

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - 6:00pm

Remote-only

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

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Committee Members Present:

Mr. Dave McLaughlin, Chair, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Joshua Brock, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. John Castellarin, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Matthew Rowe, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Al Durante, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Neil Holloran, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Melvin Allen, Sr., Stafford County
Mr. Dave Swan, Stafford County (joined at 6:20pm)
Ms. Ethylean Crenshaw, Stafford County
Mr. Glenn Goldsmith, Stafford County
Mr. Wade Suddreth, Stafford County
Ms. Tara Durant, Stafford County
Dr. Robert Gates, King George County
Mr. Larry Gross, At-Large
Mr. Dustin Savage, At-Large
Mr. Rupert Farley, At-Large

Others Present:

Vivek Hariharan
Mr. Brian Roberts
One unidentifiable guest was present in the virtual meeting room

Staff Present:

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Ms. Stacey Feindt, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator
Mr. Matthew Lehane, Transportation Planner
Ms. Jordan Chandler, Transportation Planner

Mr. Adam Hager, Transportation Planner

1. Call to Order – Chairman Dave McLaughlin
The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.
2. Roll Call – Leah Vigil
Ms. Vigil being absent, Ms. Feindt called the roll.
3. **Approval of the March 10, 2021 Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
Motion was made to approve the March 10, 2021 CTAC agenda.
Motion: Mr. Castellarin; Second: Mr. Durante
Motion passed with unanimous consent.
4. **Approval of February 10, 2021 CTAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**
Motion was made to approve the February 10, 2021 CTAC meeting minutes.
Motion: Mr. Castellarin; Second: Mr. Allen
Abstentions: Mr. Gates, Ms. Durant, Mr. Savage, Mr. Goldsmith
Motion passed with unanimous consent.
5. Old Business – Chair McLaughlin
 - a. Goals and Objectives for the Draft 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Chair McLaughlin mentioned an issue from the previous CTAC meeting. He noted that the CTAC by-laws, unlike those of the Policy Committee, do not require that a motion for action, and its required second, must come from two separate jurisdictions to be valid. This misinterpretation of the by-laws caused CTAC to take no action about endorsing the subject goals and objectives. Furthermore, he reported that at the last Policy Committee meeting he was asked why the CTAC did not endorse these goals and objectives. He responded that although the CTAC did not seem to have any substantial issues with them, it was unable to reach a consensus on proposed changes in a reasonably timely manner.
6. Review of February 22, 2021 Policy Committee Meeting
Mr. Ollis reviewed the February 22 Policy Committee meeting, covering topics such as updates to federal funding, pedestrian crossing issues in the region, rail improvements, FREDericksburg Regional Transit bus operations, and actions taken by the Policy Committee in February.
7. Public Comment
No public comments were made.
8. Member Discussion and Action
 - a. GWRideConnect Update – Kate Gibson
Ms. Gibson presented an overview of the GWRideConnect program and some updates regarding its funding. Ms. Gibson highlighted the need for a strategic plan for the program that will be forthcoming later in fiscal year 2021.

Mr. McLaughlin asked about how well GWRideConnect ask for assistance with the strategic plan aligns with FAMPO capabilities. Mr. Ollis indicated that the FAMPO staff is happy to assist with the strategic planning effort.
 - b. 2050 LRTP Update – Adam Hager
 - i. Roadway Project Prioritization Methodology Update
Mr. Hager outlined an update to the FAMPO Roadway Project Prioritization

Methodology which has been a staff effort since early 2021. He noted that staff wanted to update the methodology to better reflect Smart Scale evaluation measures and also make it clear and simple. Mr. Hager added that staff would be switching gears to focus on a transit/transportation demand management scoring system in addition to a bicycle/pedestrian system and studies

Mr. McLaughlin noted that most acronyms were not spelled out. Mr. Hager agreed and said he would try to explain them as he went through the presentation.

Mr. Farley asked whether the future population count in the land use connectivity measure factored in induced population as a result of the project. Mr. Hager responded that one of the primary reasons for this update was to not do travel demand modeling for individual projects which is time and cost intensive and as a result, induced population is not a factor.

Mr. Farley noted that roadway projects are being scored independent from transit but they can get the same funding in Smart Scale. Mr. Hager responded that this is a fair point, but FAMPO's LRTP historically and still now breaks projects into three lists: highway/bicycle/pedestrian, transit/TDM, and planning studies. As a result, the intention is to have a scoring methodology for each project type even if they might apply for the same dollars via Smart Scale down the road.

Mr. Gross asked about the fact that cost is not factored into this proposed process for the LRTP, but Smart Scale evaluates a project based on cost. Mr. Hager noted this was a big debate amongst the staff but the thinking is that the LRTP is not Smart Scale; it has its own function and purpose. Many LRTP projects are conceptual in nature and by the time they apply for Smart Scale funding, the size and scope may change substantially. He added that this draft LRTP prioritization methodology is not one-to-one with Smart Scale, but generally reflects it.

ii. 2050 Revenue Forecasts

Mr. Hager indicated that VDOT has provided forecasted revenues for the 2021-2050 planning horizon.

Mr. McLaughlin asked about the difference between FY18 numbers and FY21 numbers and sought confirmation on whether this essentially meant 2045 LRTP to 2050 LRTP. Mr. Hager responded that this was the case.

Mr. McLaughlin also asked about why State of Good Repair (SGR) projects have zero dollars for certain years. Mr. Hager was not sure but noted that any projects in the VDOT Six Year Improvement Program are going to be completed, sometimes it is a matter of when if there is a funding deficit, such as this current one from COVID-19.

c. Upcoming Public Comment Period for Amendment to the 2045 LRTP Project List – Stacey Feindt

Ms. Feindt had audio connectivity issues. Mr. Hager presented an update on the forthcoming 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan project list amendment as a result of Smart Scale results.

Mr. McLaughlin asked if there was anything surprising in VDOT's guidance. Mr. Hager

responded that everything was generally straightforward.

d. Update on Equity Analysis Procedures – Jordan Chandler

Ms. Chandler provided an update on the FAMPO Equity Analysis, noting that the document will reflect Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) projects and how they might impact underserved populations. She provided an overview of the effort and discussed next steps until completion.

Mr. McLaughlin asked about the reason behind the document. Ms. Chandler relayed that there is federal nondiscrimination legislation that requires this work.

Mr. Durante asked if this would be a freestanding document or included with another. Ms. Chandler noted it would be an appendix to the TIP but would also be included in the 2050 LRTP update to reflect the larger set of projects once ready.

9. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

10. Correspondence

Ms. Feindt shared two news articles related to regional transportation issues and updates. She also shared an appointment letter for the newest CTAC member, Ms. Durant.

11. Staff Reports

Finalized Calendar

Ms. Feindt presented a finalized committee meeting calendar.

12. Member Reports

Mr. Swan shared that he joined the meeting at 6:20pm, but he had no report.

Mr. Holloran welcomed Ms. Durant and indicated he received her note.

Mr. Gross complimented the staff on the project prioritization work.

13. **Adjourn Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting/Next Meeting April 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm. Motion was made by Mr. Farley and seconded by Ms. Durant. Motion passed unanimously.