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CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10, 2022 - 6:00pm
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg
<https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/>

A video recording of the meeting is posted on the Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) web page: <https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/citizens-transportation-advisory-committee/> and on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/Y6RPtjcJrWQ>

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Henry “Hank” Scharpenberg, Stafford County – Chair
Mr. Matthew Rowe, City of Fredericksburg – Vice Chair
Mr. John Castellarin, City of Fredericksburg
Ms. Tara Durant, Stafford County (remote attendance)
Mr. Rupert Farley, At-Large (remote attendance)
Mr. Larry Gross, At-Large
Mr. Glenn Goldsmith, Stafford County (remote attendance)
Ms. Jeron Hayes, King George County (remote attendance)
Mr. Neil Holloran, Spotsylvania County (remote attendance)
Mr. Nicolas Kwatnoski, Stafford County
Mr. David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg (remote attendance)
Mr. James Powell, Stafford County
Mr. David Swan, Stafford County
Mr. Rodney Thomas, At-Large (remote attendance)

Committee Members Absent:

Ms. TaMara Banks, At-Large
Mr. Morgan Burch, Stafford County
Mr. Justin Chenault, Caroline
Mr. Jacob Clay, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Micah Cunningham, Spotsylvania
Ms. Patricia Encarnacion, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Michael Hoyt, Caroline
Mr. Ken Pogue, Caroline
Mr. Dustin Savage, At-Large

Others Present:

Ms. Jane Leeds, Interested Party (remote attendance)
Ms. Tina Stevenson, Remote Captioner
Mr. Rick Horner, Potomac Local News

Staff Present:

Mr. John Ridout, Transportation Planner II

Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Manager

Mx. Colie Touzel, Public Involvement & Title VI Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Scharpenberg at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Golden conducted roll call and a quorum was present. Ms. Golden introduced attendees to Dr. John Ridout, FAMPO's newest staff member.

3. Approval of the August 10, 2022 Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Mr. Rowe; Second: Mr. Swan

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. Approval of June 8, 2022 CTAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion: Mr. Swan; Second: Mr. Rowe

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. Review of June 27, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting

Ms. Golden provided highlights of the meeting that include the final submission of SMART SCALE Round 5 projects, a briefing on a Safety Action Plan grant opportunity, the Vision Survey findings, and a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment for commuter buses for I-95. The Policy Committee also approved the concept of adding a non-voting member from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to the committee's makeup, as well as voting the following slate of officers for FY23: Chair, Mr. Jason Graham representing the City of Fredericksburg; First Vice Chair, Ms. Meg Bohmke of Stafford County and Second Vice Chair, Tim McLaughlin of Spotsylvania County.

6. Public Comment

Ms. Jane Leeds asked if the commuter bus service for I-95 that was discussed during the June 27th Policy Committee Meeting review, would accommodate the disabled, including those with service animals. Jennifer Little provided comments for the Lafayette Blvd pedestrian and bicycle improvement pathways in support of the southern portion through Spotswood Estates. Ms. Leeds also provided written comments detailing strategies for using infrastructure bill funding to acquire right of way and land for transit, with an eye toward the future, and thinking beyond bus service. Other cities efficient systems should be examined.

Additional written comments were received from Ms. Leeds regarding the new Veterans Administration complex in Spotsylvania County: consider transportation to and from the facility from clients' place of residence, sidewalks to ensure wheelchair dependent individuals are out of traffic, and consider buses for the mobility challenged including spare vehicles in the transit fleet.

7. Old Business

a. Status update: Stafford County NE Quadrant Connector and western New River Crossing and Plantation Drive Extension (Stafford County)

Chair Scharpenberg gave attendees a chronology of events. In March, CTAC endorsed briefing the Policy Committee on eastern and western connectors, avoiding I-95 and populated areas, to facilitate travel in all directions across the Rappahannock River. The endorsement was not unanimous, but the majority of CTAC approved the briefing, and this fact was shared during the briefing to the Policy Committee in March. Funding options were explored based on feedback from the March Policy Committee discussions.

The Stafford County Comprehensive Plan reflects VDOT Preferred Alternatives from their Outer Connector Study. The eastern connector courses east / southeast from I-95 / Centreport Parkway to US Route 17 (Mills Drive) in Spotsylvania County. The western connector courses west / southwest from I-95 / Centreport Parkway to Primary Route (PR) 3 (Plank Road) in Spotsylvania County. The portions of the VDOT Preferred Alternatives in Spotsylvania County are not found in Spotsylvania County's Comprehensive Plan.

The map showing the VDOT Preferred Alternatives also shows an extensive Riparian Easement owned by the City of Fredericksburg. This Riparian Easement was acquired to prevent new sewer discharge outfalls from upstream development and allow for riparian restoration to improve water quality in the Rappahannock River. Chair Scharpenberg suggested that funding for a new connector road could be coupled with funding for a project to improve the water quality benefits of the Riparian Easement along the Rappahannock River.

After meeting with King George County, the CTAC eastern connector was modified to utilize Fletchers Chapel Road between PR 218 (White Oak Road) and PR Route 3. Culpeper officials shared concern that the CTAC western connector would encourage development. The CTAC western connector was modified to show bridges over Culpeper's roads and the concept of acquiring a Limited Access Easement to prevent driveways and local access points. An extension of Plantation Drive from Truslow Road to Centreport Parkway is proposed, with a bridge over Hulls Chapel Road.

Attendees support the communication between CTAC, the GWRC localities and Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission localities.

b. VDOT Report a Problem

Ms. Golden asked if members had outstanding work order requests through VDOT's Report a Problem website, and there were none.

8. Member Discussion / Action

a. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Application Safety Action Plan Development

Ms. Golden briefed attendees on the SS4A grant opportunity to apply for funding to prepare a Safety Action Plan for either the FAMPO or GWRC jurisdictions. VDOT is currently working on Crash Data Analysis and identifying High Injury Networks for the GWRC jurisdictions. VDOT's work provides a portion of a Safety Action Plan and is proceeding independent of the SS4A grant at no cost to FAMPO or GWRC. Mr. McLaughlin pointed out that the majority of the projects will be in the rural areas of the jurisdictions and not in the most populated portion of the region. Ms. Golden described the typical countermeasures that would be recommended to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes. Most are associated with the rural county roads, such as shoulder hardenings, raised reflective pavement markers, centerline and edge line rumble strips.

Motion was made to endorse Option B with the following amendments: add "all participating" to the 'Now, therefore be it resolved' clause, prior to "GWRC", and delete the word "Supplemental" prior to "Safety Action Plan" in the last 'Whereas' statement.

Motion: Mr. Rowe; Second: Mr. Swan

Motion passed.

b. VDOT-FAMPO Travel Demand Model (TDM) Update

Ms. Golden updated attendees on an update to the FAMPO Travel Demand Model.

9. Public Comment – Second Round

None were received.

10. Correspondence

A New York Times article provided by Mr. Farley on congestion pricing was received.

11. Staff Reports

There were no Staff reports.

12. Member Reports

a. Traffic Mitigation

No member reports were provided

b. Mass Transit Advocacy

Chair Scharpenberg advised attendees that TaMara Banks has contacted Caroline County Planners to discuss transportation needs for their citizens. He also informed attendees that the East-West Mobility study is going to address Mass Transit Advocacy, and Stafford County is also actively studying transit and transportation alternatives.

c. Safety to include Pedestrians and Bicycles

No member reports were provided.

13. Adjourn Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting/Next Meeting September 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Rowe; Second: Mr. Gross.

Motion passes by unanimous consent.