



FREDERICKSBURG AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING

Remote Format (No in-person attendance in light of COVID-19)

<https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/> ♦ 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg VA 22401

Thursday, October 1, 2020 – 6:00 pm
MEETING MINUTES

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Due to the nature of the Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pursuant to Code § 2.2-3708.2 this meeting is to be held by electronic communications, via the web platform GoToMeeting. The catastrophic nature of this declared emergency makes it impracticable and unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location and the purpose of this meeting is to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of the public body.

A recording of this virtual meeting has been posted to the FAMPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee webpage:
<https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/bicycle-and-pedestrian-advisory-committee/>

Remote connection by phone or internet for all attendants per Virginia COVID-19 legislation as noted above.

Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

Chairman Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Vice Chairman Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Mr. Chris Clark, King George County
Mr. Brian Geouge, Stafford County
Mr. Erik Nelson, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Kevin Wightman, Caroline County Public Member
Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulling, National Park Service
Mr. Rob Maple, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance (FredTrails)
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Ms. Debe Fults, disAbility Resource Center

Others Present:

Mr. Adam Lynch, Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR)
Mr. Brandon Brown, Stafford County
Mr. Kevin Brown, City of Fredericksburg
Ms. Holly Clark, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. David Lovegrove
Mr. Brent Hunsinger
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FAMPO/GWRC Staff Present:

Ms. Kari Barber, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator/Regional Planner
Ms. Leah Vigil, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Adam Hager, Transportation Planner
Ms. Stacey Feindt, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator
Mr. Mohammad Khan, Transportation Planning Intern
Ms. Maggie Campbell, Transportation Planning Intern

Speaker name: Summary of talking points, not direct quotes unless indicated with quotation marks.

1. Call BPAC Meeting to Order – Chairman Jacob Pastwik

Chairman Pastwik called the October 1, 2020 BPAC meeting to order at **6:00 pm**

2. Roll Call – Ms. Leah Vigil

Ms. Vigil called the roll.

3. Approval of the October 1, 2020 BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the October 1, 2020 BPAC Meeting Agenda without changes.

Motion: Mr. Craig Pennington; Second: Mr. Erik Nelson

Motion approved by unanimous consent

4. Approval of the August 6, 2020 BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the August 6, 2020 BPAC Meeting Minutes with amendments as proposed by Chair Pastwik:

- Item 6g. Include feedback from Chair Pastwik’s inquiry of how the active transportation plan update ties into the 2050 Active Transportation Plan and if there would be a master set of recommendations.
- Item 8. Include further details on Chair Pastwik’s update of the Spotsylvania Courthouse Sidewalk Project.

Motion: Mr. Erik Nelson; Second: Mr. Brian Gouge

Motion approved without objections

5. Public Comment

No emails received for reading. Members of the public commented remotely:

- Mr. Adam Lynch submitted a couple comments:
 - Noticed construction at the Chatham bridge has improved transportation conditions in downtown Fredericksburg due to decreased volume and slower speeds which would be good to sustain
 - In his capacity as a Friends of the Rappahannock employee, he relayed a visitor question about providing pedestrian access/crosswalk upon completion of I-95 construction
- Mr. Kevin Brown: Reiterated a Facebook comment made, that the crosswalk east of Fall Hill at the roundabout (Fredericksburg) is at a dangerous blind curve; can it be moved to a safer location?
- Ms. Holly Clark: Would like an improved street design (in downtown Fredericksburg) in consideration of cyclists and safe crossing points

6. Discussion / Action Items

a. Bylaws Amendments (ACTION ITEM): - Chair Jacob Pastwik

- i. Appointment Of Members Of The Public By “Governing Body” Instead Of By “CAO” (At-Large Members Stay The Same)

Mr. Pennington noted that amendments must be made separately unless under the same section of the bylaws.

Motion was made to amend the bylaws to have respective jurisdictions make appointment of BPAC members of the public.

Motion: Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulding; Second: Mr. Erik Nelson

Motion passed by unanimous consent.



ii. Process For Adding New Organizations: Majority Vote By Current Members (Under #4)

Ms. Barber observed that the bylaws do not currently contain wording in regard to a quorum.

Motion was made to amend the bylaws for addition or removal of organizations to BPAC by a majority vote.

Motion: Mr. Craig Pennington; Second: Mr. Erik Nelson
Motion passed by unanimous consent

iii. Remote Participation - Language Allowing Remote Participation

Motion was made to amend the bylaws to adopt proposed language for remote participation.

Motion: Mr. Erik Nelson; Second: Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulding
Motion passed by unanimous consent

b. System for the Management and Allocation of Resources for Transportation (SMART SCALE) Round 4 Update – Ms. Kari Barber

Ms. Barber gave an update of SMART SCALE projects presented at the August 6, 2020 BPAC meeting as found on that agenda.

- Ms. Barber will draft Letters of Endorsement from BPAC for the Chair to sign and submit to jurisdictions as requested by:
 - Mr. Brian Geouge, Stafford County
 - Chairman Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
- Jurisdiction(s) deciding to add a letter of endorsement to an application after this meeting may request one by emailing Ms. Barber, barber@gwregion.org.

c. Trouble Spots Survey Results – Ms. Kari Barber

Ms. Barber noted that a VDOT representative is needed for BPAC for this and other follow-up action and presented the results of the first BPAC survey.

(See meeting materials)

Mr. Nelson: The City of Fredericksburg deals with its own repairs, therefore he is the contact. He also observed that pedestrian-bike counter data could be combined with survey results.

Chair Pastwik: These results are a good start and this should continue regularly. They reflect a more shared vision across jurisdictions in recent years.

Mr. Geouge: VDOT participation could yield future studies and/or SMART SCALE use.

d. Update on the GWRC Greenway Feasibility Study Grant - Ms. Kari Barber

Ms. Barber recalled the first presentation a few months back introducing this grant. The grant was awarded for a feasibility study:

- From October 2020 through October 2021
- Consisting of three working group meetings
- Includes BPAC and several organizations and associations, such as VDOT
- Once complete, this will be the initial step in creating a regionally-connected network route



- GWRC Staff will correspond
 - Ms. Barber encouraged members to help build support and interest for the Greenway Study
- e. Calendar Update – Ms. Leah Vigil

Ms. Vigil presented the most recent calendar of meetings with:

- A change to CTAC's November meeting date decided at the September meeting
- A pending update to TAC's November meeting
- The most current document can be found on the FAMPO homepage
- The calendar presented is linked to this meeting agenda for printout

7. Correspondence

Ms. Barber referred to an article posted on Streetsblog highlighting a national connection for pedestrians and cyclists, sponsored by the East Coast Greenway Alliance.

8. Staff Reports

Ms. Kari Barber welcomed several staff members:

- Maggie Campbell and Mohammad Khan, new Transportation Planning Interns
- Stacey Feindt, returning as Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator
- Jordan Chandler recently changing status to full-time Transportation Planner

9. Member & Chair Reports

Ms. Anderson, GWRideConnect: Presented on the trailer link for a crowd-source documentary on cargo bikes from 2019. There will be a virtual discussion October 21, 2020 at 7pm; from bikesmakelifebetter.com.

Ms. Talken-Spaulding, National Park Service:

- 1) In preparation of roundabout at Lee Drive and Lafayette Blvd, the downhill (Northbound) spur is changing to one way
- 2) The park service is returning to comprehensive planning efforts put on COVID-19 hold. They would like to collaborate with other organizations and services to create an all-inclusive (8,000 acres) connector network to historic and natural park resources, while promoting healthy, safe recreation.

Mr. Clark, King George County: The request for 5 warning signs for pedestrian and bike crossings at Dahlgren River Heritage Trail (Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail?) was approved by VDOT this morning.

Mr. Pennington, Caroline County: List of participants for Ladysmith Study will be ready by Monday for Ms. Barber.

Mr. Maple, FredTrails: Mott's Run Reservoir – the 2.4 mile extender/connector was completed resulting in a completed 7.5 mile loop around the reservoir which has produced a significant increase in trail usage. An additional outcome has been a \$1000 matching grant awarded by partner, International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) for trail signage.

Chair Pastwik, BPAC & Spotsylvania County: Responded that he and Fredericksburg member Erik Nelson are working on connecting the Mott's Run Reservoir Trail to the City of Fredericksburg, and had the following updates for the county:

- The WaWa gas station at Harrison Rd and Salem Church Rd was approved, including a private extension to the Virginia Central Railway (VCR) Trail.
 - Intersection improvements and the trail connection have Transportation



Alternatives Program (TAP), private and SMART SCALE funding sources.

- A Dunkin' Donuts will be going in next door to the new Hardy's near the City of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County line along Tidewater trail with a trail extender.
 - SMART SCALE funding applications have been submitted to extend that trail to Shannon Airport.

10. Adjourn BPAC Meeting / Next Meeting: December 3, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Motion made to adjourn the October 1, 2020 BPAC meeting at **7:12 pm.**

Motion: Mr. Craig Pennington; Second: Ms. Leigh Anderson

Motion passed by unanimous consent

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