

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Overview

- FAMPO developing legislative priorities for inclusion in GWRC legislative agenda this November
 - October 15th target date for FAMPO approval
- Legislative Subcommittee members:
 - Mr. McLaughlin (Spotsylvania)
 - Mr. Kelly (Fredericksburg)
 - Ms. Shelton (Stafford)
- Legislative Subcommittee met on 9/6 with State Delegates: Mr. Thomas and Mr. Cole
 - Discussed FY-18 legislative effort and proposed FY-19 legislative effort

Proposed FY-19 Legislative Effort

1. Smart Scale Potential items

Regarding Scoring Process (HB2)

- a. Include traffic for all seven days in scoring
 - State (VDOT/OIPI) required to do this for new Federal Performance Based Planning Requirements for Congestion
- 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

Example of State Use of Weekend Congestion Data

Travel Time Reliability

- Examines each segment of the National Highway System (NHS) during four time periods
 - Weekdays 6a to 10a; 10a to 4p; and 4p to 8p
 - Weekends 6a to 8p
- Measure is a ratio of person miles traveled on a reliable segment of the NHS compared to all person miles traveled on the NHS
- A segment is determined to be unreliable if the reliability is worse than 1.50 for one or more time period
 - Meaning that to arrive on time 80% of the time one would need to budget 50% more time compared to a typical trip

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Travel Time Reliability Measure Baseline

Virginia MPOs	LOTTR – Reliable Percentage	
	Interstate	Non-Interstate
Bristol MPO	100	91.4
Central Virginia MPO	N/A	93.0
Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO	100	85.7
Danville MPO	N/A	98.7
Fredericksburg Area MPO	53.1	85.5
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization	85.7	88.2
Harrisonburg-Rockingham MPO	100	81.7
Kingsport MPO	N/A	99.0
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board	56.1	72.1
New River Valley MPO	100	80.5
Richmond Area MPO	94.3	89.6
Roanoke Valley MPO	100	90.2
Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro MPO	100	77.6
Tri Cities Area MPO	100	75.8
Winchester-Frederick County MPO	100	76.2
Non-MPO	100	93.8
Grand Total	82.3	85.0

- Calculated internally by VDOT staff with 2017 INRIX NPMRDS 82.9
- PMT used 1.54 vehicle occupancy factors from 2009 as 2017 numbers are not yet available

* From April 17, 2018 CTB Presentation

Proposed FY-19 Legislative Effort Continued

1. Smart Scale Potential items (Continued)

Regarding Funding Process (HB1887)

- a. Request a study to review and potentially change the District Grant Allocation Formula
- b. 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

Proposed FY-19 Legislative Effort Continued

2. State Transportation Funding Study Request

- Current system based on gas taxes is failing due to emergence of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles.
 - Need for a new sustainable system less reliant on gas taxes
- Study could take considerable time to complete
- Issue discussed at 8/20 GWRC meeting and at FAMPO in Early 2018
 - FAMPO Letter to Secretary from January 2018
- Federal Level: Discussion of ending Federal gas tax by 2028 in Congress

3. Letter to State requesting I-95 in Stafford between Exit 143 and Exit 133 be allowed to be widened from 6 to 8 lanes without 95 Express Lanes restrictions requiring the State to pay competition compensation

Proposed FY-19 Legislative Effort Continued

4. Request from Delegate Cole for FAMPO to support House Joint Resolutions 580 and 581: I-95 study – Exit 118 to Exit 170

- Efforts modeled after I-81 study effort from 2018 GA
- Patrons: House – Cole, Fowler, Sickles and Watts; Senate: Howell and Marsden
- 580 summary: Establishing a joint subcommittee to study the feasibility of widening I-95 between Exit 118 and the Springfield Interchange
- 581 summary: Requesting the CTB to study the portion of the I-95 corridor between Exit 118 and the Springfield Interchange and financing options for improvements to the corridor.