



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 7th – 6:00 p.m.

<https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/> 406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg VA 22401

Committee Members Present:

Brian Geouge, Chair, Stafford County
Vice- Chair Adam Lynch, Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR)
Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Chris Clarke, King George County
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Kevin Brown, At-Large Citizen Representative
Stephen Littlewood, Stafford County Citizen Representative
Yamina Jordan, Stafford County Alternate

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

Deborah Lately, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)
Aaron Frank, City of Fredericksburg Citizen Representative

Committee Members Not Present:

Joy Himes, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Ben Matters, PRTC
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Debe Fults, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)
Rob Maple, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance (FredTrails)
Jim Lynch, Potomac Heritage Trail Association (PHTA) and Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad
Heritage Trail (DRHT)
Joe Bonds, Fredericksburg Cyclist Club (FCC)
Chris Collins, Acting Superintendent, National Park Service (NPS)

Others Present:

Alex Owsiak, Stafford County
Chris Daily, VHB
Cassie Patterson (Online) VHB
Nat Grier (Online) VHB

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



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 July 7th, 2022, BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Chair Geouge requested an amendment to the agenda to add an action item, 7d: Individual to serve as BPAC representative to the Policy Committee.

Motion was made to approve the July 7th, 2022, BPAC agenda as amended.
Motion: Mr. Lynch; Second: Ms. Anderson
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of May 5th, 2022, BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the May 5th BPAC meeting minutes.
Motion: Mr. Clarke; Second: Mr. Pennington
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

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

Mr. Ollis summarized his recent presentation to the Policy Committee. He discussed the FAMPO Vision Survey, which captured the opinions of members of all four FAMPO committees and FAMPO staff and addressed how a Future Vision document could influence policy going forward. He discussed FAMPO's future direction, including opportunities presented by the IJJA funding, a greater focus on transit and TOD, and the challenges of staffing in a volatile employment environment. He also celebrated the increasing spirit of cooperation and regionalism seen among the FAMPO localities in recent years.

6. **Public Comment**

Mx. Touzel read a letter received by Ms. Margaret Mock in support of completing the Belmont- Ferry Farm Trail, which was recently stopped due to funding and the concerns of nearby residents.

7. **Discussion/Action Items**

a. **East-West Mobility Study Update- Mr. Chris Daily, VHB**

Mr. Daily presented multiple choice options for several new bike/ ped connections in Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg, and Stafford. With local knowledge, committee members and staff were able to give extensive comments on each alternative and suggest a preferred route, as well as eliminate any routes that had known insurmountable problems. There was considerable discussion on each location.

b. **FAMPO Vision Survey- Mx. Colie Touzel**



Mx. Touzel presented the results of the FAMPO vision survey, which was sent to all members of FAMPO committees and staff. They pointed out some common themes within the survey results including multimodal options, transit-oriented development, and integrating land use with transportation infrastructure. Mx. Touzel explained that along with the survey results and further transportation planning research, the FAMPO staff will create a Future Vision document to help inform the future of the FAMPO region.

c. SMART SCALE Update- Ms. Kari Barber

Ms. Barber gave a brief update on the SMART SCALE projects being submitted by GWRC and FAMPO, touching on those which had changed scope since the committee had last seen them. Mr. Ollis commented that nearly every project has a shared-use path included. The committee discussed the projects. Ms. Barber reminded everyone that the deadline for SMART SCALE is fast approaching.

d. Representation on the Policy Committee (ACTION ITEM)- Chair Brian Geouge/Ms. Kari Barber

Chair Geouge reported that the Policy Committee had agreed to allow Ms. Barber to draft a bylaw change allowing non-voting membership for BPAC. BPAC then discussed whom the representative should be: the BPAC Chair, or a different BPAC member.

Ms. Barber explained that the Policy Committee Bylaws need to specify whether the representative will be the Chair, the Vice Chair, or a person appointed or voted on by the committee, as well as the length of the representative's term.

After substantial discussion, the final wording decided upon was the BPAC representative to the Policy Committee shall be the Chair, or Vice Chair (alternate) or the appointment of the Chair (second alternate).

Motion: Mr. Clarke; Second: Vice Chair Lynch
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

8. Correspondence

Vice Chair Lynch called attention to an upcoming VDOT public hearing on the Twin Lakes Drive /Kensington Connector, a SMART-SCALE funded bike/ped path, July 14th at Dorothy Hart Community Center, at 5 pm.

9. Staff Reports

Mr. Ollis reported that FAMPO is interviewing new staff.

10. Member reports



- Ms. LaSut reported that VDOT is working on SMART SCALE and hiring for a planning position.
- Chair Geouge reported that Stafford recently wrapped up their Warrenton Road Multimodal study and was shifting focus to Garrisonville Rd between US 1 and Joshua Rd.
- Ms. Jordan reported that she may be relocating to Los Angeles and is grateful for her experience with BPAC and what she learned from fellow BPAC members. She said that wherever she lives, she will continue to advocate for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
- Mr. Lynch reported that Friends of the Rappahannock and the University of Mary Washington are looking for volunteers for concurrent urban heat island studies, and to email him for more information.
- Ms. Anderson reported that GWRideConnect is having a meeting with Van poolers on how to address the new normal of flexible schedules.
- Mr. Clarke reported that King George Parks and Recreation did a recreational needs assessment in the Month of May on thirty different types of needs; the study determined that the top-ranked need is walking and bicycling trails. He said the county is moving forward with its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and that the administration has tasked him with the implementation of the Master Trailway Study. The county will work with GWRC staff to rank projects this year as part of the rural work program (RWP) and will seek funding for priority projects next year.

(Ms. Barber reported for Mr. Maple and Mr. Lynch, reading emails sent in their absence):

- Mr. Maple reported that the Fred trails Alliance had mowed, snipped, and trimmed 24 miles of natural surface trail during their June Prune, and had installed new trail sign kiosks at all three trail heads: the Quarry Canal trail, the Quarry Sunshine trail, and Motts trail. The signs cover the latest maps, trail etiquette, status requirements, and more.
- Mr. Lynch reported that the General Assembly passed a measure calling for a sustainability study for the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail (DRHT) to join Caledon State Park. The Friends of DRHT are in touch with the VA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and will work out the logistics of the study and offer their assistance. King George is conducting an update of the zoning ordinance and the Friends' group is working with them to make the ordinance more friendly for trails.

11. Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting / Next meeting
September 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm

Chair Geouge called for a motion to adjourn at 8:45.

Motion: Mr. Lynch; Second: Ms. Anderson

Motion passed with unanimous consent.