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Honorable Shannon Valentine
Secretary of Transportation
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Re: Request for comment on FAMPO legislative agenda

We are writing to request State comment on the current FAMPO Legislative Agenda shown on attachment one. We appreciate the work the Commonwealth is doing to improve traffic safety and mobility in our region and want to work cooperatively with the state in improving the SMART SCALE process and addressing regional transportation needs in the Fredericksburg area.

We would greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and are interested in having some of our representatives meet with you and your staff to discuss. One possibility could be on November 28th before the 4 PM Fall Transportation Meeting for Fredericksburg District.

Sincerely,

Tim McLaughlin
Chairman

Cc: **FAMPO Policy Committee**
CTB Members
State Delegation

**Attachment 1: FAMPO Legislative Priorities
October 15, 2018**

1. **Smart Scale Scoring Process (HB2):**
 - a. Include traffic for all seven days in scoring
 - b. Use Total Cost in scoring, instead of Smart Scale Request Cost
 - c. Change Accessibility measure threshold from 45 minutes to 90 minutes
 - d. Restrict Statewide High Priority Program funding to Highway and Transit projects on a Corridor of Statewide Significance costing at least \$10 million

2. **Smart Scale Funding Process (HB1887):**
 - a. Request a study to review and potentially change the District Grant Allocation Formula
 - Major District Grant Formula Issues
 - Created for a different purpose in 1986 for Primary-Secondary-Urban allocation (40/30/30)
 - Interstates not included in formula, but are eligible to receive funding
 - Not consistent with national standard of 2010 Federal Functional Classification
 - Urban component of population based on city & town population instead of national standard of urbanized area

3. **State Transportation Funding Study Request:**
 - a. Current system based on gas taxes is failing due to emergence of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles.
 - b. Need for a study to develop a new sustainable system less reliant on gas taxes.

4. **Preserving the option to widen I-95 in Stafford between Exit 143 and Exit 133 from 6 to 8 lanes without 95 Express Lanes restrictions requiring the State to pay competition compensation**