

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

Committee Members Present:

Mr. Dave Swan, Chair, Stafford County
Mr. Dave McLaughlin, City of Fredericksburg
Mr. Kenneth Pogue, Caroline County
Dr. Rob Gates, King George County
Ms. Leslie Jordan, King George County
Mr. Neil Holloran, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Stan Huie, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Josh Templeton, Spotsylvania County
Mr. Melvin Allen, Stafford County
Mr. Timothy Brown, Stafford County
Mr. Morgan Burch, Stafford County
Mr. Glenn Goldsmith, II, Stafford County
Mr. Rupert Farley, At-Large

George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) Staff:

Mr. Paul Agnello, FAMPO
Ms. Briana Hairfield, FAMPO
Mr. John Bentley, FAMPO
Mr. Colin Cate, FAMPO
Ms. JoAnna Roberson, GWRC

Call to Order – Mr. Swan called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Mr. Farley and seconded by Mr. Burch, with all concurring, the January CTAC agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of CTAG Meeting Summary of December 5, 2018

Upon motion by Mr. Dave McLaughlin and seconded by Mr. Robert Gates, with all concurring, the December 5th minutes were approved as submitted, with typographical corrections being made after the conclusion of tonight's meeting upon receipt from Chair, Mr. Swan.

Review of FAMPO Policy Committee Meeting of December 10, 2018

Mr. Agnello advised that discussion occurred at the December 10th Policy Committee meeting on the following items: the draft UPWP (this was endorsed & the UPWP is plan that reflects FAMPO's budget); discussion & questions on the Smart Scale process – i.e. weekend traffic

data inclusion & accuracy – Mr. Chad Tucker who is the Smart Scale expert at the VDOT Central Office in Richmond is coming to the January 28th Policy Committee meeting to explain the process, answer questions, etc.; Federal Certification Process – this is a requirement for all MPO’s to undertake and occurs every 4 years – Fredericksburg MPO will be included within Washington’s certification review & the update is scheduled to occur in March of 2019; & FHWA discussion on the process – FHWA will also have a representative who will be coming to speak at the January 28th Policy Committee to attempt to clarify the process & answer questions. Mr. Agnello relayed that due to the large number of people who are expected to participate in the January 28th meeting, the venue has changed. The meeting time will still be at 7:15 p.m.; however, the venue will be in the VDOT District Auditorium at the Fredericksburg Office on Deacon Road in Stafford County. Mr. Agnello stated that Ms. Hairfield will send out an email to all members advising of the location, address, etc.

Public Comment - None

Discussion Items

a.) Upcoming Launch of I-395/95 Commuter Choice Program– Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised the I-395/95 Commuter Choice program is a new funding program that potentially could help fund projects in the FAMPO region. Mr. Agnello stated this is a program operated by PRTC & NVTC that resulted per an agreement with TransUrban as a result of funding received from the I-95 Express Lanes. Mr. Agnello stated that \$15m annually, with a 2.5% growth factored in, will be available effective in October, 2019 when the tolls go into effect. Mr. Agnello stated funding could support projects from transit agencies which in this region would include FRED & VRE.

Mr. Agnello advised this agreement is a 68-year one between TransUrban & the Commonwealth. Mr. Agnello stated the applications & evaluation processes are modeled after the I-66 Commuter Choice project. Mr. Agnello stated that Toll Day One for I-395 express lanes is expected to begin in late October, 2019.

Mr. Agnello relayed that eligible project types could include any of the following requests: new or enhanced local bus services; new or enhanced commuter bus services; park & ride lots/access; roadway improvements (corridor management & ITS); TSM (Transportation System Management) & TDM (Transportation Demand Management) projects. Mr. Agnello stated that all projects that receive funding must be of benefit to the toll payers; however, projects do not necessarily have to occur on the express lane corridor – i.e. if commuter bus service is enhanced & encourages drivers to ride a bus rather than taking an SOV, then this does have benefit to the toll payers as the amount of congestion would decrease.

Mr. Agnello advised the program goals are as follows: to move more people; to reduce congestion; to provide increased travel options; to enhance transportation connectivity; & to overall improve the existing transit service.

Mr. Agnello stated the initial applicant briefing meeting is scheduled at PRTC this Friday (January 11th) at 10:00 a.m. & that FAMPO staff would be in attendance to determine how projects could be submitted for consideration. Mr. Agnello stated the call for projects will be in April of this year; with NVTC/PRTC commission approval by October of 2019. Once the projects are approved by NVTC/PRTC, they will then be submitted to the CTB for final approval in late October of 2019. Mr. Agnello stated that projects being considered are those which are lower cost projects, that are ready to go, & ones that can move quickly. Mr. Agnello advised the FAMPO committees will be kept apprised as progression occurs.

b.) Lafayette Boulevard Study, Phase 1 – Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that FAMPO is the recipient of a Technical Assistance grant for \$125,000 awarded by DRPT. Mr. Agnello stated this grant will expire on September 30th if not utilized. Mr. Agnello relayed the project can be used for both operational & construction cost; however, cannot be utilized to build roadways, interstates, etc.

Mr. Agnello stated the purpose of the Lafayette Boulevard study is both a request that has been made by the City of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County. In the City, the Lafayette Boulevard corridor is the last corridor to be addressed. The study will include the Lafayette Boulevard area within the City of Fredericksburg to Route 1 in Spotsylvania County.

Mr. Agnello stated that Phase 1 of the Lafayette Boulevard Study will be to conduct a study of potential transit improvements for the Lafayette Boulevard Corridor. Mr. Agnello stated this could include improved accessibility for the Fredericksburg Amtrak/VRE station; the planned Lee Hill Transfer FRED station; etc. Mr. Agnello advised the projects developed from the study will become a prioritized listing of projects that could be included for further funding considerations within either the Smart Scale process, CMAQ or RSTP funding allocations, etc. Mr. Agnello stated that Phase 1 is part of a multimodal study effort & that Phase 2 of the study will look at potential highway or bike/ped improvements within the same study area.

Mr. Agnello relayed that the Phase 2 overview is plans for conducting potential highway & bike/ped improvements to the Lafayette Boulevard corridor that align with Phase 1 transit efforts mentioned above. Mr. Agnello stated Phase 2 is also at a cost of \$125,000 & is a project request from the City of Fredericksburg within the FY2020 RSTP funding source.

Mr. Agnello advised the project will consist of approximately 4 miles; 2.5 miles within the City of Fredericksburg & 2 miles in Spotsylvania County. Mr. Agnello stated the proposed stakeholders include: DRPT, the City of Fredericksburg, FRED Transit, Spotsylvania County, VRE, GWRideConnect & other interested FAMPO Technical Committee members. Mr. Agnello stated CTAC members could also be included if interested. Mr. Farley stated he is interested and would like to know when meetings are scheduled to occur for possible participation.

Mr. Agnello advised FAMPO approved the potential use of consultants for the study at its December meeting; however, it is FAMPO's desire & direction to complete more of the work in-house to the extent possible. Mr. Agnello advised the study process will begin in February

& staff plans to contact DRPT to ask for a possible 6-month extension of the September 30th completion date of when the current grant is expected to expire. Mr. Agnello stated that staff is also going to utilize all data that currently exists – i.e. locality data, I-95 Phase 2 transit/TDM results; VRE studies, etc. Mr. Farley stated it is important for data to reflect that transit mobility should connect 1 walkable area to another & he hopes the study recognizes this need.

i. Lafayette Boulevard Study Map

Mr. Agnello advised a map of the basic study area is included in tonight's agenda packet for review.

ii. Resolution 19-17, Approving the use of FAMPO Consultants to Complete Lafayette Blvd Phase 1 study

Mr. Agnello advised Resolution 19-17 approving the use of FAMPO consultants for completion of the Lafayette Boulevard Phase 1 study was approved by the FAMPO Policy Committee at the December, 2018 meeting & is included in tonight's agenda packet for member review only.

c.) Federal Certification Review – Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that the federal agencies meet with all MPO's every 4 years for a re-certification process whereby they review an MPO's plans, TIP, Title VI non-discrimination plan, etc. Mr. Agnello stated FAMPO will be undergoing this certification in early March & specific dates are unknown at this time. Mr. Agnello stated the certification process occurs in Washington, DC as FAMPO is re-certified with Washington, DC as a result of northern Stafford County. Mr. Agnello stated the certification process will involve FAMPO staff & is also open to CTAC & the public if anyone is interested in participating. Mr. Agnello relayed that Ms. Hairfield will send out an email to all CTAC members, TAC members, etc. when the exact dates are confirmed. Mr. Agnello stated the certification process is conducted by both federal agencies that includes FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) & FTA (Federal Transit Administration).

d.) SMART Scale Update – Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that project results from Round 3 of the Smart Scale process are expected to be released to the public by January 15th. Mr. Agnello stated the initial results indicated that the Gateway Boulevard project in the City of Fredericksburg had been screened out due to project readiness; however, it now appears this project has been screened back in for further consideration.

Mr. Agnello relayed the Fredericksburg District which includes the FAMPO region as well as the Northern Neck area submitted a total of 35 projects for consideration under Round 3 of the Smart Scale process. Mr. Agnello stated that there were 468 total projects submitted state-wide with a \$7b with an estimated \$800m being available for allocation across the State. Mr. Agnello stated FAMPO is the 2nd smallest region in the State & there are 2 funding allocation

sources: \$400 m state-wide & \$400 m for I-95 projects. Mr. Agnello advised that the FAMPO region is expected to receive \$25m. Mr. Agnello stated that after the scores are released in mid-January, staff will begin development of the Draft SYIP from the February to April timeframe with an adoption being requested by the FAMPO committees in May & presentation to the CTB for adoption in June.

e.) Joint GWRC/FAMPO Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan Discussion – Brianna Hairfield

Ms. Hairfield advised that part of her role at FAMPO is the Title VI Coordinator. Ms. Hairfield stated she has been working with VDOT to ensure FAMPO remains in compliance in regard to federal regulations that ensure that no citizen, group, organization, etc. is being discriminated against. Ms. Hairfield stated there has not been issues in the past with FAMPO not being in compliance but she is meeting regularly with stakeholders, citizens, organizations to get updated input. Ms. Hairfield stated she is in the process of updating the Title VI Resource Directory and plan and can forward this to any CTAC member who is interested. Ms. Hairfield advised the Title VI plan was last updated in FY2016 & the FAMPO plan was in conformance with no federal regulations. Ms. Hairfield advised the draft plan will be submitted to CTAC & TAC in February for endorsement so Policy Committee can adopt at the February Policy Committee meeting.

f.) Approval of Amended FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised FAMPO is in the process of updating its UPWP. Mr. Agnello relayed the fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th & is in accordance with the State's calendar year. Mr. Agnello stated the UPWP is the official federally required budget & document that each MPO needs to provide. Federal regulations require UPWP's to be done annually & includes all FAMPO funding that is utilized to support the UPWP. Mr. Agnello stated the FY2018 approved budget was \$1,819m & the projected FY2019 budget is \$1.384m.

Mr. Agnello advised the reason for amending the FY2019 UPWP is that there has been a significant increase in available FAMPO funding. There is a \$390k increase as a result of significantly less funding spent on consultant work in the 2045 LRTP resulting in a \$153k surplus & some I-95 Phase 2 study work for FY2018 crossed into FY2019 for a \$221k surplus. Mr. Agnello stated there is also excess money for staff budgeting needs as several FAMPO positions from the past have not been filled. Mr. Agnello advised that FAMPO does not have any financial difficulties; however, GWRC has serious financial issues. Mr. Agnello stated that as GWRC is FAMPO's fiscal agent, FAMPO is constrained by GWRC.

i. Resolution 19-21, adopting the FY2019 UPWP

Mr. Agnello advised that Resolution 19-21 is an action item and is requesting that CTAC adopt the amended FY2019 UPWP. Mr. Agnello relayed that the public comment period is still open & will close January 18th. Mr. Agnello stated that if no adverse public comments

are presented, the FY2019 UPWP will be presented to the FAMPO Policy Committee for endorsement at the upcoming January 28th meeting.

Mr. Dave McLaughlin stated that the vote taken tonight needs to stipulate that approval tonight is for public comments received to date & should there be extensive comments made over the next week then the plan would need to be re-submitted for committee review. Both Mr. Agnello & Ms. Hairfield concurred; however, also relayed that to date, comments have been received but nothing adverse in substance has been submitted.

Upon motion by Mr. Burch and seconded by Mr. Holloran, with all concurring, Resolution 19-21 was endorsed by the FAMPO Citizens Advisory Committee with a request that the FAMPO Policy Committee adopt it at the upcoming January 28th meeting.

- ii. Draft Amended FY2019 UPWP with Tracked Changes
- iii. Draft Amended FY2019 UPWP without Tracked Changes

Mr. Agnello advised that copies of the Draft FY2019 UPWP are included in tonight's agenda packet for member review & that also included is a copy that shows both the FY2019 UPWP with & without tracked changes.

g.) I-95 Study Update – Paul Agnello

Mr. Agnello advised that FAMPO has concluded the I-95 studies over the last 2.5 to 3 years. Mr. Agnello stated that feedback from the 2016 General Assembly instructed FAMPO staff to work with VDOT for development of a multimodal study from Exit 145 to Exit 125 which includes an approximate mile stretch along I-95. The study efforts were to go from the northern most portion of the Stafford County line to the southern most portion of the Spotsylvania line. The study efforts have been completed and FAMPO has prepared an Executive Summary for review by the General Assembly.

- i. Chapter 741 Acts of General Assembly Executive Summary

Mr. Agnello advised a copy of the Executive Summary that will be submitted to the General Assembly is included for member review in tonight's agenda packet.

- ii. INRIX Congestion Hotspot Summary

Mr. Agnello advised that the latest INRIX data has provided a hotspot summary map that is included in tonight's agenda packet for member review. Mr. Agnello stated it cited the Washington, DC area as being one of the most congested traveled areas in the nation & even high-lighted that Exit 133 in Stafford County is the worst congested travel area in the nation.

Correspondence – None

Staff Report

Mr. Agnello advised FAMPO is in the process of hiring additional staff and a new intern will be starting on Monday. Mr. Agnello stated that advertisements for replacement of Mr. Quint's position has run and will end on January 11, 2019. Mr. Agnello stated that 2 additional transportation planner positions are being requested and this item will be discussed in greater length at the upcoming January Policy Committee meeting.

Member Report – There was general member discussion but no actual reports were submitted at the January meeting.

Adjourn: The January 9th meeting concluded at 7:50 p.m. The next CTAC meeting will be held on February 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. *Meeting Minutes completed by Joanna Roberson*