



TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2020

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg VA 22401

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Members Present:

Chairman Erik Nelson, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Rodney White, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Alex Owsiak, Stafford County
Mr. Brandon Brown, Stafford County
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Jim Ponticello, VDOT
Mr. Dan Grinnell, VDOT
Mr. Charles Steigerwald, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Ms. Sonali Soneji, Virginia Railway Express (VRE)
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect

Others Present:

Dr. Linda Millsaps, George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) (at 11:01am)
Ms. Linda LaSut, VDOT
Ms. Susan Gardner, VDOT
Mr. Xavier Harmony, VDOT
Mr. Jason Towery, Stafford County
Mr. Samuel Hayes, Moffatt & Nichol

FAMPO Staff Members Present:

Mr. Adam Hager, Transportation Planner
Ms. Stacey Feindt, Public Involvement Coordinator/Title VI Coordinator
Ms. Leah Vigil, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Kari Barber, Regional Planner
Mr. Matthew Decatur, 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 **9:38 am** after the Interagency Consultant Group Meeting at 9am.

2. **Determination of a Quorum** – Ms. Stacey Feindt

A Quorum was declared present.



3. Approval of the March 2, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Agenda approved by consensus with no objections.

4. Approval of February 3, 2020 TAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Meeting minutes were approved unanimously

5. Review of February 24, 2020 FAMPO Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Adam Hager summarized highlights from the Policy Committee Meeting

- FAMPO Sub-Committee has a meeting tonight to discuss:
 - Transportation Planning Board (TPB)-FAMPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
 - Allocation of Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Funding
- Hiring update of FAMPO Administrator post, ongoing
- Approved resolution: seven of the nine projects for the System for the Management and Allocation of Resources for Transportation (SMART SCALE)
- The Air Quality Conformity Analysis will take place for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects only
- The Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding was approved for Stafford sidewalks at Flatford Road

6. Public Comment – None

7. Discussion Items

- a. Review of Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) Meeting and Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA) Process for the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Mr. Dan Grinnell and Mr. Jim Ponticello, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
*As discussed at previous ICG Meeting.
- b. **Approving the Draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA) Report for the FY21-24 TIP (ACTION ITEM)** – Mr. Dan Grinnell

Motion made to approve the AQCA Report for the FY21-24 TIP

Motion: Mr. Alex Owskiak; Second: Mr. Paul Agnello

Motion passed by consensus without objection

- c. **Review of Approved Regional Pre-Application and Discussion on Two Final Slots for Round 4, System for the Management and Allocation of Resources for Transportation (SMART SCALE) Projects (ACTION ITEM)** – Mr. Erik Nelson

Mr. Adam Hager: Summarized what was determined on this item at the February 2020 Policy Committee meeting. TAC to identify recommendations for FAMPO project slots 1 and 3.

Mr. Alex Owsiak: Stafford is considering removing the Commuter Lot from GWRC Slot 1 portion of the US 17 pre-application, while keeping the rest.

Mr. Jason Towery: Exit 133 Pedestrian accommodations may also be removed from GWRC Project 1, depending on VDOT response.

Mr. Adam Hager: To report down scoping of GWRC slot 1 per Stafford recommendations and TAC approval to the GWRC Board and FAMPO Policy Committee.

Mr. Adam Hager: FAMPO Slots 1 & 3 for consideration found on slide 15.

- Spotsylvania: I-95 Exit 130 to Exit 126 southbound only
- Stafford: Garrisonville Road widening
- Stafford: Onville Road widening

Mr. Paul Agnello: Spotsylvania County has approved two projects for SMART SCALE consideration of open slots.

- I-95 Exit 130 to 126 Southbound only
- Route 208 Operational Improvements
- Multimodal addenda to improve scoring
 - Route 208 Park-and-Ride (PNR) VRE Feeder Bus
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian (Bike/Ped) improvements at Route 208 PNR Lot

Mr. Erik Nelson: City of Fredericksburg has no additional projects to propose

Ms. Michelle Shropshire: for project approval regarding bike/ped, transit and other multimodal improvements, must demonstrate pulling off of traffic from the tie-in route; a measured benefit is needed

Mr. Erik Nelson: Prioritized list to present to the Policy Committee to decide on the final two projects for FAMPO:

1. Spotsylvania Route 208
2. Stafford Garrisonville Rd widening
3. I-95 improvements, Southbound only
4. Onville Rd widening

Mr. Adam Hager: Per Stafford County request, FAMPO will NOT submit GWRC pre-applications for slots 1 and 3 until finalized by GWRC board and FAMPO Policy Committee

Motion made to approve the above prioritized list of four projects for Policy Committee to apply for SMART SCALE FAMPO slots 1 and 3; and to amend or replace slots 1 and 3 (Stafford County) of GWRC.

Motion: Mr. Paul Agnello; Second: Mr. Alex Owsiak

Abstention: Ms. Michelle Shropshire

Motion passed without objection

Linda LaSut: requests Adam relay final decision ASAP for internal VDOT meeting

- d. **Approval of the Amended 2045 (Fiscally) Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) Project List (ACTION ITEM)** – Mr. Adam Hager
- Will move forward with the proposed schedule to have amendment approved by FAMPO Policy Committee in May;
 - A discussion took place for an amended contingency project list accounting for CLRP adjustments

Motion was made to recommend that the Policy Committee approve the amended 2045 CLRP Project List as proposed, as a contingency.

Motion: Mr. Paul Agnello; Second: Mr. Alex Owsiak

Motion passed without objection

Ms. Susan Gardner: VDOT to confirm whether or not this includes Transurban funding

- e. Review of Approved February 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments – Mr. Adam Hager

Three TIP amendments introduced, see meeting materials.

- f. **Approval of Resolution 20-26: Amending the FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add UPC 113997, Route 1 Upgrades Between William and Caroline Streets (ACTION ITEM)** – Mr. Adam Hager

Motion to approve Resolution 20-26: Amending the FY2018-2021 TIP to Add UPC 113997, Rte 1 Upgrades between William and Caroline Streets.

Motion: Mr. Paul Agnello; Second: Mr. Alex Owsiak

Motion approved by consensus

- i. Grouping TIP Projects

The TAC discussed pros and cons of grouping TIP projects; will continue discussion next month.

- g. Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP)/Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program Allocations Update – Mr. Erik Nelson and Ms. Susan Gardner, VDOT

Ms. Susan Gardner: Final CMAQ decisions must be submitted by June to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB); the overall timeline is significantly delayed

Motion made to recommend to the Policy Committee that they approve FY26 CMAQ allocation

of funds (separate and distinct from RSTP funds) for:

- 1) GWRideConnect
- 2) Remaining existing projects that are short of funds
- 3) SMART SCALE projects as submitted one per locality

Motion: Mr. Paul Agnello; Second: Mr. Bassam Amin

Objection: Alex Owsiak

Motion passed by majority

h. FY20 Rural Work Program (RWP) Update – Mr. Adam Hager

Three major work elements:

1) Rural Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), as taken out of the Urban (FAMPO) LRTP, FAMPO/GWRC Staff are Ms. Kari Barber, Mr. Matthew Lehane and Ms. Jordan Chandler. They will set up a workshop with King George County, Caroline County, and VDOT within the next month or so to go over the development of the draft document.

2) As part of the Rural Work Program - 3.2: Bowling Green transportation comprehensive plan and small area Bowling Green plan; Ms. Barber is leading this effort

3) Mr. Matthew Decatur is working on a study to develop and prioritize King George County and transportation needs

i. Bowling Green Small Area Plan Update – Ms. Kari Barber

In the interest of time, Ms. Barber will postpone update to next month.

8. Correspondence

None

9. Staff Reports – None

10. Member Reports

Dr. Linda Millsaps, GWRC: FAMPO's sub-committee meeting tonight will be closed session on: FAMPO-TPB MOU and RSTP grant funding.

11. Adjourn Technical Advisory Committee Meeting / Next Meeting

The March 2nd, 2020 Technical Advisory Committee adjourned at **11:51 am** by consensus with no objections. The next TAC meeting will be held on April 6, 2020 at 9:30 am.