

**Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning
Citizen's Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)
Meeting Summary December 5, 2018
Adopted January 9, 2019**

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Dave Swan, Chair, Stafford County
Mr. Dave McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Kenneth Pogue, Caroline County
Mr. Rob Gates, King George County
Ms. Leslie Jordan, King George County
Mr. Neil Holloran, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Stan Huie, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Morgan Burch, Stafford County
Mr. Bobby Anderson, At-Large

George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Staff:

Mr. Nick Quint, FAMPO
Ms. Briana Hairfield, FAMPO
Mr. John Bentley, FAMPO
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

Call to Order – Mr. Swan called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Dave McLaughlin and seconded by Mr. Anderson, with all concurring, the December CTAC agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of CTAG Meeting Summary of October 10, 2018

Upon motion by Mr. Huie and seconded by Mr. Dave McLaughlin, with all concurring, the October 10th minutes were approved as submitted.

Review of FAMPO Policy Committee Meeting of October 15, 2018

Mr. Quint advised that discussion occurred at the October 15th Policy Committee meeting on the following items:

Public Comment - None

Discussion Items

a.) Summary of FAMPO Mission, Activities & Funding– Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised the FAMPO Mission, Activities & Funding concerns are being addressed as a result of a presentation that was given to the FAMPO Policy Committee at a previous meeting. Mr. Quint advised there were questions from some Policy Committee members and staff was tasked with clarifying concerns and the information will now be included as a portion of the new member orientation package.

Mr. Quint stated FAMPO's Mission statement is to provide a cooperative, continuous & comprehensive (#-C) transportation planning process that builds on regional agreements on transportation investments. Mr. Quint stated this would include roadway, public transit, bicycle/pedestrian projects & other transportation needs that will support the regional land use, economic & environmental goals for the safe & efficient movement of people & goods.

Mr. Quint advised that FAMPO is the federally-designated MPO representing the Fredericksburg Metropolitan Area. In this capacity, FAMPO has the authority & responsibility for transportation policy-making within the region.

Mr. Quint stated that FAMPO must approve all federal & regionally significant project funding the region as part of its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process to ensure projects receive federal approval to have them move forward for funding allocation consideration.

Mr. Quint relayed that FAMPO conducts regional studies such as the I-95 Phase 1 & 2 highway study to determine top transportation priorities for better planning efforts considering the limited transportation dollars that are available that will be of most benefit to the entire region. In addition to FAMPO being the liaison for all federal projects, requirements, & regulations, it also is the regional lead in developing & coordinating local & regional Smart Scale project priorities.

Mr. Quint advised that FAMPO has been successful in obtaining funding to date for the following regionally significant projects, including: the I-95 Southbound & Northbound Rappahannock River Crossing projects; the expansion projects at the Brooke & Leeland VRE Stations; & the 95 Express Lane Fredericksburg Extension project.

Mr. Quint relayed that all 13 projects submitted by FAMPO for Round 1 of the Smart Scale process were approved for funding. To date, 20 projects have been submitted, with 11 being submitted in Round 1 & 2 being submitted in Round 2. Mr. Quint relayed that the results of the Round 3 Smart Scale application process are expected to be received by the State in January so an update will be given at the February FAMPO committee meetings.

Mr. Quint advised the FY19 major FAMPO activities include the following: meeting new federal MPO regulations by conducting air quality conformity analysis under new FHWA guidelines; include performance based planning & programming requirements for both the

LRTP & TIP; updating the 2050 LRTP Congestion Management process; being in compliance with the Federal certification review process; managing existing project funding in the FY2018-2021 TIP; having FAMPO consultants complete the Lafayette Boulevard Corridor study; & reviewing/amending FAMPO's prioritization methodologies to ensure they are better aligned with PBPP & Smart Scale requirements.

Mr. Quint advised that some current FAMPO initiatives are the following: a total of 9 Smart Scale Round 3 projects; widening at I-95 SB between Exit 130 & 126; improving Exit ramp at Exit 126; extending Gateway Boulevard & improving I-95/Rt 3 EB junction; Route 3 safety improvements; improving Exit 136 & the intersection of US1/Enon Road; new Route 3 EB park & ride lot; US 17 STARS study & park & ride lot improvements; preserving 4th lane widening option on I-95; & a potential new sb access point for the I-95 Express Lanes.

Mr. Quint relayed that early 2019 FAMPO initiatives include discussion of the next steps for regional transportation initiatives after receiving the results from Round 3 of the Smart Scale process and projects moving forward could consist of any or all of the following: I-95 improvements; Arterial Improvements; & New I-95 access points. Mr. Quint stated the region will also have access to an additional \$232m that has become available as part of the Fred Ex Lane agreement deal with Trans Urban.

Mr. Quint advised updates will be continual as new information is received from the State and the FAMPO committees will be kept apprised accordingly.

b.) Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21)/Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Performance-Based Planning & Programming Requirements – Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised that the MPO is required to meet the 3-C agreement for continuous, cooperative & comprehensive targets in place & implemented that align with the State & the local jurisdictions that results in planning & programs being consistent within the planned development of the urbanized areas of the region. MR. Quint advised a draft of the 3-C agreement is included in tonight's agenda packet & to date, the edits received are highlighted in red. Mr. Quint stated that if TAC members have additional changes, questions, or comments to make these known to FAMPO staff. Mr. Quint relayed that the FAMPO area consists of the City of Fredericksburg & the counties of Spotsylvania & Stafford & the GWRC region includes these 3 localities as well as Caroline & King George counties.

- i. FAMPO Continuous, Cooperative & Comprehensive (3-C) Agreement
Discussed above & included in tonight's agenda packet for member review
- ii. Letter Adopting MPO State Targets for Safety

Mr. Quint advised that the MPO's were tasked with either conforming to the State's safety requirements; developing its own criteria; and/or implementing a combination of the 2 – Mr. Quint advised that the Policy Committee has agreed

to accept the State's standards in place for the safety target measures. Mr. Quint stated a copy of the letter that was submitted to the State that indicates FAMPO will be adhering to the safety targets in place by the State is included in tonight's agenda packet for member review.

c.) 95 Express Lanes Extension Before & After Analysis – Nick Quint

Mr. Dave McLaughlin stated this item is one that is lengthy, and the information included in tonight's agenda packet is for information only. Due to the lengthy agenda items on the December agenda, Mr. Dave McLaughlin made a motion for this item to be deferred from discussion tonight; to allow members to review it on their own time; & to have it included on an upcoming agenda if additional discussion is still needed. Mr. Burch seconded the motion made by Mr. Dave McLaughlin and all members were in concurrence with deferring discussion at the December CTAC meeting.

d.) Resolution No. 19-11, Amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to Add the 95 Express Lanes Fredericksburg Extension Project – John Bentley

Mr. Quint advised that Resolution No. 19-11, is a request made to FAMPO from VDOT. It essentially is a housekeeping/bookkeeping request. Mr. Quint stated that the TIP includes all projects within the region that are either federally funded and/or regionally significant. Mr. Quint stated the TIP amendment needs to occur before VDOT can move forward with the procurement process for the right-of-way & construction phase of the 95 Express Lane Fredericksburg Extension project. Mr. Quint advised that a copy of the letter received from the State is included in tonight's agenda packet.

Upon motion by Mr. Burch & seconded by Mr. Dave McLaughlin, with all concurring, Resolution No. 19-11 was endorsed by CTAC at its December meeting with a request that it be endorsed by the Policy Committee at the upcoming December 10th meeting.

e.) Resolution No. 19-12, Directing a Public Comment Period & Public Hearing Be Held Prior to Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised that Resolution No. 19-12 is the federal requirement that FAMPO needs to schedule a public comment period & public hearing prior to the adoption of the annual UPWP.

As Resolution No. 19-12 is informational only and is a requirement before obtaining approval of the annual UPWP, CTAC did not take any action on Resolution No. 19-12.

f.) I -95 Phase 2 Corridor Study Report – Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised a copy of the I-95 Phase 2 Corridor Study final report is included in tonight's agenda packet. Mr. Quint stated that some minor updates have occurred since the draft was submitted.

Mr. Quint stated the next steps are as follows: to finalize the I-95 Phase 2 Technical Report for inclusion into the Smart Scale application process; to follow-up with answers to questions in regard to the high-level access analysis prepared to date; begin more detailed technical analysis likely to be in the form of an IJR of 1 or more proposals for either new or improved I-95 access points along the I-95 corridor; & to determine what additional improvements will be needed at Exit 133 once the NB river crossing project is finalized.

- i. Resolution No. 19-15, Endorsing the Recommendations from the I-95 Phase 2 Corridor Study

Mr. Quint stated that Resolution No. 19-15 is asking for endorsement on the recommendations received to date from the I-95 Phase 2 Corridor study. Upon motion by Mr. Anderson & seconded by Mr. Holloran, with all concurring, Resolution No. 19-15 was endorsed by CTAC at its December 5th meeting with a request that it be approved by the Policy Committee at its upcoming December 10th meeting.

g.) Resolution No. 19-16, Endorsing Revised Regional Base Year & Future years Population & Employment Control Totals for Use in the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) – Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised the population & employment projections were brought before the FAMPO committees for consideration at the October meetings. Since that time, concerns about the population totals may be slightly higher than locality predictions, staff has re-calculated the data and made projections at a slightly reduced number than was reflected on the October presentations.

Upon motion by Mr. Burch and seconded by Mr. Gates, with Mr. Dave McLaughlin abstaining and all others concurring, Resolution No. 19-16 was endorsed by CTAC at its December 5th meeting with a request that it be adopted by the Policy Committee at the upcoming December 10th meeting.

h.) Resolution No. 19-17, Approving the Use of FAMPO Consultants to Complete the Phase 1 Transit Component of the Lafayette Boulevard Multimodal Transportation Study – Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised the City of Fredericksburg has requested FAMPO to complete a multimodal study of the Lafayette Boulevard corridor & the work activity is included in the FY2019 UPWP. Mr. Quint relayed that staff applied for & was awarded a grant from DRPT for \$125,000 to complete Phase 1 of this transit component. Mr. Quint advised the grant from DRP will expire, if not used, by September 30th, 2019 & the study in question is scheduled for a completion date of June 30, 2019. Mr. Quint advised the study will include Lafayette Boulevard from Sophia Street in the City of Fredericksburg to Route 1 in Spotsylvania County.

Upon motion by Mr. Holloran and seconded by Ms. Jordan, with all concurring, Resolution No. 19-17 was endorsed by CTAC at its December 5th meeting with a request that it be adopted by the Policy Committee at the upcoming December 10th meeting.

i.) Summer 2019 WMATA Shutdowns – Nick Quint

Mr. Quint advised that WMATA has provided presentation to the Technical Committee in regard to upcoming shut-downs for metro station platform re-constructions that will be occurring the spring of 2019. Mr. Quint stated that 6 southernmost located metro stations from Reagan Airport to Springfield will be completely shut down for a 90-day re-construction period. Mr. Quint relayed this project will affect all of the blue & yellow lines & will begin Memorial Day and conclude on Labor Day. The stations effected will be: Braddock Road, King Street, Eisenhower Avenue, Huntington, Van Dorn & Franconia-Springfield. Mr. Quint stated the repairs are going to be conducted during this time period because data obtained from Metro/WMATA has shown this is the slowest period of time when metro services are not utilized as often. Mr. Quint stated this shut-down will affect those commuters from the region and those of the slugging community.

Mr. Quint stated that the 45 outdoor Metrorail stations system-wide are either under construction or construction has been completed. Mr. Quint relayed that 17 of these stations are in Virginia. Mr. Quint stated the existing platforms are 35-40 years old and are deteriorating from the concrete platforms that have been exposed to weather & de-icing efforts for decades. Mr. Quint relayed that 10 stations are already completely; 15 stations have platforms operating in good condition; & 20 stations that have platforms that require immediate attention & temporary measures have been installed where needed in order to stabilize & ensure safety until the re-construction process occurs. Mr. Quint stated that VRE service will not be interrupted at these locations during the Metrorail repairs. Mr. Quint relayed that metro will also be operating 4 shuttle buses to replace the lost service from the 6 closed stations.

Correspondence – Included in tonight’s agenda packet is a resignation letter from Mr. John Davis, Spotsylvania County CTAC member, indicating his need to step down from serving on CTAC due to work obligations.

Staff Report

Mr. Quint advised that included in tonight’s agenda packet is the FY2019 CTAC calendar for upcoming meetings. Mr. Quint relayed that there will be no FAMPO meetings scheduled in the months of July, August & December. Mr. Quint also relayed that for CTAC, the March 2019 meeting will also be cancelled as staff will be in Washington, DC for a federal certification review process question/answer period that will occur the first 2 weeks in March.

Mr. Quint advised that the Gateway Boulevard/Route 3 project that was submitted for consideration under Round 3 of the Smart Scale application process has been screened out. Mr. Quint stated this project not moving forward will negatively impact the City of Fredericksburg & the Virginia Welcome Center project. Mr. Quint relayed the project was

not accepted by Smart Scale was its lack of project readiness. Mr. Quint relayed that VDOT indicated the project needs more study in order to recommend the best improvements needed. Mr. Quint stated the project could potentially still move forward as the City of Fredericksburg has submitted a request for a federal discretionary grant & the results of this request will not be known until December 18th.

Mr. Quint also advised that he has accepted another position and will be leaving from FAMPO next week. Mr. Quint stated he will be running the TDM program for both students & faculty at Virginia Tech. Mr. Quint stated he has enjoyed his time of working with the CTAC members. The CTAC thanked Mr. Quint for all of his efforts in conducting the CTAC meetings and wished him well on his new endeavors.

Member Report

Mr. Gates:

Mr. Gates advised he conducted a forum with commanding officers for its 9,000 employees employed at the Dahlgren Naval Base. Mr. Gates stated the purpose of the forum was to obtain feedback on transportation issues/concerns affecting the naval base. Mr. Gates stated the forum was informative and he will continue these efforts.

Ms. Jordan stated she felt overwhelmed with all of what is involved with FAMPO at her first meeting; however, since that meeting date, she has had the time to review the orientation packet, the minutes, the websites, etc. and she feels more able to fulfill her role as a participating CTAC member. Ms. Jordan asked if King George County has a web site that lists county projects, either those on-going or those planned for the future. Mr. Swan stated that he knows the City of Fredericksburg & the counties of Spotsylvania & Stafford have a web-site and if King George does not have one that is accessible for citizen review that Ms. Jordan needed to contact the Board of Supervisors to request they consider implementing one as well.

Mr. Pogue stated it was his first CTAC meeting and he learned a lot & is looking forward to continuing to serve. Mr. Pogue asked Mr. Quint if there currently were any studies pending for the Newpost area in Spotsylvania County to Route 17 in Caroline County. Mr. Quint advised that Spotsylvania County is considering a widening project at the intersection but he does not know of any other studies planned or currently on-going.

Mr. Swan stated that he has met with business owners, the sheriff's department, local citizens, etc. at every opportunity that comes before him. Mr. Swan stated he takes the time to tell them what FAMPO is; what the CTAC is; & asks for their input on concerns, issues, questions, comments, etc. Mr. Swan stated that these informal sessions to date have been productive and is at least an attempt to get the public better educated as to who CTAC is & what FAMPO does. Mr. Swan encouraged all members to do the same thing within their own jurisdictions at any opportunity that prevails itself. Mr. Swan also advised that when he has had requests from VDOT that he goes to the VDOT website & signs up & that his concerns are acknowledged and usually he has a response back from VDOT within 24 hours – Mr.

Swan stated he has used this means of contact for things as simply alerting them to pot holes on the roadways; asking questions about VDOT projects; etc. Ms. Jordan stated she too has had positive success from contacting VDOT representatives via the telephone to get questions answered, clarification on regional issues; etc. Mr. Swan again reiterated the importance for CTAC to be the spokesperson. Mr. Swan thanked the members for their participation this year & wished everyone a Merry Christmas/Happy Holiday.

Adjourn: The December 5th meeting concluded at 7:35 p.m. The next CTAC meeting will be held on January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. *Meeting Minutes completed by Joanna Roberson*