



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, December 3, 2020 – 6:00 pm
MEETING MINUTES

Approved as amended: February 4, 2021

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.

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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. Brian Geouge, Stafford County
Mr. Erik Nelson, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Chris Clarke, King George County
Ms. Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Jim Lynch, Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail; Potomac Heritage Trail Association
Mr. Rob Maple, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance (FredTrails)
Mr. Stan Huie, Fredericksburg Cyclist Club; Spotsylvania Greenways Initiative; Virginia Bicycle Federation
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulding, National Park Service
Ms. Debra Fults, disAbility Resource Center
Ms. Kristin Harding, Spotsylvania County Citizen Representative

Others Present:

Mr. Adam Lynch, Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR)
Mr. Brandon Brown, Stafford County
Mr. Ron Thornton, Spotsylvania County Resident
Mr. Charles Koch
Mr. David Lovegrove
Mr. Clay Calvert
Mr. Jason Sosebee
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FAMPO/GWRC Staff Present:

Mr. Ian Ollis, Administrator/Director of Transportation Planning
Ms. Kari Barber, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator/Regional Planner
Ms. Leah Vigil, FAMPO Administrative Assistant
Mr. Adam Hager, Transportation Planner
Mr. Mohammad Khan, 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 December 3, 2020 BPAC meeting to order at **6:00 pm**

2. Roll Call – Ms. Leah Vigil

Ms. Vigil called the roll.

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

Motion was made to approve the December 3, 2020 BPAC Meeting Agenda without changes.

Motion: Mr. Erik Nelson; Second: Ms. Leigh Anderson

Motion approved by unanimous consent

4. Approval of the October 1, 2020 BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the October 1, 2020 BPAC Meeting Minutes with amendments:

- Mr. Chris Clarke noted edits:
 - Correct spelling of his surname to include the “e” at the end on pp1 and 4
 - Page 4 – Agenda item 9. Member Reports - update wording from Dahlgren River Heritage Trail to Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail in parenthesis
- Chair Pastwik: Clarified additional trail plans next to the new Dunkin’ Donuts at the Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania boundary, and Shannon Airport location, are in line with East Coast Greenway and Deep Run Spur plans.

Motion: Mr. Chris Clarke; Second: Mr. Erik Nelson

Abstention: Ms. Linda LaSut

Motion approved without objections

5. Public Comment

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

Mr. Ron Thornton, Spotsylvania County resident noted gap in bike-ped accommodations on Fall Hill at block 3400. He further stated that cyclists and pedestrians must go on the side of the road in mud or grass, risking bodily harm.

Mr. Nelson responded that the City of Fredericksburg had been made aware of this and was in the process of contracting the improvement project; funds were reserved.

Mr. Lovegrove suggested use of Cyclists instead of Bikers for Active Transportation.

Mr. Chuck Koch stated that he knew of some elderly people who would not use public paths because of high-speed cyclists or scooters for personal safety.

6. Discussion / Action Items

a. Welcome the new FAMPO Administrator - Chair Jacob Pastwik

Chair Pastwik welcomed the new FAMPO Administrator.

Ms. Barber introduced Ian Ollis and stated that FAMPO staff had waited a long time for this position to be filled.

Mr. Ian Ollis thanked BPAC and fellow staff for the welcome. He stated that he studied transportation planning at MIT and had a background in politics from native South Africa, and was an avid cyclist; he looked forward to developing new and renovated bike-ped paths.

b. Update on bylaws changes - Ms. Kari Barber

Ms. Barber summarized updates to BPAC bylaws as approved at the October meeting



and noted the current document could be found on the meeting agenda links/meeting packet as well as on the committee web page.

c. Add Friends of the Rappahannock to the list of member organizations (ACTION ITEM) – Chair Jacob Pastwik

Motion was made to add Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR) as a member organization of BPAC with Adam Lynch as the representative.

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

Motion passed by unanimous consent

d. Use of StreetLight Data to supplant bike counters (ACTION ITEM) - Mr. Matthew Lehane

Ms. Barber presented StreetLight data for Mr. Lehane who could not attend the meeting due to a university academic commitment.

Mr. Geouge asked what kind of interaction occurred with electronic devices.

Mr. Hager stated that it could analyze Smart phone users in a case study.

Mr. Lynch inquired what the index number was.

Mr. Hager responded it referred to a trip.

Mr. Lynch asked for clarification of trip measurement; was it per day?

Mr. Hager said he would clarify that with Mr. Lehane, but that it was his understanding that the index is a per day amount.

Chair Pastwik agreed with Mr. Nelson that possibly a separate motion could address comparative data. He also noted that such a comparison could have negative impacts on planned improvements. Additionally, was there a concern for privacy in regard to gathering device usage?

Ms. Barber responded that StreetLight did not collect individual data; it was an aggregate.

Mr. Huie asked if there was a local cost required.

Ms. Barber answered that VDOT paid for StreetLight; there were no additional costs.

Motion was made to add StreetLight data to trail use analysis.

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

Motion passed by unanimous consent

Motion was made to utilize disposition between StreetLight data for comparison with and weight against bike counter data.

Motion: Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulding

Ms. Anderson suggested deferring this item to next meeting for committee clarification.

Ms. Talken-Spaulding agreed with Ms. Anderson; the motion was withdrawn.

Motion was made to defer this item to the next meeting.

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

Motion passed by unanimous consent



e. Change terms: From Bike and Pedestrian to Active Transportation (ACTION ITEM) – Ms. Kari Barber

Ms. Barber presented the option to change the committee name to be consistent with current transportation plan document reference and other MPO language updates, to Active Transportation Advisory Committee to be more inclusive of multi-modal users.

Motion was made to modify terminology to add and define “active transportation” for and include the same updates on the BPAC web page, social media and /or other publications for education purposes.

Motion: Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulding; Second: Mr. Stan Huie

Motion passed by unanimous consent

f. Regional Micromobility Policy Subcommittee (ACTION ITEM) - Ms. Kari Barber

Motion was made to form a subcommittee to create a regional micromobility policy comprised of three to six BPAC members, one of which would be the presiding BPAC Chair.

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

Motion passed by unanimous consent

g. Election of Vice Chair (ACTION ITEM) - Chair Jacob Pastwik

Motion made to name current Vice Chair Craig Pennington the new BPAC Chair under bylaw provision and elect Brian Geouge as Vice Chair by acclamation for two-year term (serving as Chair during the second year).

Motion: Mr. Jim Lynch; Second: Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulding

Motion passed by unanimous consent

7. Correspondence

Ms. Vigil noted a couple letters in the meeting packet:

- 1) BPAC letter of endorsement to the Virginia Secretary of Transportation endorsing Stafford County System for the Management and Allocation of Resources for Transportation (SMART SCALE) Round 4 bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects
- 2) King George County letter appointing Chris Clarke to BPAC.

8. Staff Reports

Ms. Kari Barber noted her participation in workshops the past and coming weeks for the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail and their strategic partnership plan. She thought some of the workshop ideas could be incorporated into the Greenway Initiative.

Ms. Talken-Spaulding stated she observed opportunities in Stafford County as well as for commercial and local users from her attendance.

Mr. Clarke also attended and thought King George County would benefit from cooperation in local tourism and economic development.

9. Member & Chair Reports

Mr. Brian Geouge, Stafford County: Mr. Brandon Brown and he met with Sarah Stanford of East Coast Greenway to discuss alternate paths in Stafford to prevent the fatality that happened a few weeks ago in an ECG section. He relayed that she offered to speak at a future BPAC meeting.

Mr. Chris Clarke, King George County: Update on last meeting’s report of request for warning signs for pedestrian and bike crossings on Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail – four were installed at the end of October; three of the signs were completed tasks for the 2045 GWRC Regional Plan.



Ms. Linda LaSut, VDOT: Almost all SMART SCALE information had been collected, including bike-ped; consultants would be contracted for studies such as the Lafayette Multi-modal Study to resume at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Jim Lynch, Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail; Potomac Heritage Trail Association: Expressed appreciation to Mr. Clarke and VDOT for the crosswalk warning signs on the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail; appreciation also for a grant awarded by The Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region (CFRRR) for parking improvements. He noted continued work for improved safe ways along Caledon State Park and Route 218.

Mr. Rob Maple, FredTrails: Update to the awarded matching grant awarded from the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) - 33 signs would be installed at the quarry and Mott's Run Reservoir.

Mr. Huie, Fredericksburg Cyclist Club; Spotsylvania Greenways Initiative; Virginia Bicycle Federation: Acknowledged plans for sidewalk improvements at Riverside Manor to Carl D. Silver Parkway with inclusion of a crosswalk.

Ms. Talken-Spaulding, National Park Service: Expressed appreciation for work with representatives from the Potomac Heritage Trail and National Scenic Trails. She also thanked Mr. Pastwik for stepping up and defining the role of BPAC Chair for the past year.

Chair Pastwik, Spotsylvania County & BPAC: Concluded member reports:

- 1) Request that NPS would consider collaboration with Spotsylvania County in connecting the trail network, especially in regard to the Ni River Trail corridor.
- 2) He expressed thanks to new and familiar members with him on the initial run with the committee as chairman. He further stated that it is good to identify gaps in the trail system and network for ongoing improvements. He noted that Mr. Pennington would do well as the next chair and welcomed Mr. Geouge as the new vice chair.

Motion was made to acknowledge Mr. Jacob Pastwik for his excellent work as BPAC Chair.

Motion: Ms. Leigh Anderson; Second: Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulding
Motion passed by unanimous consent.

10. Adjourn BPAC Meeting / Next Meeting: February 4, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Motion made to adjourn the December 3, 2020 BPAC meeting at **7:32 pm.**

Motion: Mr. Craig Pennington; Second: Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulding
Motion passed by unanimous consent

Leah Vigil
FAMPO Administrative Assistant

