



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

### **Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, May 5th – 6:00 p.m.

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### **Committee Members Present:**

Brian Geouge, Chair, Stafford County

Vice- Chair Adam Lynch, Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR)

Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County

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

Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg

John Summer, Fredericksburg Cyclist Club (FCC)

Aaron Frank, City of Fredericksburg Citizen Representative

Yamina Jordan, Stafford County Alternate

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

Deborah Lately, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)

Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect

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

Joy Himes, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)

Ben Matters, PRTC

Kirsten Talken-Spaulling, National Park Service (NPS)

Stephen Littlewood, Stafford County Citizen Representative

Kevin Brown, At-Large Citizen Representative

Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Debe Fults, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)

Rob Maple, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance (FredTrails)

Craig Pennington, Caroline County

Chris Clarke, King George County

Kirsten Talken-Spaulling, National Park Service (NPS)

### **Others Present:**

Joe Bonds

Robert Mason

Devyn Bell

### **Staff Present:**

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator

Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner/ Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator

Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Manager

Mx. Colie Touzel, Public Involvement & Title VI Coordinator

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**1. Call BPAC Meeting to Order**

Chair Geouge called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Ms. Barber called the roll.

**3. Approval of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 BPAC agenda.

Motion: Mr. Adam Lynch; Second: Mr. Jim Lynch

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**4. Approval of March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 BPAC Meeting Minutes**

Discussion: Mr. Pastwik mentioned a space in the minutes that needed deleting.

Ms. Lately had sent in a correction for her name spelling.

Mr. Jim Lynch mentioned that he had small comments he had emailed in.

Motion was made to approve the March 3<sup>rd</sup> BPAC meeting minutes, as amended.

Motion: Mr. Jim Lynch; Second: Mr. Pastwik

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

**5. FAMPO Administrator Report-Mr. Ian Ollis**

Mr. Ollis presented a summary of his presentation to the FAMPO Policy Committee on the EW Study, Funding, and the upcoming FAMPO Vision Survey.

He summarized the development of Bike/Ped proposals in the study, discussing transit access connections, current SMART SCALE applications, and facility upgrades. He also previewed plans for a BRT route.

Mr. Ollis went on to detail CMAQ/STBG active transportation funding recommendations, reviewed the Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee's proposal for an Outer Connector, and introduced the FAMPO Future Vision Survey, letting members know they will receive the survey by email and that the deadline to submit the survey is May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, Mr. Ollis told BPAC that FAMPO would be hosting a Freight Summit in September.

**6. Public Comment**

No public comments were received. No member of the public spoke.

**7. Discussion/Action Items**

**a. DRAFT FAMPO FY23 Unified Planning Work Program- Mr. Ollis**

Mr. Ollis presented the FY23 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), documenting tasks and projects for the next fiscal year. He stated that the UPWP is available for public comment and the deadline is May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**b. Active Transportation Provisions in the IIA -Ms. Kari Barber**

Ms. Barber summarized the new programs, regulations, and changes in funding affecting active transportation in the IIA, the large infrastructure bill passed by Congress.

**c. Proposal for Bike Counter Locations for 2022 (ACTION ITEM) -Ms. Kari Barber**



Ms. Barber presented the suggestions she had received for count locations from the members. Out of the locations, six were voted on in order to have two months of data for each, at opposing times of the year. Mr. Lynch and Mr. Frank asked to hold their two slots until they researched the City's footbridge plans; Chair Geouge chose Furnace Road and Chatham Bridge. Mr. Pastwik chose the junction between Spotsylvania Parkway and Hospital Blvd, and the Courtland Park Frontage Trail.

Motion to approve the Count locations for 2022

Motion: Mr. John Summer; Second: Mr. Jim Lynch

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

8. **SMART SCALE Round 5 Update -Ms. Kari Barber**

Ms. Barber gave an update on the revised set of current SMART SCALE candidate projects, noting that the Rt 3 pipeline project had been removed from the FAMPO list. She explained that one project still had to be removed from the GWRC list. She talked about the need to revise the scope of some projects because of high-cost estimates and reminded localities that they needed to compile Economic Development data for each project.

Mr. Bonds asked what role safety had in evaluating SMART SCALE projects. Ms. Barber explained that safety is a major criterion for scoring projects, and one of five metrics. Mr. Ollis explained that safety was a VTrans need, and projects built on VTrans safety corridors scored higher. Ms. Barber added that with VDOT's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan corridors were now assessed for risk, not just prior crashes, as part of a new Safe Systems approach; this figured into the process.

9. **Policy Committee Representation (ACTION ITEM) -Ms. Kari Barber**

Ms. Barber presented a draft letter to be sent to the Policy Committee on behalf of BPAC requesting non-voting representation on their committee. She explained the benefits of such representation and asked the members for their consent.

Motion to send a letter requesting representation to the Policy Committee

Motion: Mr. John Summer; Second: Mr. Adam Lynch

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

10. **Correspondence**

Ms. Barber shared an article about an ultra-runner who was beginning a full journey of the East Coast Greenway, noting that he was averaging 40 miles a day to raise money for the trail.

11. **Staff Reports**

Ms. Barber stated that she had attended a site visit of the Hazel Run Bridge Project and that at that visit VDOT had agreed to take over the project from the City and to administer it. There was some discussion on the history of that project.

Mr. Ollis summarized the importance of adding bike/ped facilities to the Falmouth Bridge rehabilitation project and stated that he would be working with VDOT to facilitate that possibility. He also commented on the lack of paint and signage on Cowan Blvd Trail/multi-use path and added that there must be a connection through Central Park to Spotsylvania Town Centre.



## 12. Member reports

Mr. Lynch reported that the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail friends' group is trying to reroute the trail so that it no longer passes through a minority cemetery. He is working with King George County to rewrite the zoning ordinance to allow trails through agricultural districts and is looking for help with language examples to use in the rewrite. Mr. Geouge suggested a public use easement. Mr. Pastwik had suggestions on dividing the parcel in question. Mr. Lynch also gave an update on efforts to provide bike/ped facilities at the Nice Bridge rebuild.

Mr. Summer introduced his replacement, Mr. Bonds, and stated that he would take over as representative, and Mr. Summer would remain as an alternate for the Fredericksburg Cyclists Club.

Ms. Jordan proposed the idea of having bike racks on school buses, asking if this has been examined to connect students who have to walk to the school bus stop from distant home sites, since school buses can't go directly to every house.

Mr. Frank pointed out all the new bike racks appearing downtown, giving kudos to the City for these new facilities. He also reported that the City was considering lowering speed limits from 25 to 20 mph. Lastly, he invited everyone to a casual bike ride with 15minuteFredericksburg.

## 13. Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting / Next meeting **July 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm**

Chair Geouge called for a motion to adjourn at 7:50.

Motion: Mr. Jim Lynch; Second: Mr. Summer

Motion passed with unanimous consent.