

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 1, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
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Committee Members Present:

Chair Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg
First Vice Chair Alex Owsiak, Stafford County
Second Vice Chair Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Rodney White, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Bassam Amin, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Mike Craig, City of Fredericksburg
Ms. Amy Garbarini, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Ms. Ciara Williams, DRPT
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Dr. Bob Schneider, PRTC (remote attendance)
Mr. Nick Ruiz, Virginia Railway Express (VRE)
Ms. Kate Gibson, GWRideConnect

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

Committee Members Absent:

Mr. Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Mohamed Benomar, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Nick Minor, King George County
Ms. Kimberly Wilson, King George County
Mr. Bryon Counsell, Stafford County
Mr. Mike Finchum, Caroline County
Mr. Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Mr. Stephen Haynes, VDOT
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Mr. Jim Ponticello, VDOT
Mr. Dan Grinnell, VDOT
Mr. Joe Stainsby, PRTC
Mr. Aidan Quirke, FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)
Ms. Christine Hoeffner, VRE
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect

Others Present:

Ms. Linda LaSut, VDOT
Mr. Colin Burch, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) (remote attendance)
Devyn Bell
Sammy Snider, VHB
Stephen Read, VDOT
Eric Tang, VHB

Staff Present:

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator

Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager

Mx. Colie Touzel, Public Involvement and Title VI Coordinator

1. Call Technical Advisory Committee Meeting to Order

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

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Mx. Touzel conducted roll call and determined that a quorum was present.

3. Approval of the August 1, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the August 1, 2022 TAC agenda.

Motion: Mr. Owsiak; Second: Mr. Agnello

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. Approval of the June 6, 2022 TAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

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

Motion: Mr. Agnello; Second: Mr. Owsiak

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. Review of the June 27, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting

Mr. Ollis opened his remarks by informing attendees that Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner II, made final submissions for SMART SCALE Round 5 very late on Friday, July 29th, and thanked her for the hard work to accomplish this milestone for the region. He also thanked the local partners and VDOT staff for all the work on this year's submissions. During the June 27th Policy Committee meeting, the new slate of officers was approved: Jason Graham, City of Fredericksburg as Chair; Meg Bohmke, Stafford County as First Vice Chair and Tim McLaughlin, Spotsylvania County as Second Vice Chair. Commencement of the Public Comment period for a DRPT TIP amendment for commuter buses on I-95 was approved, and an amendment to the Committee's by-laws to add a non-voting member of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) was approved in concept.

6. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

7. Action/Discussion Items

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

1. VDOT / VHB FAMPO Transportation Safety Study

Stephen Read of VDOT and Eric Tang of VHB provided attendees with details of their FAMPO Transportation Safety Study. This is a data-driven analysis using the Safe System approach that is part of VDOT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). VDOT / VHB's work will identify high injury networks and pedestrian safety action plan corridors, and can be used to create a Safety Action Plan under the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant opportunity.

Countermeasures to address overrepresented crash types will also be provided. Risk factors and emphasis area relationships will be used in addition to historical crash data, as well as the VDH Health Opportunity Index. VDOT's work will enable localities to directly apply for HSIP, SMART SCALE, or Revenue Sharing project funding, as well as help with development of a Safety Action Plan through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant opportunity.

Mr. Ollis advised attendees that the VDOT / VHB work is being done at no cost to FAMPO, and is a self-contained safety study that is not tied to SS4A funding. All five (5) GWRC localities are included.

2. SS4A Presentation

Mr. Ollis explained that the VDOT / VHB Safety Study provides two portions of the required SS4A Safety Action Plan: data analysis to inform magnitude of safety concerns; and equity analysis and consideration. Mr. Ollis explained the requirements of the SS4A grant opportunity, including the requirement for a 20% local match. The August 1st TAC agenda provided two Resolution options for consideration: Option A Resolution 23-02 for the three FAMPO jurisdictions; and Option B Resolution 23-02 for the five GWRC jurisdictions.

Motion was made to endorse Option B Resolution 23-02 for GWRC localities to file for an SS4A Safety Action Plan grant opportunity.

Motion: Mr. Agnello; Second: Mr. Ruiz

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

TAC further approved the application of those jurisdictions who are able to participate in the SS4A grant application, including their grant match. This allows staff to make the September 15th grant application deadline in the event that one or more of the GWRC localities decides not to participate.

Motion: Chair Jackson; Second: Mr. Owskiak

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

b. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Ms. Becky Golden

1. Fiscal Year 2024 – 2027 TIP/STIP Implementation Rollover Process Update
2. Fredericksburg Transit (FRED) Administrative Modifications to update the funding year: STIP ID FRT0019 Maintenance HVAC; STIP ID FRT0020 Central Control System Replacement
3. Fredericksburg Transit (FRED) Administrative Modifications to update the funding allocations: STIP ID FRT00017 Radio & Emergency Management, STIP ID FRT00018 Security & Fiber, STIP ID FRT0019 Maintenance HVAC; STIP ID FRT0020 Central Control System Replacement
4. Fredericksburg Transit (FRED) Administrative Modifications to update the funding allocations: STIP ID FRT0002 Replacement Rolling Stock
5. Endorse Resolution 23-03 Approving three amendments 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 110 N CAROLINE CNTY TO DC CORE RT 1, and 120323: #I95CIP EXIT 133 TO EXIT 9 FREDBG TO PENTAGON / CRYSTAL CITY (ACTION ITEM) Fiscal Year 21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments and Modification

Ms. Golden advised attendees that this project is for three commuter buses and Stafford County (Route 630 Courthouse Road) park and ride lot improvements to be added to the TIP; and that projects with #I95CIP descriptions are from the I-95 Corridor Improvement Plan study.

Mr. Agnello asked DRPT staff why the commuter bus route was not included at Exit 130 for Route 3 from the Gordon Road and Old Salem Church Park and ride lots to NOVA/DC. In the fall of 2019, FAMPO had requested that the Rte 3 Commuter Bus service be added to the Interstate Operations and Enhancement Program (IOEP). Follow up on this matter was requested of state partners.

Motion made to endorse Resolution 23-03.

Motion: Mr. Agnello; Second Mr. Owskiak

Abstentions: None

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

8. VDOT-FAMPO Travel Demand Model (TDM) update

Mr. Ollis and Ms. Golden explained the good progress, process and assumptions being deployed to update data for VDOT's update of the FAMPO Travel Demand Model.

9. Correspondence

TIP / STIP update schedule and milestone dates were provided to attendees, as well as the VRE Operations Board's Resolution to award construction for the Fredericksburg Station Rehabilitation. Mr. Ruiz advised attendees he is the point of contact for questions and scope details. Clark Construction Group, LLC is the successful offeror.

10. Staff Reports

Mr. Ollis updated attendees on staff hirings, and announced Dr. John Ridout arriving August 8th to fill the vacant Transportation Planner II position. Dr. Ridout's most recent experience is from the French Broad River MPO, Asheville, NC.

11. Member Reports

a. Notification of changes to cost estimates on FAMPO projects – VDOT

Mr. Ollis advised attendees of the Route 610 at Onville Road project closeout that will result in surplus funds for reallocation with future CMAQ / STBG allocation processes. Ms. Shropshire advised attendees that the VDOT cost estimating team are focusing on projects to be advertised for construction in FY 23, as well as costs on the May 16th CMAQ / STBG projects. Costs are likely to increase due to economic conditions.

It is possible that the Freight Summit may need to be postponed unless the funding for the consultant's work is approved for expenditure in the next two weeks. Ms. Shropshire agreed to check on status.

b. Notification of new revenue sharing projects by localities

Mr. Agnello updated attendees on the Germanna Point Drive Revenue Sharing project that extends the existing road from Germanna Community College campus north to Spotsylvania Ave. A Chancellor Park Drive Sidewalk Transportation Alternatives Project (TAP) is also moving forward.

Mr. Owsiak advised attendees of several project cost increases that has impacted Stafford County's budget, and is requesting feedback on late project increases for Stafford's FAMPO SMART SCALE applications.

Mr. Ruiz advised attendees that he will possibly be presenting at the September TAC on the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) System Plan 2050, Phase I update.

12. Adjourn/Next TAC Meeting: September 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.