

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 17, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401
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<https://www.fampo.gwregion.org/policy-committee/>

Committee Members Present: *(V) indicates voting member*

Mr. Jason Graham, Chair, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. David Brown, alternate City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Meg Bohmke, First Vice-Chair, Stafford County (V)
Ms. Monica Gary, Stafford County (V)
Mr. Darrell English, alternate Stafford County (V)
Mr. Tim McLaughlin, Second Vice-Chair, Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Chris Yakabouski, Spotsylvania County (V)
Ms. Marcie Parker, Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Michelle Shropshire, alternate Representative from the Secretary of Transportation (V)
Ms. Susan Gardner, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Mr. Stephen Haynes, alternate Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Ms. Jamie Jackson, FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)
Mr. Todd Horsley, Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)
Mr. Brian Geouge, Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)
Mr. Matthew Rowe, Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

Committee Members Absent:

Mr. Timothy Baroody, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Mr. Matthew Kelly, City of Fredericksburg (V)
Ms. Crystal Vanuch, Stafford County (V)
Ms. Pamela Yeung, alternate Stafford County (V)
Mr. David Ross, Spotsylvania County (V)
Ms. Lori Hayes, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Mr. Kevin Marshall, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Ms. Deborah Frazier, alternate Spotsylvania County (V)
Dr. Robert Schneider, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) (V)
Mr. Joe Stainsby, alternate PRTC (V)
Ms. Cathy Binder, alternate King George County
Mr. Ivan Rucker, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Ms. Tonya Holland, Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Mr. Craig Reed, alternate FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED)
Ms. Laura Sellers, Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)
Mr. Jeffery Sili, Caroline County
Mr. Jeffrey Black, alternate Caroline County

Others Present (remotely or in person):

Mr. Paul Milde, Chamber of Commerce
Dr. Andrea Smith, University of Mary Washington
Mr. Chip Boyles, GWRC Executive Director
Mr. Nick Carsgo, citizen
Mr. Matt Wade, Virginia Clean Cities (remote attendance)
Mr. Matthew Fuhr, Advanced Logistics Systems (remote attendance)
Mr. Paul Agnello, Spotsylvania County (remote attendance)
Ms. Deborah Lately, disAbility Resource Center (remote attendance)
Mr. Henry Scharpenberg, citizen (remote attendance)

Staff Present:

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator (remote attendance)
Ms. Kari Eaves, Transportation Planner II/Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator
Ms. Becky Golden, Transportation Planning Manager
Dr. John Ridout, Transportation Planner II
Mx. Colie Touzel, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator

- 1. Call Policy Committee Meeting to Order** – Chair Jason Graham
Chair Graham called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
Chair Graham led the pledge of allegiance.
- 3. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum** – Mx. Colie Touzel
Mx. Touzel conducted roll call and determined a quorum present.
- 4. Approval of the October 17, 2022, Policy Committee Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
Motion was made to approve the October 17, 2022 Policy Committee agenda.

Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Mr. Brown
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. Public Hearing

- a. Comments and Questions from members of the public related to proposed TIP amendment T11606: The Department of Rail and Passenger Transportation's rehabilitation and expansion of the Fredericksburg Train Station's side platforms for tracks 2 and 3*

No comments from members of the public.

- b. Comments and Questions from members of the public related to the FAMPO Intraregional East-West Mobility Study, Phase II Transit Report*

Dr. Andrea Smith, a transportation planner and faculty member of the University of Mary Washington, spoke on behalf of herself and the university to support transit options for students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the Fredericksburg region. During her comments, a letter from Dr. Troy Paino, the UMW president was highlighted on the presentation screen, which stated UMW's support for more of the transit options included in the East-West Mobility Study's Transit Report. Dr. Smith noted that these

transit options are important for safety, the vitality of Fredericksburg, and for allowing UMW students to be active members of the region.

Mx. Touzel read aloud comments received prior to the meeting from Adam Lynch of Friends of the Rappahannock, in which he states their support of the transit options included in the East-West Mobility Study, but they suggest ending the high-capacity bus route at the Spotsylvania Towne Center instead of at the Salem Church Rd. park-and-ride.

6. Public Involvement

Comments and questions from members of the public are welcome at this time. Staff will also read comments submitted by the public prior to the meeting.

No comments from members of the public.

7. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of September 19, 2022, Policy Committee Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Mr. Brown
Abstentions: Mr. English

Motion passed.

8. FAMPO Administrator Report – Mr. Ian Ollis

Mr. Ollis noted that FAMPO hired a new GIS Technician/Transportation Planner, Connor Anderson. He also stated a reminder to jurisdictions that FAMPO has commenced the call for projects for CMAQ/STBG.

9. Action/Discussion Items

10. Draft Vision 2075 Update – Mr. Ian Ollis and Mx. Colie Touzel

Mr. Ollis provided an overview of FAMPO's progress on creating a Vision 2075 document. '2075' refers to the year—Mr. Ollis noted that other MPOs in the country have developed similar vision documents including the year 2100, but the TAC suggested staff rework the year for a sooner date. The document's purpose is to consider what the region will look like into the future and to create a common plan for the region. Mr. Ollis reviewed the current statement and objectives and asked that committee members send any feedback to FAMPO staff.

11. Discussion on DOE Funding Opportunity (DE-FOA-0002611) – Mr. Matthew Wade

Mr. Wade provided a presentation on Virginia Clean Cities' request for endorsement on a grant where the cost would be shared between Advanced Logistics System and Dominion Energy to retrofit a distribution center outside of the Fredericksburg City limits to serve two city zip codes with electric vans.

Committee members asked if this was a new proposal and where the TAC stands on the proposal. TAC Chair Jackson clarified that the TAC didn't endorse because there was not enough information as to how it benefits FAMPO.

The grant is time-sensitive, due on November 9th, and that is why the Policy Committee was hearing this presentation at short notice. The Policy Committee decided not to move forward with this because of lack of information as to jurisdiction benefit.

12. Update on FAMPO Intraregional Multimodal East-West Mobility Study, Phase II - Mr. Ian Ollis
Mr. Ollis provided an overview of the East-West Mobility Study's Phase II Roadway Analysis, addressing thirteen roadway corridors that will be narrowed down to seven priority corridors. Mr. Ollis asked committee members to provide feedback on potential problems with the corridors in order to share with the consultants, VHB. The roadways include: Butler Rd., Courthouse Rd. in Stafford, Courthouse Rd. in Spotsylvania, Cowan Blvd, Enon Rd., Fall Hill Ave./Bragg Rd., Garrisonville Rd., Mills Dr., Mountain View Rd., Plank Rd., Ramoth Church Rd., Truslow Rd, and Warrenton Rd.

Feedback provided by committee members included: change the name on the Truslow Rd. slide from Melvin Dr. to Melchers Dr., update the consultants on Stafford's road repairs on Enon Rd., and ask consultants to review congestion analysis on Butler Rd. again.

The Roadway Report with proposed solutions will be shared with committee members next month.

Mr. Ollis also provided an overview of the Transit report's survey, which had 371 respondents at the time of the meeting. Mr. Ollis asked committee members for any further guidance staff could offer the consultants on the Transit report. Feedback from members included: review the Eskimo Hill pedestrian and bicycle path and look for a different route, and create an alternate, smaller version of the downtown Stafford Transit Center.

13. Update on FAMPO Freight Summit- Mr. John Ridout
Mr. Ridout provided an overview of the recent FAMPO Freight Summit cohosted by Fredericksburg Regional Alliance which had 20+ attendees. Mr. Ridout noted that this region has the worst freight delay times in Virginia, and that the number of freight miles is more than Richmond and Hampton Rhodes combined. Attendees discussed issues about freight and agreed this is a good start to introducing FAMPO to freight players.

14. Resolution 23-06 Approving an Amendment to the FY 21 – 24 Transportation Improvement Program to Add UPC T11606: Fredericksburg Station Rehabilitation (ACTION ITEM)

Mr. Ridout noted that this TIP amendment is not adding new funds, and therefore, committee members only need to vote to approve this project so it can move forward with construction.

Motion: Ms. Bohmke; Second: Mr. Yakabouski

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

15. Correspondence

Mx. Touzel highlighted a press release detailing a lawsuit against the Maryland Transportation Authority calling on it to preserve the Governor Nice Memorial Bridge for pedestrian and bicycle use.

16. Staff and Agency Reports

Ms. Parker advised attendees that voting ends on October 21st for the America's Transportation Awards, so be sure to vote for the Chatham Bridge Rehabilitation and Shared Use Path project at <https://americastransportationawards.org/>.

17. Board Member and Chair Comments

Chair Graham reminded members that the next Policy Committee meeting is the same night as the GWRC Board meeting and will commence at 7:30pm instead of the usual 6:00pm time. This meeting will also include a presentation about the Roadways Report from VHB, so it could be a long meeting.

18. Adjourn/Next Policy Committee Meeting: November 28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Chair Graham adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.