



## **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING AGENDA**

Thursday, June 3, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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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/>

### **Committee Members Present:**

Craig Pennington, Chair, Caroline County

Brian Geouge, Vice Chair, Stafford County

Chris Clarke, King George County

Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg

Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County

Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect

John Summer, Fredericksburg Cyclist Club (FCC)

Stan Huie, FCC, Virginia Bicycle Federation (VBF), and Spotsylvania Greenways Initiative

Yamina Jordan, Stafford County Alternate Citizen Representative

### **Committee Members Not Present:**

Joy Himes, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)

Ben Matters, PRTC

Kirsten Talken-Spaulding, National Park Service (NPS)

Adam Lynch, Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR)

Debra Fults, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)

Deborah Lately, DRC

Rob Maple, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance (FredTrails)

Jim Lynch, Potomac Heritage Trail Association (PHTA) and Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail (DRHT)

Kevin Wightman, Caroline County Citizen Representative

Kristin Harding, Spotsylvania County Citizen Representative

Stephen Littlewood, Stafford County Citizen Representative

John Lysher, At-Large Citizen Representative

### **Others Present:**

Brandon Brown

Aaron Frank



**Staff Present:**

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator  
Ms. Jordan Chandler, Transportation Planner  
Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner  
Mr. Adam Hager, Transportation Planner  
Ms. Stacey Feindt, Public Involvement Coordinator

**1. Call BPAC Meeting to Order**

Chair Pennington called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

**2. Roll Call**

Mr. Hager called the roll.

**3. Approval of June 3, 2021 BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the June 3, 2021 BPAC agenda.

Motion: Mr. Clark; Second: Mr. Geouge

Motion passed with unanimous consent. Ms. Jackson abstained.

**4. Approval April 1, 2021 BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the April 1, 2021 BPAC meeting minutes.

Motion: Mr. Clark; Second: Mr. Geouge

Motion passed with unanimous consent. Ms. Jackson abstained.

**5. Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

**6. Administrator Report**

Mr. Ollis gave a report focused on a forthcoming FAMPO study effort called the East-West Mobility Study, updates to transportation funding, and other current transportation matters such as a potential extension of the WMATA Metro from Springfield to Quantico.

Mr. Huie asked about the timeframe for both phases of the East-West Study. Mr. Ollis noted that Phase I would commence on the first of July and then Phase II would start shortly before Phase I is finalized; in total, about 12-18 months for each phase.

Mr. Huie asked about geographic considerations for the bicycle/pedestrian elements of the study and whether they would be short- or long-term. Mr. Ollis noted that the effort will focus on access to train stations and ensuring that active transportation options can be a major mode and not just for recreation.

**7. Discussion / Action Items**

**a. SMART SCALE Round 5 Timeline**

Mr. Hager provided an overview of the SMART SCALE Round 5 timeline, noting that VDOT and staff were starting the overall process a little sooner for this round to give time for adequate review and evaluation. Staff will be requesting projects for consideration on the regional lists (FAMPO and GWRC) at next week's Technical Advisory Committee meeting.



b. Transportation Alternatives Update

Ms. Barber provided an update on Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding. She reviewed entities eligible to apply and the types of improvements the funding can support. Ms. Barber explained the timeline and the new requirements for this round. She provided links in the meeting packet for additional information.

c. **Community Engagement and Equity Plan (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Feindt provided information on the CEEP which is currently out for public comment and will be presented to the Policy Committee for adoption in June. She defined the difference between equity and equality noting that this document is a federal obligation and fulfills the Title VI and the public participation plan requirements. She noted that the plan contains the following sections: federal requirements, how FAMPO will comply, how staff will involve the public in the planning process, how staff will document and review public outreach efforts to ensure meaningful participation. Ms. Feindt also reviewed the document's vision and goals, feedback from focus groups, how this plan varies from the current plans, and the timeline to review and comment on this document.

Motion was made to endorse the Community Engagement and Equity Plan.

Motion: Mr. Geouge; Second: Mr. Clark.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

d. Bike Month: Today and Tomorrow

Ms. Anderson presented an overview of GWRideConnect and how it serves the region as a transportation demand management program. She explained the history of National Bike Month and Bike to Work Day. Ms. Anderson invited the group to discuss ideas related to promoting and enhancing next year's Bike Month and Bike to Work Day.

e. Update on the George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Greenway Feasibility Study

Ms. Barber presented an update on the Greenway Feasibility Study. For the past several months, the project team has developed the study and conducted stakeholder meetings. Ms. Barber also detailed the process to develop a prioritization system for evaluating potential trail improvements. She summarized the outputs from each stakeholder meeting and noted what the remaining steps are to complete the effort.

f. Ongoing Bike/Ped needs and concerns from the group

Mr. Geouge opened a discussion related to the idea of a continuous agenda item for the BPAC to identify problem areas within the region related to bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure and networks. The BPAC would be able to address the problem spots and discuss potential improvements. Mr. Hager described how the map works and noted that it will be a live, virtual map that can be updated at any time.

Mr. Summer asked what bicycle and pedestrian improvements would be incorporated with the Chatham Bridge renovation. Ms. Barber informed the committee that a separated shared use path and a mid-point overlook are included in the reconstruction.

Ms. Jordan asked if the committee knew whether a new development near Mine Rd close to Courthouse Rd in Stafford had any bike and pedestrian accommodations. Mr. Geouge



noted that previously the construction was related to development of 2,000 homes called George Washington Village, but that lost traction initially and might be gaining steam again. He added that local planning staff have plans to connect Mine Rd to Centerport Parkway in the future.

Ms. Jordan said she would be more involved in the county to find out what bicycle and pedestrian improvements and land use changes were occurring so she could inform the committee as needed. Mr. Geouge informed Ms. Jordan that she could attend PDRC, historical commission, and or parks and recreation meetings to gain local knowledge.

#### 8. **Correspondence**

Ms. Barber shared the link to the Cannonball Century Ride which will occur on September 25, 2021. She mentioned the link to sign up is in the pack and will be added to the BPAC page for convenience.

#### 9. **Staff Reports**

Ms. Barber shared that FAMPO staff is beginning to assist rural communities with creating SMART SCALE candidate projects as part of the Rural Work Program (RWP). She also attended King George's Locality Day and will do the same when Caroline hosts theirs.

Ms. Barber noted that at the next BPAC meeting the committee would begin working on the 2050 Bicycle and Pedestrian update in earnest and would become the focus of the group for the next several meetings.

Ms. Barber shared the exciting news of the FAMPO Mobility Survey and encouraged members to take it.

#### 10. **Member Reports**

Ms. Barber shared a message from Mr. Pastwik noting that Spotsylvania was looking at candidate new TAP projects and to expand the counties list of short and long term CLRP projects. Mr. Pastwik added that it is a work in progress including shared use paths and sidewalk projects. The county is also looking to implement logical gap closures and extensions of the trailways master plan, including some greenway sections. For greenways, the major focus is on VCR Trail, Ni River Trail, Deep Run Spur and Spotsylvania Avenue Extension which is part of Massaponax Creek system.

Ms. Barber shared a message from Ms. Talken-SpaULDing stating that a chipseal project along Lee Drive is scheduled to begin in July. There will be message boards up and notices posted on-line. The NPS is particularly mindful of the impact for bicycle users. If the committee members could help spread the word in the bicycle community that would be most helpful. Lastly, if anyone has any questions, they should feel free to contact Ms. Talken-SpaULDing directly.

#### 11. **Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting / Next meeting Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 6:00pm**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. Motion was made by Mr. Huie and seconded by Ms. Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.