

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 6, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

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Committee Members Present:

Chairman Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Rodney White, Spotsylvania County
Vice Chair Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Mike Craig, City of Fredericksburg
Second Vice Chair Alex Owsiak, Stafford County
Mr. Nick Minor, King George County (arrived at 9:38 am)
Ms. Amy Gabarini, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Stephen Haynes, VDOT
Mr. Nick Ruiz, Virginia Railway Express (VRE)
Mr. Aidan Quirke, FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)
Ms. Kate Gibson, GWRideConnect

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

Ms. Kimberly Wilson, King George County (remote attendance)

Committee Members Absent:

Mr. Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Mohamed Benomar, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Bryon Counsell, Stafford County
Mr. Mike Finchum, Caroline County
Mr. Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Ms. Ciara Williams, DRPT
Mr. Jim Ponticello, VDOT
Mr. Dan Grinnell, VDOT
Dr. Bob Schneider, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Mr. Joe Stainsby, PRTC
Ms. Christine Hoeffner, VRE
Mr. R. Craig Reed, FRED
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect

Others Present:

Ms. Susan Gardner, VDOT
Ms. Linda LaSut, VDOT (remote attendance)
Mr. Colin Burch, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) (remote attendance)

Staff Present:

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager
Mx. Colie Touzel, Public Involvement and Title VI Coordinator
Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner and Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
Ms. Jordan Chandler, Transportation Planner II
Ms. Lana Bizeau, Transportation Planner

1. Call Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

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

3. Approval of the June 6, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the June 6, 2022 TAC agenda.

Motion: Mr. Owsiak Second: Mr. Ruiz

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. Approval of the May 2, 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the May 2, 2022 TAC meeting minutes.

Motion: Mr. Quirke Second: Mr. Owsiak

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. Review of the May 16, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting

Mr. Ollis reviewed the Policy Committee meeting by summarizing the agenda. The final four applications for SMART SCALE Round 5, the CMAQ/STBG update, and the contract with Cambridge Systematics for the 2022 Freight Summit were approved. The UPWP was approved during an Executive Committee Meeting on May 23, 2022. Mr. Ollis added that the GWRC board approved FAMPO's budget.

Resolution 22-36 was withdrawn. Resolution 22-37 Adopting Regional Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program Performance Measure Targets Supporting TPB was approved. The Spotsylvania County 2022 RAISE Grant letter of approval from FAMPO was endorsed.

6. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

7. Action/Discussion Items

a. SMART SCALE Round 5 – Kari Barber

1. **Resolution 22-39 Authorizing Support for the George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) SMART SCALE Project Applications (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Barber began by announcing that the GWRC and FAMPO applications for SMART SCALE Round 5 have been screened in. She also informed the committee that one GWRC project must be removed. She briefly presented all five GWRC projects and opened the discussion of which one to remove.

Mr. Agnello raised the question of whether this decision could be deferred to GWRC as the TAC did not have enough information to make the decision.

Motion was made to defer the decision to GWRC before endorsing Resolution 22-39.

Motion: Mr. Agnello Second: Ms. Jackson

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

2. **Resolution 22-40 Authorizing Support for Locality Round 5 SMART SCALE Project Applications (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Barber drew the committee's attention to a comprehensive list of the localities' and transit agencies' Round 5 SMART SCALE Project Applications and advised that this blanket resolution would authorize support for all the applications.

Motion was made to endorse Resolution 22-40.

Motion: Mr. Owsiak Second: Ms. Jackson

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

b. **FAMPO & Locality Grant Application Logistics – Chairman Agnello**

Mr. Ollis opened the conversation of which Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) grants FAMPO and jurisdictions should be tracking. He drew the committee's attention to the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program and Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Program. Mr. Agnello emphasized that certain grants are more appropriate to localities rather than the region.

Mr. Quirke added that certain grants are specific to metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). Ms. Barber responded that these grants are often specific to MPOs with a population of 200,000 or more in the urbanized area, which limits FAMPO's applicability.

Mr. Ollis stated that FAMPO does not have a regional safety plan. Mr. Agnello added that none of the localities have one either and that the SS4A program would be an opportunity to develop one for the region.

Ms. Chandler clarified that submitting the SS4A grant application by September 15, 2022 would open funds for the development of a safety plan and the potential to fund safety plan projects the following application cycle.

Mr. Agnello added that these grant programs also require a match, which would be significant for GWRC and FAMPO.

Ms. Jackson suggested that FAMPO provide more information about grants before any decisions be made. Ms. Shropshire reminded FAMPO staff to review their UPWP to ensure

grant writing was one of the work products listed, otherwise a UPWP amendment would be necessary.

c. Fiscal Year 21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Modification – Jordan Chandler

1. VDOT Requested Modifications

2. **Resolution 22-41 Directing a Public Comment Period for an Amendment to the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to add UPC 120321: #I95CIP EXIT 140 W. STAFFORD CNTY TO CAPITOL HILL (RT. 4), 120322: #I95CIP EXIT 126 TO EXIT 10 N CAROLINE CNTY TO DC CORE RT 1, and 120323: #I95CIP EXIT 133 TO EXIT 9 FREDBG TO PENTAGON / CRYSTAL CITY (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Chandler briefly presented the above TIP amendments. After a request from Mr. Agnello, Ms. Gardner agreed to follow up with DRPT and PRTC about project specifics.

Motion was made to endorse Resolution 22-41.

Motion: Mr. Agnello Second: Ms. Jackson

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

d. FAMPO Vision Survey – Colie Touzel

Mx. Touzel informed the committee that the results were collected from members of the four FAMPO committees and six FAMPO staff. They presented the findings of the survey, which will be synthesized into a FAMPO vision statement.

e. **Resolution 22-42 FY21 Annual Listing of Transportation Project Obligations (ACTION ITEM) – Ian Ollis**

Ms. Gardner clarified that the listing is a fiscal year closeout.

Motion was made to recommend Resolution 22-42.

Motion: Mr. White Second: Mr. Owsiak

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

f. FAMPO-VDOT-Locality Communication Policy – Ian Ollis & Becky Golden

Mr. Ollis brought up the consistency of communication between localities, VDOT, DRPT, and FAMPO. He inquired as to who will be responsible for informing FAMPO when cost estimates change or when projects are initiated.

Mr. Quirke suggested that project updates be incorporated into the TAC meeting agendas.

Ms. Gardner suggested that Mr. Ollis review the VDOT Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP) for information about projects. She added that informing FAMPO of cost estimate changes is the responsibility of whichever agency is administering the project.

Ms. Golden added that permit projects should also be tracked by FAMPO localities. She requested that committee members start compiling a list of transportation projects completed

since 2015 for use in the FAMPO Travel Demand Model update which will commence in August 2022.

g. FAMPO Committee Meeting Calendar – Jordan Chandler

Ms. Chandler drew the committee’s attention to the calendar of FAMPO committee meetings with a reminder that TAC will not meet in July 2022.

h. **Election of Officers (ACTION ITEM) – Chairman Agnello**

Mr. Ollis presented the yearly rotation of TAC positions. Ms. Jackson recognized Mr. Agnello for his service as chair.

Motion was made to elect Ms. Jackson as chair, Mr. Owsiak as vice-chair, and Mr. Agnello as second vice-chair for FY23.

Motion: Mr. Craig Second: Mr. Ruiz

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9. Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

10. Member Reports

Mr. Agnello inquired about 2020 Census results for the Washington Urbanized Area. Mr. Ollis responded that the timeline has been delayed from this summer to this fall.

Ms. Jackson invited the committee to the Twin Lakes-Kensington Shared Use Path public hearing on July 14, 2022.

Mr. Haynes indicated to the committee that VDOT will wait to proceed with GWRC projects for SMART SCALE Round 5 until the GWRC board removes one project from the list.

Mr. Burch requested a status update on FAMPO’s Rural Long Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP). Mr. Ollis responded that GWRC approved the RLRTP last year and that data collection for a future update is underway.

Ms. Garbarini announced the next TSDAC meeting on June 10, 2022.

Mr. Agnello announced that the FRED Lee Hill Transfer Center will be moved due to economic development. Spotsylvania is working with FRED and VDOT to select a new location.

11. Adjourn/Next TAC Meeting: August 1, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

Motion: Mr. Ruiz Second: Mr. Owsiak

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.