

# FAMPO LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

# Overview

- FAMPO has developed legislative priorities for inclusion in the GWRC legislative agenda this November
  - Ongoing process from July to present
  - October 15<sup>th</sup> target date for FAMPO approval
- Legislative Subcommittee members:
  - Mr. Timothy McLaughlin (Spotsylvania County)
  - Mr. Matt Kelly (City of Fredericksburg)
  - Ms. Cindy Shelton (Stafford County)
- Legislative Subcommittee met on 9/6 with State Delegates: Mr. Bob Thomas and Mr. Mark Cole

## 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

## 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

## 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 without 95 Express Lanes restrictions requiring the State to pay competition compensation

- 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.