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Matthew Rowe
Chairman

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FAMPO Administrator

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 12, 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/SSsq8HmJPHs>

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Matthew Rowe, City of Fredericksburg – Chair
Ms. TaMara Banks, At-Large
Mr. Brett Bearce, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Rupert Farley, At-Large
Mr. Neil Holloran, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Nicolas Kwatnoski, Stafford County
Mr. David McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg (remote attendance)
Ms. Ann Palbalkar, Stafford County

Committee Members Absent:

Mr. John Castellarin, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Justin Chenault, Caroline
Mr. Jacob Clay, Spotsylvania County
Ms. Jennifer Combs, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Micah Cunningham, Spotsylvania
Ms. Tara Durant, Stafford County
Ms. Patricia Encarnacion, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Glenn Goldsmith, Stafford County
Mr. Larry Gross, At-Large
Ms. Jeron Hayes, King George County
Mr. Michael Hoyt, Caroline
Mr. Ken Pogue, Caroline
Mr. James Powell, Stafford County
Mr. Dustin Savage, At-Large
Mr. Rodney Thomas, At-Large

Others Present:

Ms. Jane Leeds, Interested Party (remote attendance)
Ms. Monica Dockry, Remote Captioner (remote attendance)
Mr. Henry Scharpenberg (remote attendance)

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 Rowe at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Ridout conducted roll call and a quorum was present.

3. Approval of the October 12, 2022 Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion: Mr. McLaughlin; Second: Mr. Farley

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. Approval of September 14, 2022 CTAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion: Mr. Farley; Second: Ms. Palbalkar

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. Public Comment

Ms. Leeds asked if past comments provided to CTAC regarding light rail and electric trolley systems had been considered; and also advised attendees that she is seeking support from CTAC on a request to State Senator Bryce Reeves to promulgate legislation requiring that Virginia transportation projects include audible pedestrian signals and contiguous sidewalks as part of their project scope.

6. New Business and Action Items

a. Election of the Vice-Chair

Chair Rowe asked for nominations of Vice-Chair, and clarified those eligible by the CTAC by-laws include CTAC appointees from either Spotsylvania or Stafford (since the Chair is from City of Fredericksburg).

Motion was made by Mr. Farley to nominate Neil Holloran for Vice-Chair. Mr. Holloran explained that his familial obligations with four children makes it difficult for him to accept the nomination.

Motion was made to nominate Mr. Kwatnoski for CTAC Vice-Chair.

Motion: Mr. Holloran; Second: Ms. Palbalkar

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

- b. Endorse Resolution 23-06 Approving an Amendment to the FY 21 – 24 Transportation Improvement Program to Add UPC T11606: Fredericksburg Station Rehabilitation

Mr. Ridout explained the project scope: lengthen existing platforms, and improve signage, sidewalks, lighting, and painting of canopies, with a total cost of \$9.6 Million. Mr. Farley observed that the platforms are not level with passenger train floor height in order to accommodate freight train rail cars. Questions and discussion among CTAC members shifted to the future high speed rail proposal.

Motion to approve Resolution 23-06.

Motion: Mr. Holloran; Second: Mr. Farley

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

7. Staff Reports

Mr. Ridout and Mx. Touzel provided updates and information on the following:

- a. FY 24 – 29 CMAQ / STBG Announcement
- b. Update on FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study, Survey
- c. Draft Vision 2075 Update
- d. Results of 2022 Slugging Survey
- e. Virginia Clean Cities/DOE Last Mile Partner Support
- f. Funding for Commuter Lot Maintenance, Safety and Security
- g. Freight Summit Summary

8. Community Reports

- a. VDOT Report a Problem and Progress Update

No outstanding VDOT workorders were provided.

- b. Members reports, topics of interest, partner informational

A newly appointed CTAC member, Mr. Brett Bearce, was introduced and shared his interest and experience with attendees. Mr. McLaughlin, who was attending remotely, advised attendees that the microphone system was unusually weak, making it difficult to hear discussions and participate. In-person speakers need to speak directly toward the speakers and more loudly. Mr. Farley, who was reading the captioning, noted that the captioner could not hear attendees that spoke softly and were further from one of the three microphones. Mr. McLaughlin also briefed attendees that there is a future third track, and a new rail station to be constructed closer to the river. Mr. McLaughlin has concerns with the 2075 Vision plan, but made known his sincere desire to make CTAC and FAMPO successful. Chair Rowe requested an update from VDOT on the northbound I-95 Variable Speed Limit project.

9. Final Public Comment

None were received.

10. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Ridout briefed attendees on the following items that will be on the November CTAC meeting agenda:

- a. Calendar Year 2023 Meeting Schedule
- b. Update to the CTAC “Cheat Sheet”

11. Adjourn/Next CTAC Meeting: November 9, 2022

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Farley; Second: Ms. Palbalkar

Motion passed by unanimous consent.