
Mr. Paul Milde, Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce (FCC)  
Mr. Uriah Kiser, *Potomac Local News*  
Mr. Randy Cotter, Resident  
Mr. Mike Craig, City of Fredericksburg

### **Staff Members Present:**

Mr. Adam Hager, Transportation Planner  
Ms. Stacey Feindt, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator  
Ms. Leah Vigil, Administrative Assistant  
Mr. Matthew Lehane, Transportation Planner

*\*Speaker name: Summary of comments, NOT direct quotes unless indicated with quotation marks.*

1. **Call FAMPO Policy Committee Meeting to Order** – Chairman Kelly called the meeting to order at **7:30 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call** – Mr. Matthew Kelly
3. **Determination of a Quorum** – Ms. Stacey Feindt
4. **Approval of January 27, 2020 Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

The motion was made to approve the January 27, 2020 Policy Committee Agenda.

Motion: Mr. Billy Withers; Seconded: Mr. Chuck Steigerwald

Motion passed without objection

5. **Public Involvement** – None
6. **Chairman’s Comments** – None
7. **Consent Agenda – Dr. Linda Millsaps**

Mr. Matthew Kelly:

- a. Approval of **November 18, 2019** FAMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)
- b. Approval of **November 22, 2019** FAMPO Executive Committee Meeting (ACTION ITEM)

The motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Mr. Mark Dudenhefer; Second: Mr. Billy Withers

Motion passed unanimously without objection

### **8. Action/Discussion**

- a. I-95 Corridor Improvement Update – Ms. Marcie Parker and Ms. Michelle Shropshire  
Mr. Ben Mannell, VDOT Project Manager and Mr. Michael McLaughlin, DRPT Director gave an update on the I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan.

\*See the [Commonwealth Transportation Board](#) (CTB) Website for meeting materials and more information.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Mr. Al Durante: In Fredericksburg District, Exit 126-170, will there be adjustable use and changing direction?
  - Mr. Ben Mannell: There are possible traffic scenarios allowing this, such as shoulder use, especially in emergency situations
- Mr. Uriah Kiser: would lanes run like “Red X” lanes [running shoulders]; and has TransUrban conveyed flexibility in contract terms.
  - Mr. Ben Mannell: Yes; and TransUrban is maintaining contract terms
- Ms. Tinesha Allen: How is the governor going to address transportation funding
  - Mr. Ben Mannell: There are a couple of bills for consideration at the General Assembly, on changing the structure of transportation funds and implementing a

gasoline tax increase over the next three years

- Mr. Rupert Farley: Consider congestion pricing for sustainable funding

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

- Mr. Matthew Kelly: Has TransUrban given indication of funding to complete regional lane extensions project; and how many capital projects have been identified for study?
  - Mr. Ben Mannell: Cannot speak for TransUrban. A general-purpose lane widening in both directions has been recommended between Massaponax and Route 3; and 54 projects with an additional 35 for consideration of further study
- Mr. Matthew Kelly: what is the funding update for operating trains?
  - Mr. Michael McLaughlin: the state has committed to covering 85% of access fees. Will work with VRE on operational costs and new trains
- Mr. Matthew Kelly: What funding is being considered for transportation other than long term gas taxes?
  - Mr. Ben Mannell: A study for Base Motor Transport (BMT) Operations tax; legislators may continue study on the matter

Brief intermission at 8:18pm

Public Meeting continued at 8:28pm

- b. FAMPO-Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update - Mr. Ivan Rucker, FHWA
- FHWA works under the US Department of Transportation; federal law requires federal certification review of FAMPO as it relates to Stafford's membership and northern Stafford's standing as a Transportation Management Area
  - FAMPO agreed to participate in Certification Review per the MOU with TPB
  - It is the responsibility of the TPB to update the MOU with FAMPO
  - Mr. Rucker indicated that the update process would have Dr. Millsaps of the GWRC convene a small working group with FAMPO TAC to review and propose edits the MOU
    - The edits will be sent to TPB who will update their document to reflect changes
    - Legal will review
    - Round 2: Draft agreement presented to elected officials
    - Send draft edits back
  - TPB to submit as their updated federal certification review
    - TPB to report issues or problems to the DC division office of FHWA
  - Dr. Linda Millsaps: sent the draft MOU and a second document regarding Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) funding allocations to legal for review
  - Mr. Ivan Rucker: performance agreement needs to be incorporated in the certification review by TPB, separate from the MOU
    - The MOU requires minor updates to be current
    - Other change or issues to be addressed via agreed upon terms as listed in the MOU, including project selection process
    - May reference the project selection process as a part of the MOU
    - If unresolved, TPB would need to relay to the DC division office as to next steps
    - Advised: create a subgroup to discuss the matter, not for staff
  - Mr. Matthew Kelly: all three jurisdictions to have a public meeting with appointed members and staff support in a subcommittee, notify Dr. Millsaps by end of the week
    - Mr. Ivan Rucker to attend
    - Meeting details will be relayed
  - Mr. Mark Dudenhefer: address the RSTP issue as an individual case

- c. **Approval of Resolution 20-17, Amending the FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Update Maintenance Project Groupings Based on Revised Projected Revenue (ACTION ITEM)** – Mr. Adam Hager
- Proposed funding update by VDOT

Motion to approve Resolution 20-17, Amending the FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Update Maintenance Project Groupings Based on Revised Projected Revenue

Motion: Ms. Cindy Shelton; Second: Mr. Chris Yakabowski

Motion passed without objection.

- d. Certification Review: Second Quarterly Report - Mr. Matthew Kelly and Dr. Linda Millsaps
- Mr. Adam Hager: Changes based on VDOT feedback
    - Breakdown on page 2, quarter 2 along with year-to-date along with funding source and by end product, including percentage complete
    - Working with VDOT to finalize and submit
  - Mr. Rucker relayed that the quarterly report will be needed for the next two years, then annually
- e. FAMPO Administrator Hiring Update – Mr. Matthew Kelly
- Three candidate portfolios dispersed to applicable committee members
    - Dr. Linda Millsaps: conducted initial screening interviews by phone with each of them today; will forward write-up on them to the three Executive Committee members
  - Will revise the job description and advertise a second round
- f. System for the Management and Allocation of Resources for Transportation (SMART SCALE) Projects, Round 4 Update – Mr. Erik Nelson, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair
- Localities develop their own list of projects
  - The pre-application period begins March 1 and ends at the end of the month
  - Five pre-applications then four allowed in August
  - GWRC and FAMPO are allotted five projects each

\*See meeting material for project details

- Next steps are:
    - Project development
    - June through August: Application period
    - August 1: submission due date
  - Ms. Cindy Shelton: what are the [Strategically Targeted Affordable Roadway Solutions] STARS Study cost estimates for Aquia District projects?
    - Mr. Adam Hager: will ask Chris of WSP
- g. Lafayette Boulevard Transit Study Update - Mr. Adam Recchia, Foursquare Integrated Transportation Planning (ITP)
- i. Lafayette Boulevard Transit Study Draft Report
- Study of Lafayette corridor from the Fredericksburg train station to the Lafayette Boulevard transition into Spotsylvania Ave
  - Study included existing conditions and conducting a transit marketing analysis
  - Recommendations based on: surface, infrastructure and transportation demand management

\*See meeting material for details

- h. Proposal by Governor Ralph Northam to Eliminate State-Mandated Vehicle Safety Inspections – Mr. David McLaughlin, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Chair
  - 9 of 12 members opposed the Governor’s proposal at January 15, 2020 CTAC meeting
  - CTAC made a subjective and non-political vote about safety
  - Virginia Police Association and AAA have some data in support of continuing Safety inspections
  - Mr. Matthew Kelly: FAMPO Policy could write a letter indicating CTAC results
  - No action taken
  
- i. FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update and 2045 (Financially) Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) Amendment – Mr. Adam Hager
  - Objective: finalize the list by end of January but will likely be first week of February
  - Coordinating with transit agencies regarding their planned funding
  - February 21, is the desired date for completion of the draft version of the TIP Update and CLRP Amendment
  - Public Comment period in March as noted in Task Order from Cambridge Systematics (see Correspondence)
  - Voting will take place to authorize FAMPO Staff to release documents for Public Comment in March, at the February Policy Committee Meeting
  
- j. Transportation Alternatives Applications Update – Mr. Adam Hager
  - FAMPO Staff working with VDOT and Stafford County staff for funding allocation selections for the TMA projects by the Policy Committee next month
  
- k. Draft 2020 FAMPO Calendar Update – Ms. Stacey Feindt
  - Policy meeting will be the fourth Monday (rather than third) in March due to the holiday, no meetings in August or December and revision date included
  
- l. CTAC Membership Update – Ms. Stacey Feindt
  - According to Policy Committee Bylaws, At-Large members are to be reappointed every two years
  - Need to advertise for more or different members

Motion to re-appoint current At-Large CTAC Members that have expired, Mr. Larry Gross and Mr. Rupert Farley, and advertise for remaining At-Large slots.

Motion: Mr. William Withers; Second: Ms. Cindy Shelton

Motion passed unanimously without objection

**9. Correspondence – Ms. Stacey Feindt**

- News articles and Public Involvement Outreach report

\*See meeting materials

**10. Staff and Agency Reports – Mr. Adam Hager**

- Mr. Paul Agnello: last day as FAMPO Administrator was December 2, 2019

**11. Board Member Comments – None**

**12. Adjourn/Next Policy Committee Meeting: February 24, 2020 at 7:15pm at 406 Princess Anne St, Fredericksburg VA 22401**

Motion was made to adjourn the Policy Committee Meeting at **9:56pm**.  
Motion: Ms. Cindy Shelton; Second: Mr. Chris Yakabouski  
Motion passed unanimously