



FREDERICKSBURG AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING

Remote Format (No in-person attendance in light of COVID-19)
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Thursday, February 4, 2021 – 6:00 pm
MEETING MINUTES

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Attendance:

Committee Members Present:

Chairman Craig Pennington, Caroline County
Vice Chair Brian Geouge, Stafford County
Ms. Yamina Jordan, Stafford County
Mr. Chris Clarke, King George County
Mr. Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Ms. Kristin Harding, Spotsylvania County Citizen Representative
Ms. Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulding, National Park Service (NPS)
Mr. Adam Lynch, Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR)
Mr. Jim Lynch, Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail (DRHT); Potomac Heritage Trail Association (PHTA)
Ms. Debra Fults, disAbility Resource Center
Mr. Rob Maple, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance (FredTrails)
Mr. Stan Huie, Fredericksburg Cyclist Club (FCC); Spotsylvania Greenways Initiative (SGI); Virginia Bicycle Federation (VBF)
Ms. Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect

Others Present:

Ms. Joy Himes, Potomac & Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
Mr. Brandon Brown, Stafford County
Ms. Sarah Sanford
Ms. Tammy Holt
Ms. Anna G
A Griffin

FAMPO/GWRC Staff Present:

Mr. Ian Ollis, Administrator/Director of Transportation Planning
Ms. Kari Barber, Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator/Regional Planner
Ms. Leah Vigil, FAMPO Administrative Assistant
Ms. Stacey Feindt, Public Involvement/Title VI Coordinator
Mr. Adam Hager, Transportation Planner

Speaker name: Summary of talking points, not direct quotes unless indicated with quotation marks.

1. Call BPAC Meeting to Order – Chairman Craig Pennington

Chairman Pennington called the February 4, 2021 BPAC meeting to order at **6:00 pm**

2. Roll Call – Ms. Leah Vigil

Ms. Vigil called the roll.

Chair Pennington welcomed Stafford members Yamina Jordan (staff alternate), Stephen Littlewood (citizen representative) and At-Large candidate John Lysner to the committee.

3. Approval of the February 4, 2021 BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the February 4, 2021 BPAC Meeting Agenda as amended:

- Chair Pennington: Item 7.b. was no longer needed since Stafford County approved pending members last night and submitted documentation; it should be removed from the agenda.

Motion: Mr. Chris Clarke; Second: Mr. Jacob Pastwik

Motion passed by unanimous consent

4. Approval of the December 3, 2020 BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the December 3, 2020 BPAC Meeting Minutes with amendments:

- Mr. Jim Lynch: Requested clarification of his statement regarding a community foundation-awarded grant
- Mr. Jacob Pastwik: Requested amendment to his locality update on page 5, to solicit collaboration and consideration by NPS with Spotsylvania County and its Master Plan regarding the Ni River Trail Corridor and connectivity.

Motion: Mr. Jim Lynch; Second: Ms. Leigh Anderson

Motion passed by unanimous consent

5. Public Comment – Chair Pennington asked if there was anyone online who wished to comment.

Ms. Leah Vigil read an email submitted by City of Fredericksburg resident, Elizabeth LeDoux:

Good evening,

I saw a Facebook post asking for thoughts on biking and walking trails in Fredericksburg. The Federal "Safe Routes to Schools" program has federal money for building walking and biking trails to schools.

I propose we use funds like these to build a bike trail that runs from Learning Lane, running north along Rt1, all the way to James Monroe High School, connecting all of our schools to the same new path, and connecting to the VCR trail, and the Canal Path, giving a huge percentage of our school age children access to a path route to every school in our district.

Also, the large number of people walking along Rt. 1 would have a safe path to get to their destination (which I'm guessing is to shopping.) Next we can address a safe path along Lafayette Boulevard for the same purpose.

Thanks for your consideration.

6. Review of January 25, 2021 Policy Committee Meeting – Ms. Kari Barber

a. Administrator Report – Mr. Ian Ollis

Mr. Ollis presented his report.

b. Public Comment Period – Ms. Stacey Feindt



Ms. Feindt noted the public comment period and a public hearing on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) amendment to include non-citizen provisions for hiring FAMPO staff.

c. BPAC At-Large Vacancies – Ms. Kari Barber

Ms. Barber stated that this was brought to the Policy Committee and as noted, Stafford found a candidate for the Policy Committee to approve one of the of the two At-Large openings for BPAC membership.

Approved amended agenda

7. Discussion / Action Items

a. **Approve addition of Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) agency membership (ACTION ITEM)** - Mr. Craig Pennington

Motion made to approve addition of PRTC as a member agency to the BPAC.

Motion: Chair Pennington; Second: Ms. Leigh Anderson

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Chair Pennington welcomed Ms. Joy Himes as the appointment for the agency.

b. Welcome Pending Members – Mr. Craig Pennington

Removed

c. East Coast Greenway (ECG) Guest Presentation - Ms. Sarah Sanford, East Coast Greenway Alliance

Ms. Sanford presented on ECG, including:

- Routing information: <https://www.greenway.org/design-guide>
- Mapping tool and trip planner: <https://map.greenway.org/>
- Guidance and resources for feasibility study to be conducted due to an awarded grant
- Email: sarah@greenway.org

Mr. Jim Lynch inquired if ECG would meet with him to discuss PHTA for an off-road trail going east through Stafford County.

Ms. Sanford replied she was interested and had ongoing interaction with PHTA in Prince William.

d. Update on System for the Allocation of Management and Resources for Transportation (SMART SCALE) Round 4 - Ms. Kari Barber

Ms. Barber noted the Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB)-recommended 9 projects for bike-ped improvements (slide 5) with costs and details.

- Projects would be considered for the Six Year Improvement Program (SYIP)
- The final list of projects would be out in June

Mr. Jim Lynch: Would 2022 SMART SCALE applications be due around August this year?

Ms. Barber and Chair Pennington agreed it would be around that time [Ms. Barber misheard the question - it will be August 2022 for scoring in 2023].

Mr. Stan Huie: When would projects be completed?



Ms. Barber: Once adopted into the SYIP, ideally around 6 years.

Chair Pennington: Projects approved in 2020 were estimated to be completed by 2026; Round 4 would have final approval in 2021, estimated completion would be in 2027.

Mr. Jacob Pastwik: Gave an overview on Spotsylvania County SMART SCALE projects:

- Pedestrian crossing Route 208 at Four Mile Fork had not been forgotten
- Lafayette Blvd would get an extended north-sidewalk up to the Fredericksburg city-line
- Rtes 2 and 17 widening had recreation easements in the works, for estimated completion 2029-2030
- Alternative funding for intersection improvements and crosswalks at Harrison Road and Salem Church Road had been obtained

e. Update on the George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Greenway Feasibility Study - Ms. Kari Barber

Ms. Barber noted that the first meeting would be in March; she might send out a survey on priorities.

Mr. Jim Lynch requested that the map be emailed to study participants.

Ms. Barber responded that she could send it out.

f. Calendar Update – Ms. Leah Vigil

Ms. Vigil presented the latest calendar draft of FAMPO meetings; the proposed BPAC meeting schedule was accepted.

8. Correspondence

Ms. Vigil thanked the committee for the positive response received after she contacted localities and agencies for member documentation and requested remaining member confirmations.

9. Staff Reports

Ms. Kari Barber reported:

- Locality due dates for applications:
 - Transportation Alternatives (TA) Funding
 - Portal would open mid-May 2021
 - Pre-applications would be due July 1, 2021
 - Applications would be due October 1, 2021
 - Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Funding
 - Portal would open August 1, 2021
 - Applications would be due November 1, 2021
- FAMPO recognition of BPAC members with certificates of appreciation for later delivery:
 - Mr. Erik Nelson (not in attendance) for his contribution upon his retirement
Ms. Talken-Spaulding expressed appreciation for Mr. Nelson and his work on the committee on behalf of the BPAC members.
 - Mr. Jacob Pastwik for his service as BPAC chairman
- Gratitude to volunteers on the Regional Micro-mobility Policy working group; she would be in contact:
 - Mr. Jacob Pastwik
 - Ms. Debe Fults



- Chair Pennington
- Mr. Stan Huie
- Ms. Kari Barber
- FAMPO staff member Matthew Lehane was well received for his StreetLight Data presentation to the State Bike-Ped Committee at its recent meeting; he would update BPAC at the next meeting

10. Member & Chair Reports

- Stafford County – Mr. Brian Geouge:
 - Work on application for Virginia Statewide Transportation Plan (VTrans) multimodal grant for Route 17 corridor
 - Trail development near the 7-11 at Leeland and Deacon Rd; a shared-use path was negotiated
 - Rezoning for Mine Rd for a shared-use path
 - Progress on a downtown development; eventual mixed use
- Spotsylvania County – Ms. Kristin Harding noted the following community feedback:
 - Pandemic resulted in increased trail use
 - Not enough trails available nor ability to properly distance from others
 - Crosswalk and trail concern:
 - Safety – children; women requested blue light for emergency help
 - Adequate lighting
 - Bike and vehicle speed
 - Connectivity of residential areas to commerce
- Caroline County – Chair Pennington:
 - Expressed personal gratitude toward Mr. Nelson; he learned a lot from him over 5 years of acquaintance
 - Caroline would get a sizable store, Tractor Supply; hoped to connect to commercial development with bike-ped improvements in the Ladysmith area
- FOR – Mr. Adam Lynch found abundant litter on Virginia Central Railway (VCR) Trail and would be organizing a volunteer cleanup; he welcomed BPAC participation and/or cross promoting
- VBF – Mr. Stan Huie reported legislative consideration of a cycling safety bill:
 - House Bill 2262; Senate Bill 1263
 - Would require full lane change for motorized vehicles passing
 - Would allow cyclist “Idaho Stop,” rather than full stop
 - He would promote citizen feedback to legislators to support the bill
- PHTA – Mr. Jim Lynch noted new NPS acting manager, Anne O’Neill
 - Would have a 120-day detail
 - Slated to onboard February 20th
 - Would email her for introductions to Fredericksburg contacts and regional interaction of the trail
- DRHT – Mr. Jim Lynch stated the organization would host one of the first off-road races on the trail for Ainsley’s Angels of America this Saturday; there would be an article in the DRHT newsletter, he should be contacted for mailing list inclusion
- NPS – Ms. Kirsten Talken-Spaulling clarified the new mask mandate:
 - For indoors
 - To implement when outdoors and unable to maintain 6ft separation from others



- VDOT – Ms. Linda LaSut thanked Ms. Kari Barber for her research, work and presentation on the SMART SCALE projects; she noted that Ms. Barber successfully covered far more projects than the two bike/ped projects that Ms. LaSut provided her
- GWRideConnect – Ms. Leigh Anderson expressed appreciation to:
 - Mr. Erik Nelson for help with GWRideConnect and personally through the years
 - Ms. Stacey Feindt for assistance in setting up a Healthy Generations Area Agency on Aging (HGAAA) Travel Training session for the GWRideConnect staff
- PRTC – Ms. Joy Himes noted 6 Omniride trips would be added to Stafford in May
- disAbility Resource Center – Ms. Debe Fults stated Ainsley’s Angels was a wonderful organization that allowed those in wheelchairs to participate in walks or runs; they were on the lookout for more wheelchair movers, research them if interested
- Chair Pennington thanked former Chair Pastwik for his role in running previous meetings; he hoped he could do as well.

11. Adjourn BPAC Meeting / Next Meeting: April 1, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Motion made to adjourn the February 4, 2021 BPAC meeting at **8:00 pm.**

Motion: Mr. Jim Lynch; Second: Ms. Linda LaSut

Motion passed by unanimous consent

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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, April 1, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

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Chris Clarke, King George County

Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg

Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County

Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Kirsten Talken-Spaulding, National Park Service

Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect

Adam Lynch, Friends of the Rappahannock

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Rob Maple, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance

Jim Lynch, Potomac Heritage Trail Association and Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail

John Summer, Fredericksburg Cyclist Club

Kristin Harding, Spotsylvania County

Stephen Littlewood, Stafford County

Yamina Jordan, Stafford County

John Lysher, At-Large

Others Present:

Ms. Vivek Hariharan

Mr. Brian Roberts

Staff Present:

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator

Mr. Matthew Lehane, Transportation Planner

Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner

Mr. Adam Hager, Transportation Planner



1. **Call BPAC Meeting to Order – Vice Chair Brian Geouge**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

2. **Roll Call – Matthew Lehane**

Mr. Lehane called the roll.

3. **Approval of April 1, 2021 BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the April 1, 2021 BPAC agenda.

Motion: Mr. Clarke; Second: Mr. Pastwik

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. **Approval February 4, 2021 BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Mr. Jim Lynch suggested updating the affiliations of “other attendees” to add their affiliations and he suggested that in the DRHT Report, first sentence “races” should be “fun run”.

Motion was made to approve the February 4, 2021 BPAC meeting minutes, as amended.

Motion: Ms. Talken-Spaulding; Second: Ms. Anderson

Motion passed with unanimous consent; Ms. Jackson abstains.

5. **Public Comment**

No public comments were made.

6. **Administrator Report – Mr. Ian Ollis**

Mr. Ollis presented the FAMPO Administrator report with items from the February and March policy committee administrator report.

His report detailed items related to federal transportation funding, forthcoming U.S. Census data releases, potential changes to urbanized areas, regional road crossings and safety issues, passenger rail developments between Maryland and Virginia, freight corridor updates, FRED Transit service enhancements, and a summary of potential studies in the future.

Vice Chair Geouge commented on crosswalks at Leeland Road and a future project for a shared-use path.

7. **Discussion / Action Items**

a. **Member Introductions- Vice Chair Brian Geouge**

Vice Chair Geouge asked all members to give an introduction. Mr. Lehane went through the roll call for each member to give an introduction.



b. Draft 2050 LRTP Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Prioritization- Ms. Kari Barber

Ms. Barber presented the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) bicycle and pedestrian project prioritization methodology. She presented details on the draft scoring measures which cover: safety, congestion mitigation, accessibility, environmental quality, economic development, local land use, statewide coordination, and project benefit which is a more qualitative factor.

Mr. Adam Lynch asked if VDOT sets our prioritization processes and how our system aligns with SMART SCALE.

Ms. Barber responded that these prioritization processes are set by FAMPO for inclusion into our 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan and that our system does generally align with SMART SCALE and coordinates with the state long-range plan.

Mr. Adam Lynch also asked about the East-West Bike Boulevard project that was scored and for clarification if it is the project running along Sophia Street.

Mr. Lehane responded that the project running along Sophia Street is the Riverfront Corridor project and clarified that the East-West Bike Boulevard runs from FRED Central, down William Street into downtown Fredericksburg.

Mr. Jim Lynch asked for clarification on how projects are scored.

Mr. Lehane responded that the projects are generally scored based upon their location using GIS tools to analyze data surrounding the project.

Ms. Jordan asked how a project would be scored if for instance there are 30 pedestrian crashes along the project corridor, and how our scoring scale would account for that, as the current scale scores 10+ crashes as 10/10.

Mr. Lehane responded that the project would still receive a 10/10; however, the project will likely score well under other scoring criteria.

Mr. Roberts asked about how a project would be scored for systemic safety. Where a project in a rural environment does not have the volume to account for pedestrian crashes; however, the project is still an unsafe corridor.

Ms. Barber responded that the FAMPO weightings show that crashes are only 15%; however, we have included PSAP corridors, which are weighted 35% and consider risk. The PSAP would address a systemic approach.

Mr. Adam Lynch asked a question about using pedestrian counts in the



scoring metrics.

Ms. Barber responded that pedestrian counts have not been taken into account specifically; however, there are measures such as project benefit that will take into account higher trafficked areas.

- c. Update on Streetlight Data use in the Bike/Ped Counter Program- Mr. Matthew Lehane

Mr. Lehane gave an update on the use of StreetLight data in the FAMPO Bike/Ped counting program. He covered developments over the past couple months, which involved using counts from FAMPO's hard counter to calibrate StreetLight count data. The data was presented, and Mr. Lehane asked BPAC members to follow up with locations they would like to see tested.

Vice Chair Geouge asked how much setup is involved in creating locations for study in the StreetLight platform.

Mr. Lehane responded that it is a pretty simple task to setup a location in StreetLight.

Ms. Jordan asked whether StreetLight uses cameras to recording traffic counts.

Mr. Lehane responded that, no, StreetLight does not use cameras to record traffic counts, rather FAMPO has two ways of recording Bike/Ped counts, one is through FAMPO's Eco Counter physical counter which can be placed at a location to attain hard counts of how many people pass by. While the second is through StreetLight which uses GPS data to understand how many people are passing through a specific zone.

Mr. Littlewood asked how easy it is for the data to be manipulated through high traffic events such as a half marathon.

Mr. Lehane responded that StreetLight is able to sift through the data with their algorithm to account for one-time events such as half marathons.

- d. Update on the George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Greenway Feasibility Study - Ms. Kari Barber

Ms. Barber gave an update on George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Greenway Feasibility Study. This update entailed an understanding of the plans for the feasibility study over the next few months. There will be three scheduled meetings:

- April 29th with BPAC and trail advocates
- May 19th with BPAC, trail advocates VDOT and localities
- June 24th with those mentioned above plus other departments and interested officials.



Mr. Pastwik asked a question in regard to off-road vs roadway corridors and what constitutes a greenway,

Ms. Barber responded that on-road (shared-use paths) and off-road (natural surface) trails both qualify as greenways.

Mr. Clarke asked if individuals from the Potomac Heritage Scenic trail have been asked to join.

Ms. Barber responded that she would follow up with them.

Mr. Jim Lynch asked about adding the Potomac Heritage Trail into all the discussions.

Ms. Barber responded that that can be done.

Ms. Jordan asked about a possible path between the Stafford Hospital and Brooke VRE station and a conversation she had with Ms. Cindy Shelton and would be happy to talk more offline.

Ms. Barber responded that she could do that.

Vice Chair Geouge responded that he is helping to lead that project on the Stafford County side, and that this is being worked on.

8. Correspondence

Ms. Barber shared a news article on potential lower residential speed limits in Virginia and encouraged members to read it.

9. Staff Reports

Mr. Ollis reported that FAMPO is advertising for a new full time planner position.

10. Member Reports

Mr. Clarke reported that on March 16h the King George Board of Supervisors formally adopted the trailways feasibility study that had been completed in 2018. He also reported that in partnering with the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail they met and toured the heritage trail with individuals from the National Park Service who are helping the trail work on a master plan.

Mr. Pastwik reported that Spotsylvania County is discussing a transportation alternatives project to extend the Virginia Central Railway trail from its termination at Salem Church Road up to the intersection at Harrison Road where there is a SMART SCALE project to upgrade crosswalks, landings, and sidewalks at the intersection.

Ms. LaSut reported that VDOT has a spring transportation meeting coming up. She



also mentioned that VDOT is looking to host locality days to educate counties about SMART SCALE.

Ms. Talken-Spaulding reported that along Lee Drive and Lafayette Boulevard they have had an increase in traffic because of the ongoing construction and issues with commercial traffic along Lee Drive. She thanked VDOT for their help in putting new signs up to alert commercial vehicle users that Lee Drive is not open to commercial vehicles.

Ms. Anderson reported that she wanted to give a shoutout to FRED Transit for the ongoing changes they are currently completed. Further she mentioned an interest in GWRideConnect participating in bike to work day.

Mr. Adam Lynch reported that Governor Northam signed into law a bill that designated the lower Rappahannock River from Ferry Farm bridge to the Chesapeake as a state scenic river.

Mr. Rob Maple reported that the Quarry trail has new signs with QR codes that can give information on the trails. Further, that they are now able to build a new trail in Motts Run this summer. Lastly, they are purchasing two new bike repair stations for Motts reservoir and another in the Quarry area.

Mr. Jim Lynch reported on the alignment of the Belmont-Ferry Farm trail as it is a part of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail (PHNST), the visit of individuals from National Park Service, the review of the MOU between King George County and the PHNST in which expires in 2021. Further discussions on the East Coast Greenway and routes through Stafford County. Work with Caledon State Park to designate PHNST trails through the park. Annual Sheetz Fun Run on March 25th had 225 runners including wheelchair teams. They completed a board walk project along the trail to accommodate the wheelchair teams. Lastly, they are planning to work with the county to submit a Smart Scale application for safety improvements along 218, the section that connects Caledon State Park to the Dahlgren Heritage Trail.

Mr. Littlewood reported on his work to connect many of the different paths and trails in Stafford County between the new Stafford Town Center being built.

Vice Chair Gouge reported on the Stafford County Boards adoption of new density requirements in rural areas of the County. These zoning changes will likely drive more traffic in urban areas of the county.

11. Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting / Next meeting Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 6:00pm



Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. Motion was made by Mr. Jim Lynch and seconded by Ms. Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.



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Committee Members Not Present:

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Ben Matters, PRTC

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Others Present:

Brandon Brown

Aaron Frank



Staff Present:

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Ms. Jordan Chandler, Transportation Planner
Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner
Mr. Adam Hager, Transportation Planner
Ms. Stacey Feindt, Public Involvement Coordinator

1. Call BPAC Meeting to Order

Chair Pennington called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Hager called the roll.

3. Approval of June 3, 2021 BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the June 3, 2021 BPAC agenda.

Motion: Mr. Clarke; Second: Mr. Geouge

Motion passed with unanimous consent. Ms. Jackson abstained.

4. Approval April 1, 2021 BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Motion was made to approve the April 1, 2021 BPAC meeting minutes.

Motion: Mr. Clarke; Second: Mr. Geouge

Motion passed with unanimous consent. Ms. Jackson abstained.

5. Public Comment

No public comments were made.

6. Administrator Report

Mr. Ollis gave a report focused on a forthcoming FAMPO study effort called the East-West Mobility Study, updates to transportation funding, and other current transportation matters such as a potential extension of the WMATA Metro from Springfield to Quantico.

Mr. Huie asked about the timeframe for both phases of the East-West Study. Mr. Ollis noted that Phase I would commence on the first of July and then Phase II would start shortly before Phase I is finalized; in total, about 12-18 months for each phase.

Mr. Huie asked about geographic considerations for the bicycle/pedestrian elements of the study and whether they would be short- or long-term. Mr. Ollis noted that the effort will focus on access to train stations and ensuring that active transportation options can be a major mode and not just for recreation.

7. Discussion / Action Items

a. SMART SCALE Round 5 Timeline

Mr. Hager provided an overview of the SMART SCALE Round 5 timeline, noting that VDOT and staff were starting the overall process a little sooner for this round to give time for adequate review and evaluation. Staff will be requesting projects for consideration on the regional lists (FAMPO and GWRC) at next week's Technical Advisory Committee meeting.



b. Transportation Alternatives Update

Ms. Barber provided an update on Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding. She reviewed entities eligible to apply and the types of improvements the funding can support. Ms. Barber explained the timeline and the new requirements for this round. She provided links in the meeting packet for additional information.

c. **Community Engagement and Equity Plan (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Feindt provided information on the CEEP which is currently out for public comment and will be presented to the Policy Committee for adoption in June. She defined the difference between equity and equality noting that this document is a federal obligation and fulfills the Title VI and the public participation plan requirements. She noted that the plan contains the following sections: federal requirements, how FAMPO will comply, how staff will involve the public in the planning process, how staff will document and review public outreach efforts to ensure meaningful participation. Ms. Feindt also reviewed the document's vision and goals, feedback from focus groups, how this plan varies from the current plans, and the timeline to review and comment on this document.

Motion was made to endorse the Community Engagement and Equity Plan.

Motion: Mr. Geouge; Second: Mr. Clarke.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

d. Bike Month: Today and Tomorrow

Ms. Anderson presented an overview of GWRideConnect and how it serves the region as a transportation demand management program. She explained the history of National Bike Month and Bike to Work Day. Ms. Anderson invited the group to discuss ideas related to promoting and enhancing next year's Bike Month and Bike to Work Day.

e. Update on the George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Greenway Feasibility Study

Ms. Barber presented an update on the Greenway Feasibility Study. For the past several months, the project team has developed the study and conducted stakeholder meetings. Ms. Barber also detailed the process to develop a prioritization system for evaluating potential trail improvements. She summarized the outputs from each stakeholder meeting and noted what the remaining steps are to complete the effort.

f. Ongoing Bike/Ped needs and concerns from the group

Mr. Geouge opened a discussion related to the idea of a continuous agenda item for the BPAC to identify problem areas within the region related to bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure and networks. The BPAC would be able to address the problem spots and discuss potential improvements. Mr. Hager described how the map works and noted that it will be a live, virtual map that can be updated at any time.

Mr. Summer asked what bicycle and pedestrian improvements would be incorporated with the Chatham Bridge renovation. Ms. Barber informed the committee that a separated shared use path and a mid-point overlook are included in the reconstruction.

Ms. Jordan asked if the committee knew whether a new development near Mine Rd close to Courthouse Rd in Stafford had any bike and pedestrian accommodations. Mr. Geouge



noted that previously the construction was related to development of 2,000 homes called George Washington Village, but that lost traction initially and might be gaining steam again. He added that local planning staff have plans to connect Mine Rd to Centerport Parkway in the future.

Ms. Jordan said she would be more involved in the county to find out what bicycle and pedestrian improvements and land use changes were occurring so she could inform the committee as needed. Mr. Geouge informed Ms. Jordan that she could attend PDRC, historical commission, and or parks and recreation meetings to gain local knowledge.

8. **Correspondence**

Ms. Barber shared the link to the Cannonball Century Ride which will occur on September 25, 2021. She mentioned the link to sign up is in the pack and will be added to the BPAC page for convenience.

9. **Staff Reports**

Ms. Barber shared that FAMPO staff is beginning to assist rural communities with creating SMART SCALE candidate projects as part of the Rural Work Program (RWP). She also attended King George's Locality Day and will do the same when Caroline hosts theirs.

Ms. Barber noted that at the next BPAC meeting the committee would begin working on the 2050 Bicycle and Pedestrian update in earnest and would become the focus of the group for the next several meetings.

Ms. Barber shared the exciting news of the FAMPO Mobility Survey and encouraged members to take it.

10. **Member Reports**

Ms. Barber shared a message from Mr. Pastwik noting that Spotsylvania was looking at candidate new TAP projects and to expand the counties list of short and long term CLRP projects. Mr. Pastwik added that it is a work in progress including shared use paths and sidewalk projects. The county is also looking to implement logical gap closures and extensions of the trailways master plan, including some greenway sections. For greenways, the major focus is on VCR Trail, Ni River Trail, Deep Run Spur and Spotsylvania Avenue Extension which is part of Massaponax Creek system.

Ms. Barber shared a message from Ms. Talken-Spaulding stating that a chipseal project along Lee Drive is scheduled to begin in July. There will be message boards up and notices posted on-line. The NPS is particularly mindful of the impact for bicycle users. If the committee members could help spread the word in the bicycle community that would be most helpful. Lastly, if anyone has any questions, they should feel free to contact Ms. Talken-Spaulding directly.

11. **Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting / Next meeting Thursday, July 29, 2021 at 6:00pm**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm. Motion was made by Mr. Huie and seconded by Ms. Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 26, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:

Brian Geouge, Vice Chair, Stafford County

Chris Clarke, King George County

Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County

Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Kirsten Talken-Spaulding, National Park Service (NPS)

Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect

Adam Lynch, Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR)

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Jamie Jackson, City of Fredericksburg

Joy Himes, Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)

Ben Matters, PRTC

Deborah Lately, DRC

Stan Huie, FCC, Virginia Bicycle Federation (VBF), and Spotsylvania Greenways Initiative

Kevin Wightman, Caroline County Citizen Representative

Kristin Harding, Spotsylvania County Citizen Representative

Stephen Littlewood, Stafford County Citizen Representative

John Lysher, At-Large Citizen Representative

(Brantley?)

Others Present:

Mr. Brandon Brown, Stafford County

Staff Present:

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator

Mr. Matthew Lehane, Transportation Planner

Ms. Jordan Chandler, Transportation Planner (remote)

Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner

Mr. Adam Hager, Transportation Planner



1. **Call BPAC Meeting to Order**

Vice Chair Geouge called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Mr. Barber called the roll.

3. **Approval of August 26, 2021 BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the August 26, 2021 BPAC agenda.

Motion: Ms. Talken-Spaulding; Second: Mr. Pastwik

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of June 3, 2021 BPAC Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made to approve the June 3, 2021 BPAC meeting minutes, as amended.

Motion: Mr. Clarke; Second: Mr. Adam Lynch

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Mr. Clarke noted his last name was misspelled in the minutes and proposed correction.

5. **Public Comment**

Staff shared one public comment from Mr. David Lee Gayle. The comment was included in the meeting packet and read aloud for members of the committee.

6. **Administrator Report**

Mr. Ollis gave a report focused on the recently conducted FAMPO Transportation Improvements Survey and the recently commenced FAMPO East-West Mobility Study. He summarized results from the survey and explained some of the maps produced by staff. Regarding the East-West Mobility Study, he noted that the first stakeholder group meeting took place earlier in August in the effort is well underway.

7. **Discussion / Action Items**

- a. FAMPO 2050 Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan Active Transportation Plan Projects List

Mr. Hager showed a presentation on progress staff are making on the 2050 LRTP. 149 new projects were submitted by localities and agencies for consideration on the draft list of fiscally constrained projects. Mr. Hager showed the breakdown of projects by locality and agency. He stated that committees and the public will review the draft list through September and committees will consider the adoption of the list during September meetings. He also provided a summary of modifications proposed by staff to account for forthcoming Transportation Alternatives applications and ensuring project costs are not double counted.

Mr. Adam Lynch asked why such a relatively small percentage of Active Transportation Candidate projects were selected. Hr. Hager noted the total pot of funding was based on multiple sources. He mentioned that several of the AT candidate projects covered an extensive area which equated to higher costs.

Mr. Pastwik questioned if some of the highway candidate projects selected have AT



elements. Hr. Hager confirmed Mr. Pastwik's statement and added that staff has to score the project based on the most applicable mode to the overall project, which might be highway although the project could have other improvements across multiple modes.

Ms. Barber gave the Harrison Road Widening project has a combination of highway and AT elements specifically the construction of a shared-use path.

Mr. Jim Lynch noted that BPAC understands that staff has to categorize projects by mode but said it might be helpful to separate out the highway projects that have AT vs those without AT. Mr. Hager noted that a lot of the projects at the time of application time are largely conceptual, especially with horizon years in 2045 and beyond. He also noted that some of the project descriptions mention bike and pedestrian accommodations. Mr. Ollis added that the suggestion was well taken and in the next iteration of the list staff can make a delineation of highway applications that have bike and pedestrian elements.

Ms. Anderson noted that when projects begin construction the first elements that are cut, based on cost, are AT elements. She asked how many projects will be constructed with the proposed AT elements that are listed in the plan now and if there was a way to keep track of this. Mr. Hager noted that this list has a broad scope and that the projected revenues do not link directly to allocations of funds. He mentioned that when if an AT element(s) is removed would be at the time that the project is programmed with the decisions being made with VDOT and the locality. He noted that an example for tracking could be the past round of SMART SCALE applications.

b. FAMPO 2050 Active Transportation Plan Update and Meeting Frequency (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Barber provided a summary overview of the 2050 Active Transportation plan and requested the committee meet on a more frequent basis to assist in developing the plan.

Motion was made for the BPAC to meet in both October and November.

Motion: Mr. Adam Lynch; Second: Mr. Jim Lynch.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

She provided an overview of the scope for the Active Transportation Plan including the goals and objectives, next steps for the plan, and solicited questions and comments.

Ms. Talken-Spaulding asked about including sustainability and climate change issues in the plan. Ms. Barber indicated she would work on including resiliency into the plan.

Mr. Adam Lynch asked about the order of the goals presented and suggested Goal 2 was a higher priority than Goal 1. Ms. Barber concurred.

Mr. Frank asked about the wording for connecting users to activity centers. The group discussed ideas and Ms. Barber said she would workshop some improvements to the language.



Ms. Jordan noted the number of users who use active transportation facilities over long distances and commended staff for including this idea in the approach.

Mr. Jim Lynch asked about the last objective listed under Goal 2. Ms. Barber said the idea was to provide a system that is widely accessible.

Mr. Adam Lynch suggested using photographs of bicycle users commuting rather than just recreational users.

Mr. Pastwik, Mr. Ollis, and others discussed the fact that there is no entity tasked with developing regional greenways, especially on the engineering side. Mr. Pastwik added that there are outdated legislative requirements that make it difficult to fund and implement many active transportation projects. He added that in Spotsylvania, there is no staff available to focus exclusively on greenway improvements within transportation planning.

Hector, a member of the public, spoke to the importance of providing more opportunities for the community to bike and walk in order to help conservation efforts.

c. GWRC Regional Greenway Study Wrap Up

Ms. Barber shared an update on the regional greenway study, providing an overview of the purpose of the grant and the work undertaken to date. She presented a map that had been developed with prioritized trails.

Ms. LaSut asked for a GIS data set with the information contained in the map which Ms. Barber said she would provide.

Ms. Barber summarized the next steps and indicated the study was a launching point for funding and implementation.

Mr. Jim Lynch, Mr. Clarke, and Ms. Barber discussed the implications for project funding.

Mr. Ollis suggested that when the report goes back to the GWRC board that staff propose each jurisdiction adopt the greenway map.

d. Transportation Alternatives Candidate Projects

Ms. Barber summarized the TA program and provided an overview of the tentative applications from each jurisdiction within FAMPO. Mr. Pastwik and Mr. Geouge provided additional information on projects in Spotsylvania County and Stafford County, respectively.

e. Bike/Ped Counter and StreetLight Data Report

Mr. Lehane summarized the bike/ped counter program and planned expansion to the program for FY22. He discussed the use of StreetLight to supplement current hard counts. Mr. Lehane went over index counts from the past year for comparison and provided a snapshot of counts at various locations throughout the region.



- f. Ongoing Bike/Ped needs and concerns from the group
Mr. Geouge reminded members of the purpose of the online map and asked the group if there were any areas of concern to be added. Ms. Barber and Mr. Lehane described how the map works and showed a few examples.

Mr. Adam Lynch and Mr. Summer asked about access to the web map. Mr. Lehane suggested staff could add GIS layers for existing locality plans for users to view on the map.

8. **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence shared with the committee.

9. **Staff Reports**

Ms. Barber shared that some BPAC citizen representatives had not attended in some time. She asked for guidance from the committees. Mr. Jim Lynch and Mr. Geouge suggested Ms. Barber send a reminder email.

Ms. Barber also shared that FAMPO is hiring a transportation planning intern.

10. **Member Reports**

Mr. Clarke noted that King George is hiring for multiple positions.

Mr. Pastwik shared that the Spotsylvania County board will be taking up a comprehensive plan amendment on September 14.

Ms. LaSut added that VDOT is advancing the Pipeline Studies – a total of four – in the FAMPO region. She asked if the committee was aware of any planned large green spaces in the region and the committee discussed some ongoing efforts.

Ms. Talken-Spaulding noted that the new traffic circle at Lafayette Blvd/Lee Drive takes a little while to get used to and discussed some of the improvements planned in the area.

Ms. Anderson noted the difficulty of the traffic circle referenced by Ms. Talken-Spaulding and said GWRideConnect is also hiring.

Mr. Adam Lynch noted that the City of Fredericksburg is undertaking a new plan for Small Area 1 (west of I-95). He said the plan would go to public hearing this fall.

Mr. Maple shared news about recent grants awarded to the Fredericksburg Trails Alliance and plans for a crossing on River Road in Spotsylvania County that was recently approved by VDOT.

Mr. Jim Lynch shared the news of a recently hired superintendent assisting with the Dahlgren railroad trail.

Mr. Summer shared news of an upcoming gravel ride and invited members to attend.

Mr. Frank introduced himself and shared his excitement for being part of the group.



Ms. Jordan shared about some forthcoming projects with Ms. Barber and noted her interest in developing land preserves.

Ms. Fults shared comments related to the long-range plan and ensuring that residents with disabilities have proper accessibility. She also noted that she had seen news that the City of Fredericksburg may convert some one-way streets to two-way and wondered how this might impact traffic. Mr. Adam Lynch and Mr. Frank offered to speak with Ms. Fults offline.

11. Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting / Next meeting TBD (Sept), 2021 at 6:00pm

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion was made by Ms. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Jim Lynch. The motion passed unanimously. The next meeting will be held October 7, 2021.



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Draft Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 7, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:

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Brian Geouge, Vice Chair, Stafford County
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Kirsten Talken-Spaulding, National Park Service (NPS)
Leigh Anderson, GWRideConnect
Rob Maple, Fredericksburg Trails Alliance (FredTrails)
Jim Lynch, Potomac Heritage Trail Association (PHTA) and Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail (DRHT)
John Summer, Fredericksburg Cyclist Club (FCC)
Aaron Frank, City of Fredericksburg Citizen Representative
Stephen Littlewood, Stafford County Citizen Representative
Heather LaBelle, Caroline County Citizen Representative

Committee Members Present (remotely, with virtual participation request):

Debra Fults, disAbility Resource Center (DRC)
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Committee Members Not Present:

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Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Adam Lynch, Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR)
Yamina Jordan, Stafford County Alternate

Others Present:

Mr. Brandon Brown, Stafford County

Staff Present:

Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner/ Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator
Ms. Jordan Chandler, Transportation Planner
Ms. Stacey Feindt, FAMPO Public Involvement and Title VI Coordinator

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1. **Call BPAC Meeting to Order**

Chair Pennington called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Ms. Barber called the roll.

3. **Approval of October 7, 2021 BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the August 26, 2021 BPAC agenda.

Motion: Mr. Pastwik; Second: Mr. Geouge

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of August 26, 2021 BPAC Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Lynch requested several changes to the meeting minutes. Ms. Barber noted the changes and stated she will amend the meeting minutes accordingly.

Motion was made to approve the August 26, 2021 BPAC meeting minutes, as amended.

Motion: Mr. Geouge; Second: Ms. Talken-Spaulding

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. **Public Comment**

No public comments were received. No member of the public spoke.

6.

a. **Approval of Chapter One and Two of the Active Transportation Plan (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Barber presented information on chapter one and two of the Active Transportation Plan. She summarized the discussion from the previous BPAC meeting related to the vision statement and goals. Ms. Barber noted that she had received suggested changes from Brandon Brown, Stafford County planner, and made changes to reflect his comments.

Ms. Barber offered a modification to goal three which was to add “encourage localities to design facilities with consideration for storm resiliency. Ms. Talken-Spaulding voiced support for the change.

Mr. Pastwik stated that he forgot to bring his comments, and will send them to Ms. Barber.

Ms. Barber asked for comment on the map of existing conditions. Mr. Geouge remarked that only a few shared use paths in Stafford were on the map. Ms. Barber clarified that the map on the PowerPoint was not the latest map, the correct map was in the Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Lynch commented that the name for the Potomac Heritage Trail was actually the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail.

Mr. Lynch commented that the maps were hard to read because the detail was too fine and small. Ms. Barber offered for the committee to review the readability of the maps at the next BPAC meeting. Ms. Talken-Spaulding noted that there are accessibility standards that need to be met for sight and reading.

Ms. Talken-Spaulding asked why the National Park Service’s trails were not on the map. Ms. Barber replied that the map only shows paved, ADA compliant trails. The park service trails were nature trails by definition.



On the topic of safety, Mr. Lynch asked if the safety figures were based on actual accidents. Ms. Barber clarified that staff used VDOT's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan which predicts where accidents might occur and have occurred. Mr. Summer asked about the color identification system used on the safety map. Ms. Barber answered that the colors indicate priorities. Mr. Pastwik noted that the priority assigned to Leavells Road doesn't seem to reflect existing bike/ped infrastructure. Ms. Barber replied that staff will look into that by reviewing VDOT's standards.

Ms. Barber asked for final comments on the plan. Ms. Talken-Spaulding asked that the description for the Potomac Heritage Trail be updated to clarify that part of it is administered by the National Park Service. Mr. Lynch asked that a sentence be added to page 9 to state that the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail passes through the whole region (at least through Stafford and Fredericksburg). Mr. Lynch also made a final comment on the plan that on page 11 there should be a mention of the importance of employers to support walking and biking to work.

Motion was not made to approve chapter one and two of the Active Transportation Plan pending incorporation of further comments via email after the meeting.

b. Ladysmith Bike and Pedestrian Small Area Plan

Ms. Barber presented information on work being done to create a bike and pedestrian small area plan for Ladysmith. She conveyed that even the farthest housing developments are a short bike ride from the heart of Ladysmith's growing amenities. Ms. Barber summarized the plan's recommendations which included signs for placemaking and wayfinding, shared use paths, sidewalks, well-lit crossings, and pedestrian refuge medians.

Mr. Littlewood asked if developers will be asked to help develop shared use paths. Ms. Barber answered that that could be an option.

Ms. Talken-Spaulding asked if pedestrian hybrid beacons were different from hawk signals. Ms. Barber replied that the beacons were much more robust.

Ms. Barber said the next step for the plan was for her to present it to the Caroline Planning Commission on October 28, 2021. Mr. Pennington added that after Ms. Barber's presentation, the commission chairs will decide whether to add it to the comprehensive plan. It may take 20 to 30 years to achieve the full plan.

c. Ongoing Bike/Pedestrian Needs and Concerns

Mr. Gouge asked committee members to raise specific bike and pedestrian issues to add to the bicycle and pedestrian needs map.

Mr. Littlewood noted that there is a plan to install lighting to increase pedestrian safety on Onville Road, yet there are not any safe paths to travel. He also expressed the need for a trail on the west side of Stafford County which would connect the Mountain View High School area, the Colonial Forge High School area, Embrey Mills area, and the Rouse Center, running along the powerline easement.

Mr. Littlewood also noted that there needs to be a crosswalk between the Garrisonville



commuter lot and the nearby shopping area. Ms. Barber noted that there had been a Transportation Alternatives Project funding application for such a project.

Mr. Gouge asked if FAMPO staff could add city and county bike and pedestrian plans to the map. Ms. Barber replied that they could once current staff projects wrapped up. Mr. Gouge also discussed the recent decision to not continue work on the Stafford portion of the Belmont to Ferry Farm Trail.

Ms. Anderson asked that the need for a shared use path along Leavells Road and Smith Station Road to Patriot Park be added to the map.

Ms. Barber noted that another bike and pedestrian need is for crosswalks around the Spotsylvania Courthouse/Rt 208/Lake Anna Parkway/Brock Road area. Mr. Pastwick agreed that crossings were needed and would improve safe access to the battlefield area.

Mr. Lynch brought up an issue that trail advocates are facing in King George. A trail that is planned to cross by an industrial park is facing opposition by the industrial park owners. Mr. Lynch asked if committee members could shed light on what the objection might be based on. Ms. Talken-Spaulling suggested looking into how the city negotiated the VCR trail with adjacent industrial park owners. Mr. Clarke added that the King George trail issue is part of a closed session business discussion between the county and a business owner.

7. **Correspondence**

No correspondence.

8. **Staff Reports**

Ms. Barber noted that FAMPO has a new intern, Ms. Lana Bizeau. She also welcomed Heather LaBelle as the new BPAC citizen representative for Caroline County. It was also announced that FAMPO had three staff members currently presenting at a conference in Arizona, which resulted in their absence at the BPAC meeting.

9. **Member Reports**

Mr. Pastwick announced that the Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors will meet on October 12, 2021 to take action on the county's proposed comprehensive plan.

Mr. Pastwick stated that he is interested in taking action on the bike and pedestrian needs the committee has identified and placed on the needs map. However, the struggle is to get consistent standards set to achieve correctly connected paths. When development plans go through review, the bike and pedestrian requirements are not consistent or predictable. Mr. Gouge suggested looking at Chesterfield's Code for ideas on possible standards.

Mr. Pastwick said Spotsylvania County is interested in extending the Greenway to Shannon Airport and Benchmark Road, perhaps linking the Spotsylvania VRE station. As the county conducts preliminary planning, they would like to have a conversation with the National Park Service about possible trail touchpoints. Ms. Talken-Spaulling welcomed such a conversation.

Mr. Gouge announced that Stafford County Board of Supervisors would hold a joint public hearing on October 19, 2021 at 7pm before taking action on the county's comprehensive plan.



Ms. Talken-Spaulding reported on chip-sealing progress on Lee Drive. And also, that the entry to Lee Drive will be reconfigured for safer pedestrian access. Finally, she is taking a time-limited job which will require another park service representative to temporarily take her place on BPAC.

Mr. Summer announced record-breaking attendance at the Cannonball Ride.

Mr. Frank expressed concern that the planned improvements to the Fall Hill and Route 1 intersection do not include improvements for bike and pedestrian safety. He wants the city to engage with VDOT on this matter. Ms. Barber stated she will reach out to the city's transportation director, Jamie Jackson, for more information.

Ms. Anderson announced that GWRideConnect has filled an outreach coordinator position.

Mr. Pennington thanked Ms. Barber for her work on the Ladysmith Plan. Additionally, he stated that Caroline is needing to reroute their planned East Coast Greenway route due to the negative impact the planned route would have on farm land. The county is exploring options and wants to complete the route in 7 to 10 years.

Mr. Clarke thanked Ms. Barber for assistance in working out an alternative route for the Regional Greenway in King George County.

10. Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Ms. Talken-Spaulding; Second: Mr. Lynch

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC)

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 4, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

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Committee Members Present:

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Brian Geouge, Vice Chair, Stafford County
Jacob Pastwik, Spotsylvania County
Linda LaSut, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
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Others Present:

Mr. Brandon Brown, Stafford County

Staff Present:

Mr. Ian Ollis, FAMPO Administrator
Mr. Matthew Lehane, Transportation Planner
Ms. Kari Barber, Transportation Planner/ Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Mr. Adam Hager, Transportation Planner

1. **Call BPAC Meeting to Order**

Chair Craig Pennington called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Ms. Barber called the roll.

3. **Approval of November 4, 2021 BPAC Meeting Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the November 4, 2021 BPAC agenda.

Motion: Mr. Lynch; Second: Mr. Frank

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

4. **Approval of October 7, 2021 BPAC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)**

Motion was made to approve the October 7, 2021 BPAC meeting minutes.

Motion: Mr. Geouge; Second: Mr. Pennington

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

5. **FAMPO Administrator Report**

Mr. Ollis gave the FAMPO Administrator Report where he discussed the ongoing East-West mobility study by FAMPO along with its bike/ped elements, he discussed the FAMPO/GWRC SMART SCALE round 5 applications and their bike/ped elements, the US 17 Bike/Ped study by Stafford County, the GWRC Rural Work Program, the new Chatham Bridge, a new Park and Ride Lot in Spotsylvania County at Commonwealth Drive, and results of the 2020 Census.

Mr. Lynch asked if there was more documentation in regards to the SMART SCALE projects. Mr. Ollis and Mr. Lehane responded that there is and it is found on the FAMPO website under previous presentations with the most recent being on the October CTAC agenda. Ms. LaSut also responded that past SMART SCALE projects can be found on the VDOT website. Mr. Pastwik also added that the local jurisdictions also have SMART SCALE projects and Mr. Lehane responded that the list of local projects can be found under the most recent Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) agenda under staff reports.

6. **Public Comment**

Mr. Brown commented on a press release from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments on the new Street Smart campaign that tells drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists to watch out for each other, and promotes safety. Ms. Barber added that she would send this press release to the committee.

7. **Discussion / Action Items**

a) **Old Business-- Approving Chapters 1-2 of the FAMPO 2050 Active Transportation Plan (ACTION ITEM)**

Ms. Barber presented an updated draft of chapters 1-2 of the FAMPO 2050 Active Transportation Plan that reflects the changes since the last BPAC meeting in October.

Motion was made to approve the Chapters 1-2 of the FAMPO 2050 Active Transportation Plan

Motion: Mr. Summer; Second: Ms. LaSut
Motion passed with unanimous consent.

b) Approving Chapters 3-4 of the FAMPO 2050 Active Transportation Plan (ACTION ITEM)

Ms. Barber presented chapters 3 and 4 of the FAMPO 2050 Active Transportation Plan. She discussed Chapter 3 which talks about planning for active transportation: the who, what, when, where, and why. The chapter also discusses micromobility and bicycle demand and stress analysis of bicycle infrastructure. She discussed Chapter 4 which talks about the recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements in each locality as well as a list of supporting studies. Lastly, she discussed Chapter 5, which talks about the implementation of the plan, its strategies, funding, the constrained long-range plan (CLRP), and maintenance. Ms. Barber added that the next steps are to send out the section on economic health and benefits, complete the entire draft and send to the committee for review, and final approval at the January 6th meeting.

Ms. Barber and committee members discussed micromobility and the Fredericksburg bicycle and pedestrian study in regard to bike share. They discussed the outcomes of the study and feasibility of bike share in the Fredericksburg region. Further, they discussed the potential for bicycle improvements in the Central Park area in regards to the upcoming public hearing for the City of Fredericksburg's Small Area Plan 1 which covers Central Park and its future land uses.

Mr. Pastwik commented on the breakdown of bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Chapter 3. He added that there is likely crossover between facilities and wondered how it could be addressed. He also commented that under what instance would some of these types of facilities be implemented.

Ms. Barber and committee members discussed next steps in regards to comments and updates to the document. No action was taken.

c) Ongoing Bike/Ped Needs and Concerns

Mr. Lehane showed the updated needs and concerns map with the added CLRP bicycle and pedestrian projects. He gave an overview of the interactive map and discussed its uses.

8. Correspondence

Ms. Barber presented a news article on the newly completed Chatham Bridge and the importance of its bicycle and pedestrian elements.

9. Staff Reports

Ms Barber announced the arrival of the new Executive Director, Mr. Chip Boyles.

10. Member Reports

Mr. Pastwik discussed the potential updates to the Spotsylvania County Comprehensive Plan and a planned future vote.

Mr. Geouge discussed the potential updates to the Stafford County Comprehensive Plan and a planned future vote.

Mr. Pennington discussed the potential updates to the Caroline County Comprehensive Plan and a planned future vote.

Ms. LaSut discussed the ongoing VDOT Pipeline Studies which are accessing needs for SMART SCALE projects.

11. Adjourn Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting / Next meeting January 6, 2022 at 6:00pm

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Motion: Mr. Lynch; Second: Mr. Summer

Motion passed with unanimous consent.