

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 7, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
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Committee Members Present:

Vice Chair Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Rodney White, Spotsylvania County
Second Vice Chair Alex Owsiak, Stafford County
Mr. Brandon Brown, Stafford County
Mr. Nick Minor, King George County, arrived at 9:36 a.m.
Mr. Stephen Haynes, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Ms. Ciara Williams, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT),
arrived at 9:41 a.m.
Mr. Aidan Quirke, FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)
Ms. Kate Gibson, GWRideConnect

Committee Members Present (remotely, without virtual participation request):

Mr. Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Mohamed Benomar, Spotsylvania County
Ms. Kimberly Wilson, King George County
Mr. Joe Stainsby, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Mr. Nick Ruiz, Virginia Railway Express (VRE)

Committee Members Absent:

Chairman Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County
Michelle Shropshire, VDOT (personal leave)
Mr. Mike Craig, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Bryon Counsell, Stafford County
Mr. Mike Finchum, Caroline County
Mr. Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Mr. Jim Ponticello, VDOT
Mr. Dan Grinnell, VDOT
Mr. Todd Horsley, DRPT
Dr. Bob Schneider, PRTC
Ms. Christine Hoeffner, VRE
Mr. R. Craig Reed, FRED
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect

Others Present:

Ms. Susan Gardner, VDOT
Ms. Zadi Lacy, FRED

Staff Present:

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Manager
Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner
Ms. Jordan Chandler, Transportation Planner
Mr. Matthew Lehane, Transportation Planner
Ms. Lana Bizeau, Transportation Planning Intern

1. Call Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Ms. Chandler conducted roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

3. Approval of the February 7, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the February 7, 2022 TAC agenda.

Motion: Mr. Quirke Second: Mr. Owsiak

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. Approval of the January 10, 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the January 10, 2022 TAC meeting minutes.

Motion: Mr. Owsiak Second: Mr. White

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. Review of the January 24, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting

Mr. Ollis reviewed the Policy Committee meeting by summarizing the agenda. He informed the committee that the Highway Safety Target Setting Letter was approved and signed. CMAQ & STBG project selection processes were approved, specifically allowing jurisdictions five applications for modes eligible to the applicants and transit agencies three applications for modes eligible to the applicant. Four resolutions related to regional studies were approved, as well as the initiation of a public comment period for the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP) and 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The Policy Committee selected a new vice chair from Stafford County. The committee choose to seek advice regarding the bylaws from the Attorney General prior approving an amendment to the bylaws.

6. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

7. Action/Discussion Items

- a. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Project Selection Process Update – Jordan Chandler

1. FY23-28 Schedule, Available Funding, and Modified Call for Projects/Allocations

Ms. Chandler began by reviewing the approved CMAQ and STBG project selection process that was approved by the Policy Committee. She then reviewed the modified call for projects requirements and presented the timeline for projects applications and allocations. She presented the previous and leftover funds that will be allocated through this modified call for projects and identified a few unknown funding impacts.

Mr. Ollis emphasized that the funding available for this application round is significantly smaller than the round that will begin in the fall due to the decision to reserve FY28 funds. He encouraged jurisdictions to start preparing for the fall application period.

2. CMAQ/STBG Webpage Link

Ms. Chandler presented FAMPO's CMAQ and STBG webpage link and pointed out several resources for the call for projects, including the application form, FHWA Air Quality tool, application and project selection processes, and current CMAQ and STBG allocations.

Mr. Owsiak clarified that this call for projects is for FY22 to FY27 funds. FY28 funds will be held until the fall's funding round. Ms. Chandler confirmed his clarification.

b. **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Update (ACTION ITEM) – Kari Barber**

Ms. Barber provided an update on the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). She informed the committee that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) District Member selection and the options for MPO selection for TA funds set-aside for the Transportation management Area (TMA) . The selected CTB District Member recommended Spotsylvania County's Chancellor Park Drive Sidewalk project for funding. CTB At-Large Member selection is currently underway, and results are forthcoming.

Ms. Barber then introduced a new measure that deducts points from applications. The measure is based on localities' current and past performance on VDOT's dashboard as well as project cancellations and delays beyond four years. This new measure impacted several FAMPO projects. She then reviewed the five FAMPO projects that were not selected, indicating whether they were affected by this new deductive measure. She reminded the committee that the scores do not choose the projects, they only serve to inform the CTB District and At-Large Member's choice. She concluded by asking the committee to endorse one of two north Stafford projects for TA set-aside TMA funds.

Mr. Owsiak expressed concern about the new deductive measure, as it was not mentioned in the TAP guidelines. He indicated that Stafford County would prefer to use the TAP funding allocation for a current project with a funding deficit, the Flatford Road Sidewalk project.

Mr. Ollis added that this would be possible if the project is within or directly adjacent to the TMA.

Motion was made to apply the TMA funding to the Flatford Road sidewalk project, with any leftover funding applying to the Staffordboro Boulevard sidewalk project.

Motion: Mr. Owsiak: Second: Mr. Quirke

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

After a discussion about the new deductive measure and vote to allocate TA set-asides for the TMA, Ms. Jackson asked that the process by which the measure was established be discussed at the following committee meeting.

c. SMART SCALE Round 5 Update – Matthew Lehane

Mr. Lehane began by presenting the FAMPO and GWRC SMART SCALE Round 5 timeline. He then presented the ten preliminary FAMPO and GWRC SMART SCALE projects. He concluded with a timeline of next steps through December 2023.

Ms. Williams requested that FAMPO coordinate with DRPT on any projects with transit elements.

Mr. Haynes added that the pre-application process begins March 1, 2022 and closes on April 1, 2022.

Mr. Ollis concluded by saying that Ms. Barber will be the point of contact for SMART SCALE going forward.

d. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update – Ian Ollis

1. **Endorse Resolution 22-23 Directing a Public Comment Period for the 2022 Congestion Management Process (CMP) (ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Ollis reminded the committee that the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) public comment period is ongoing until February 28, 2022. He then requested a 15-day comment period for the new Congestion Management Process (CMP), to allow its adoption in conjunction with the rest of the 2050 LRTP. He noted that two corridors, VA Route 208 to Lafayette Boulevard and Warrenton Road to VA Route 218, were added for this CMP update.

Ms. Jackson inquired as to why the corridors were added. Mr. Ollis explained that the corridors were chosen based on congestion measures, as discussed in the November TAC meeting.

Motion was made to endorse Resolution 22-23.

Motion: Mr. Owsiak Second: Mr. White

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

e. **Endorse Resolution 22-24 Approving the Fiscal Year 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment 1 (ACTION ITEM) – Ian Ollis**

Mr. Ollis explained that this resolution is to approve Amendment 1 of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) following the public comment period.

Motion was made to endorse Resolution 22-24.

Motion: Mr. White Second: Ms. Williams

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

f. FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Jordan Chandler

1. **Endorse Resolution 22-25 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add UPC 120524, New Park & Ride Lot near I-95 Exit 133 and UPC 120644; Rt 1 STARS - Rt. 3 Off-Ramp / Spotsy Ave Improv (ACTION ITEM)**
2. **Endorse Resolution 22-26 Approving amendments to the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to add UPC T-26254, FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study – Phase II, UPC 111682, Preliminary Engineering For The Virginia Central Railway Trail Tunnel/Bridge Crossing Study, And Five New Fredericksburg Regional Transit Projects (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Chandler presented two amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and requested a public comment period be indicated for Resolution 22-25 and endorsement of projects in Resolution 22-26 following the public comment period.

Motion was made to endorse Resolution 22-25 and 22-26.

Motion: Mr. Owsiak Second: Ms. Williams

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

8. Correspondence

Mr. Ollis informed the committee that he sent a letter to the Attorney General in reference to the possible amendments to the Policy Committee bylaws. He also noted that staff received a request to amend the FY21-24 TIP if their respective projects were funded.

9. Staff Reports

Mr. Ollis announced the full time hire of Ms. Barber and informed the committee of Mr. Lehane's departure from FAMPO. He added that FAMPO is working to hire two new employees in the near future.

10. Member Reports

Ms. Williams informed the committee that the FY23 5303 funding estimates will be released this month and grant applications by MPOs will be due May 2, 2022.

Mr. Quirke introduced FRED's new planning intern, Zadie Lacy. He added that FRED will be going fair free starting February 28, 2022.

Mr. Haynes encouraged full participation in the pipeline study so that the most important projects are prioritized. Mr. Ollis added that a meeting with the City of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County to discuss the pipeline projects is forthcoming.

Mr. Haynes added that VDOT will reach out to applicants regarding SMART SCALE over the next month.

Mr. Amin asked about the pipeline study for Landsdowne Road widening. Mr. White responded that Landsdowne Road is in Spotsylvania County's long-range plan, but widening is not in the immediate forefront.

11. Adjourn/Next TAC Meeting: March 7, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 am.

Motion: Mr. Quirke Second: Mr. Owsiak
Abstentions: None
Motion passed with unanimous consent.