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From: Timothy D. Brown  
To: Honorable Tom Coen, Supervisor George Washington District

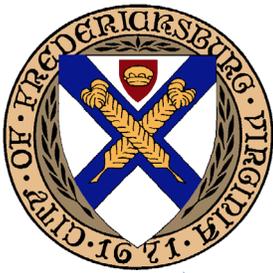
Subject: Resignation from CTAC

It is with great regret to inform you that I am resigning as a member of the CTAC committee. My workload and other external influences have increased to the point that I can not make the meetings at the scheduled time.

I thank you for nominating me and providing the opportunity to work in support of Stafford and the region.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy D. Brown



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Clerk of Council

April 21, 2020

Mr. John Castellarin  
118 Woodland Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Dear Mr. Castellarin:

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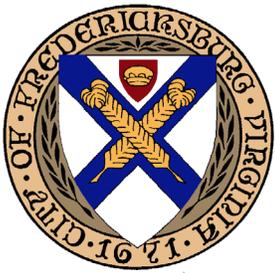
Congratulations on your appointment, and allow me to express the Council's appreciation for your willingness to serve the City of Fredericksburg. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

CC: Leah Vigil, Administrative Assistant GWRC/FAMPO



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**From:** LaSut, Linda <[linda.lasut@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:linda.lasut@vdot.virginia.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2020 10:57 AM  
**To:** Adam Hager <[hager@gwregion.org](mailto:hager@gwregion.org)>  
**Cc:** Haynes, Stephen <[stephen.haynes@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:stephen.haynes@vdot.virginia.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Smart Scale question

Hi Adam,

The CTB approved the FAMPO category change at their [Feb 19th meeting](#) (see page 48). The revised Technical Guidance document is due to be released today. We will forward it when received.

Let us know how else we can assist.

Kind regards,  
Linda

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Adam Hager <[hager@gwregion.org](mailto:hager@gwregion.org)>  
**Date:** Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 3:12 PM  
**Subject:** Smart Scale question  
**To:** Haynes, Stephen <[stephen.haynes@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:stephen.haynes@vdot.virginia.gov)>  
**Cc:** Linda Millsaps <[millsaps@gwregion.org](mailto:millsaps@gwregion.org)>, Linda Lasut <[linda.lasut@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:linda.lasut@vdot.virginia.gov)>, Matthew Lehane <[lehane@gwregion.org](mailto:lehane@gwregion.org)>

Stephen,

One general question that came up in our staff meeting yesterday was whether or not the CTB has approved FAMPO's request to move from Category A to Category B for Round 4. Could you confirm that the CTB has approved this request?

Also, do you know if the Round 4 Technical Guidance has been published?

Thanks,

Adam

**Adam Hager**

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## Public Comments Collected on the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

March 3, 2020 – April 2, 2020

### Comment on Transit and Pedestrian Prioritization

**Robert Thomas, email:** I want to advocate for improved public transportation and against spending more money on more roads. I am almost eighty years old and must soon try to renew my driver's license which can be revoked if I cannot pass the vision test. If not, I cannot drive. At some point I probably should not drive but am healthy and want to visit my children and grandchildren. Trains, buses and city streets will be my only options and they are poor ones. Having live in countries that have good public transportation, I know this can be a good option, but it is not. For 100 years we put everything into cars, and we have failed.

### Requests for Projects that would Alleviate Congestion on I-95

**Joe Brito, via email:** I support a new regional north to south road with a trail on the west side of I-95. Please include this link to a 13-page Facebook presentation of the new road proposal as part of the public record.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=2594385067338125&set=pcb.2594385730671392&type=3&theater>

There is currently \$2,095,218 funded in the TIP for a regionally significant projects study. Please use some of those funds to study the new regional north to south road with a trail on the west side of I-95. No other project is as regionally significant and is beneficial. I currently have petitions signed by over 1,500 people in our region that support a study for the new road project. I'm still gathering support daily. I plan on delivering the petitions in person at a future FAMPO public meeting.

**Rose Burrus, via email:** Our region needs a new road with a trail on the west side of I-95.

**Donald Lauer, via email:** Mr. Joe Brito, former Hartwood district supervisor, has proposed a traffic reducing road system linking 3 existing roads parallel to Interstate 95. The fact that this

infrastructure already exists and could readily be linked should prompt excitement among FAMPO members. And Mr. Brito's research and enthusiasm for the project should be embraced. Stafford's population continues to grow and until that problem is controlled, we must plan for new road infrastructure.

**Ronald Combs, via email:** Our region needs a new north to south road with a trail on the west side of I-95.

**Wilke Renwick, via email:** I have lived in Stafford County since 1993. We have always had a serious traffic issue traveling north and south because there are no roads that parallel I-95 crossing the Rappahannock River. And it gets worse year by year. Traffic is funneled to the only route that crosses – I-95. We need to at least study alternate routes. And if the draft 2045 Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) is passed we would have NO NEW ROADS built for 25 years! This is preposterous! Anybody considering a plan that would ensure we have no new roads built for the next 25 years either does not own a car or does not possess any common sense – or both. Our region needs a new north to south road with a trail on the west side of I-95. Please include this comment in both the Transportation Improvement Program document and in the correspondence for committee member review.

#### Request for work on Berea Church Road

**Joe Brito, via email:** Oil prices are down. Now is the time to build new roads. Asphalt is made up of high amounts of tar and petroleum. The heavy equipment used to build roads and transport construction materials consume large amounts of gasoline and petroleum. I suggest that VDOT rebid and lower the cost estimates of all the projects in the Transportation Improvement Plan and the CLRP. Please use those savings for the 4-lane reconstruction of Berea Church Road. Please consider adding to the TIP a 4-lane reconstruction and straightening of Berea Church road. \$6.1 M has previously been budgeted to resurface and add shoulders to the entire 1.2 miles of Berea Church Road. Those improvements do not widen or make the road straight. The \$6.1 M improvements are at a high cost and don't do much to improve safety on Berea Church Road. There is potential for up to two new schools to be built in the vicinity of Berea Church Road that would increase traffic. There are also at least three new approved subdivisions with a total of about 500 houses that will be dumping nearly 5,000 more car trips on Berea Church

Road in the future, so the \$6.1 M in minor improvements will be obsolete in a few years. Money should be added to the \$6.1 M to reconstruct and straighten Berea Church Road to 4 lanes. Please see maps below. The 4-lane reconstruction should turn west slightly on the northern end of Berea Church Road to loop behind the 13 houses and cemetery. The reconstruction should follow the same route between Berea Church road and Truslow Road as Corridor 3 of the outer connector. I believe it would impact these four Stafford parcels: 44 117P, 44BB 1, 44BB 2, and 44 109.

Harrison Road/Salem Church Project, UPC 115764

**Joe Brito, via email:** I support the Harrison Rd/Salem Church Improvement Project that is currently proposed to be funded in the Transportation Improvement Plan. The intersection improvements and crosswalks with the 10' wide shared use path will help with traffic flow while improving safety. If there is any surplus revenue from cost savings the money should go to widening Harrison Road to 4 lanes and extending the 10' shared use path all the way to Route 1. The 4-lane improvement to Harrison Road with trail would fit in well with the new north to south road with a trail proposal.

**Salem Church Library Commenter, in-person:** I support increasing pedestrian safety along Harrison Road and in the intersection of Salem Church Road.

**Salem Church Library Commenter, in-person:** Harrison Road needs to be widened.

**Salem Church Library Commenter, in-person:** Harrison Road should be connected to I-95.

Incident Management Emergency Evacuation and Detour Plans, UPC 107802

**Howell Library commenter, in-person:** We need more attention to disaster incident management.

District-wide Traffic and Safety Operations, UPC T14711

**Porter Library Commenter, in-person:** We need better street lighting for drivers and pedestrians.

**Salem Church Library Commenter, in-person:** We need to improve lighting and add sidewalks to Lafayette and Blue and Grey intersection area.

**Fredericksburg Library Commenter, in-person:** We need bike lanes downtown to increase pedestrian safety on downtown sidewalks.

FRED EX and HOV Projects, UPC 110527, 112046, 114620, 116369, 102710, 102711, 103019, 103020, 103106, 103222, 108315, 110379

**Porter Library Commenter, in-person:** No more tolls, no more HOV lanes.

District-wide Rail, UPC T18967 (\$0 estimated in draft TIP)

**Porter Library Commenter, in-person:** We need restrooms at the train stations.

District-wide Transit Amenities, UPC T18989 (\$0 estimated in draft TIP)

**Fredericksburg Library Commenter, in-person:** Install touchscreens to allow FRED riders who don't have smartphones to track bus progress, see times, routes, connections. Put them at major stops and transfer points. Also, create an app for those with smart phones.

**Towne Centre Library Commenter, in-person:** Install audio boxes at bus stops that provide route information.

District-wide FRED Transit Shelters and Benches, UPC 115177

**Howell Library Commenter, in-person:** Enhance visibility of FRED bus stop signs.

**Howell Library Commenter, in-person:** Need FRED stop with shelter at Alexander Heights in Spotsylvania, a 55+ community. The FRED stop close to the community was moved further way.

Route 3 Signal Optimization and Operational Improvements, UPC 100450 and UPC 113172

**Salem Church Library Commenter, in-person:** Please improve traffic flow on Route 3.

Rail projects, UPC T18967, 112018, 112213, 112497

**Joe Brito, via email:** The virus will be impacting VRE ridership for many years to come. I believe that our society will be going through a major change of behavior. More people will be working from home and offices in our region, which will change traffic patterns that will impact our local

roads. The focus should be more on local roads. I believe the VRE improvements that are currently planned should be put on the back burner and moved out of the plan. The money for the VRE improvements should be used to reduce local road congestion like building a new north to south road with a trail. Please consider using that funding to begin planning and engineering the new road to make it shovel ready for when money becomes available. I support using the limited rail capacity for freight to take trucks off the roads and for passenger trains that travel long distances. I support a greener community where people live, work, shop and play within the community. I do not support promoting long distance commuting. The inefficient VRE system requires roughly \$20,000 per day in operation costs in local subsidies and promotes a bedroom community.

#### Miscellaneous Comments

**Fredericksburg Library Commenter, in-person:** We need more two-way streets downtown.

**Howell Library Commenter, in-person:** Stafford needs measured growth and to focus on infrastructure.

**Porter Library Commenter, in-person:** Fix what you got.

**Porter Library Commenter, in-person:** Extend Metro to Stafford.

**Porter Library Commenter, in-person:** We need more compact development to reduce need for travel.

**Salem Church Library Commenter, in-person:** We need a bridge across the river to connect Route 3 and Route 17 west of Central Park.

**Joe Brito, via email:** Please prepare for shovel ready jobs. In 2009, Stafford lost out on stimulus funding because the county did not have any shovel ready jobs. To Spotsylvania's credit they did receive funding to widen Route 3. I suggest expediting the planning and engineering of Harrison Road, Berea Church Road and other roads to prepare for future stimulus money. Most of the Obama stimulus went to unemployment and tax cuts to help businesses. Only \$275 Billion went to grants for infrastructure. I believe a new infrastructure bill will be much more. Please prepare to compete for that grant money with some shovel ready jobs.