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## **CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE/FEDERAL STAFF MEETING**

March 13, 2019 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman David Swan
  
2. **Federal Certification Review Team Discussion** – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
  - a. **Introductions**
  - b. **Discussion Questions**
  
3. **Adjourn TAC Meeting / Next Meeting, June 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

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## **Discussion Questions and Background for the Public Hearing and Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) Meeting**

### **Federal staff meeting with the 2019 Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) to the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) and Public Hearing**

**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Joint Public Hearing and CTAC meeting March 13, 2019

**Location:** The George Washington Regional Commission Conference Room  
406 Princess Anne Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401

**Purpose:** Members of the Federal Review team will participate in a public hearing and CTAC meeting and engage in open dialogue with members.

The discussion will address how successfully the public is able to participate in the transportation planning and program development process in the metropolitan area.

- What methods and procedures are available to the public to participate?
- How successful are these methods?
- To what extent does the public contribute to: the transportation planning process, development of policies, and regional decision-making?

**Format:** The Federal review team will distribute general discussion questions in advance to the CTAC. The Federal Team will introduce each question and lead an informal discussion with CTAC members. **Note:** the focus is on the planning, prioritization, and decision making process and not on the merits of specific projects or decisions.

**Background:** Every four years the U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct a Certification Review of the metropolitan transportation planning process for Transportation Management Areas (TMA). While FAMPO is not a TMA, it has agreed to meet certain TMA responsibilities for the Washington DC TMA area which includes parts of Stafford County. The Certification Review formalizes continuing oversight and evaluation of the planning process by FHWA and FTA, to ensure that the planning requirements of 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303 to 5305 are being satisfactorily implemented.

The Certification Review also provides an opportunity to provide advice and guidance to enhance the planning process and improve the quality of transportation decisions. Although FHWA and FTA routinely interact with the metropolitan planning organization and its partner agencies in reviewing and approving planning products and providing technical assistance, this formal external review can be a catalyst to improve the effectiveness of the planning process and its ability to address major issues facing the metropolitan area.

The Federal team will use the following questions to guide discussion with the CTAC. At the meeting, please be prepared to identify yourself and, if applicable, what jurisdiction/organization you represent.

1. How effective is public involvement in transportation planning conducted by the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and its partner transportation agencies?
2. What methods to encourage public participation are working and what are not? Please provide examples and explanations.
3. How does public involvement and CTAC assist the region to reach consensus on difficult and controversial issues related to transportation?
4. How can public views successfully be communicated to decision-makers in an area as complex as this? What is the role of CTAC in this process?
5. Please describe situations where public involvement has had an impact on the planning process and decisions reached and where it has not. For example, consider how involvement contributes to developing strategies in the long-range plan, selecting investments in the TIP, or any other activities.
6. How might the FAMPO improve public involvement? For example, consider changes to the structure of advisory groups, use of media, use of facilitators, or efforts to reach a broad range of groups, including minority and low-income communities.