



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 4, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:

Craig Pennington, Chair, Caroline County
Brian Geouge, Vice Chair, Stafford County
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Adam Lynch, Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR)
John Summer, Fredericksburg Cyclist Club (FCC)
Aaron Frank, City of Fredericksburg Citizen Representative
Stephen Littlewood, Stafford County Citizen Representative

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

Yamina Jordan, Stafford County Alternate Citizen Representative

Committee Members Present (remotely, with virtual participation request):

Jim Lynch, Potomac Heritage Trail Association (PHTA) and Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail (DRHT)
Deborah Lately, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)

Committee Members Not Present:

Chris Clarke, King George County
Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
Kirsten Talken-Spaulding, National Park Service (NPS)
Rob Maple, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance (FredTrails)
Joy Himes, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Ben Matters, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Debra Fults, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)

Stan Huie, FCC, Virginia Bicycle Federation (VBF), and Spotsylvania Greenways Initiative
Heather LaBelle, Caroline County Citizen Representative
Kristin Harding, Spotsylvania County Citizen Representative
John Lysher, At-Large Citizen Representative
Brantley Tyndall, Virginia Bicycle Federation (VBF)

Others Present:

Mr. Brandon Brown, Stafford County

Staff Present:

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Mr. Matthew Lehane, Transportation Planner
Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner/ Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Mr. Adam Hager, Transportation Planner

1. **Call BPAC Meeting to Order**

Chair Craig Pennington called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Ms. Barber called the roll.

3. **Approval of November 4, 2021 BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the November 4, 2021 BPAC agenda.

Motion: Mr. Lynch; Second: Mr. Frank

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of October 7, 2021 BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the October 7, 2021 BPAC meeting minutes.

Motion: Mr. Geouge; Second: Mr. Pennington

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. **FAMPO Administrator Report**

Mr. Ollis gave the FAMPO Administrator Report where he discussed the ongoing East-West mobility study by FAMPO along with its bike/ped elements, he discussed the FAMPO/GWRC SMART SCALE round 5 applications and their bike/ped elements, the US 17 Bike/Ped study by Stafford County, the GWRC Rural Work Program, the new Chatham Bridge, a new Park and Ride Lot in Spotsylvania County at Commonwealth Drive, and results of the 2020 Census.

Mr. Lynch asked if there was more documentation in regards to the SMART SCALE projects. Mr. Ollis and Mr. Lehane responded that there is and it is found on the FAMPO website under previous presentations with the most recent being on the October CTAC agenda. Ms. LaSut also responded that past SMART SCALE projects can be found on the VDOT website. Mr. Pastwik also added that the local jurisdictions also have SMART SCALE projects and Mr. Lehane responded that the list of local projects can be found under the most recent Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) agenda under staff reports.

6. **Public Comment**

Mr. Brown commented on a press release from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on the new Street Smart campaign that tells drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists to watch out for each other, and promotes safety. Ms. Barber added that she would send this press release to the committee.

7. **Discussion / Action Items**

a) **Old Business-- Approving Chapters 1-2 of the FAMPO 2050 Active Transportation Plan (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Barber presented an updated draft of chapters 1-2 of the FAMPO 2050 Active Transportation Plan that reflects the changes since the last BPAC meeting in October.

Motion was made to approve the Chapters 1-2 of the FAMPO 2050 Active Transportation Plan

Motion: Mr. Summer; Second: Ms. LaSut
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

b) Approving Chapters 3-4 of the FAMPO 2050 Active Transportation Plan (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Barber presented chapters 3 and 4 of the FAMPO 2050 Active Transportation Plan. She discussed Chapter 3 which talks about planning for active transportation: the who, what, when, where, and why. The chapter also discusses micromobility and bicycle demand and stress analysis of bicycle infrastructure. She discussed Chapter 4 which talks about the recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements in each locality as well as a list of supporting studies. Lastly, she discussed Chapter 5, which talks about the implementation of the plan, its strategies, funding, the constrained long-range plan (CLRP), and maintenance. Ms. Barber added that the next steps are to send out the section on economic health and benefits, complete the entire draft and send to the committee for review, and final approval at the January 6th meeting.

Ms. Barber and committee members discussed micromobility and the Fredericksburg bicycle and pedestrian study in regard to bike share. They discussed the outcomes of the study and feasibility of bike share in the Fredericksburg region. Further, they discussed the potential for bicycle improvements in the Central Park area in regards to the upcoming public hearing for the City of Fredericksburg's Small Area Plan 1 which covers Central Park and its future land uses.

Mr. Pastwik commented on the breakdown of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Chapter 3. He added that there is likely crossover between facilities and wondered how it could be addressed. He also commented that under what instance would some of these types of facilities be implemented.

Ms. Barber and committee members discussed next steps in regards to comments and updates to the document. No action was taken.

c) Ongoing Bike/Ped Needs and Concerns

Mr. Lehane showed the updated needs and concerns map with the added CLRP bicycle and pedestrian projects. He gave an overview of the interactive map and discussed its uses.

8. Correspondence

Ms. Barber presented a news article on the newly completed Chatham Bridge and the importance of its bicycle and pedestrian elements.

9. Staff Reports

Ms Barber announced the arrival of the new Executive Director, Mr. Chip Boyles.

10. Member Reports

Mr. Pastwik discussed the potential updates to the Spotsylvania County Comprehensive Plan and a planned future vote.

Mr. Geouge discussed the potential updates to the Stafford County Comprehensive Plan and a planned future vote.

Mr. Pennington discussed the potential updates to the Caroline County Comprehensive Plan and a planned future vote.

Ms. LaSut discussed the ongoing VDOT Pipeline Studies which are accessing needs for SMART SCALE projects.

11. Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting / Next meeting January 6, 2022 at 6:00pm

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Lynch; Second: Mr. Summer

Motion passed with unanimous consent.