



## **BYLAWS OF THE FREDERICKSBURG AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **ARTICLE I – NAME AND AUTHORITY**

The name of this organization shall be the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC shall have such authority as prescribed in the Policy Committee’s Bylaws, as noted in Article VII, Section 1.

### **ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

To serve the Policy Committee and provide clear guidance to its decision makers, the TAC will review the technical aspects of transportation plans, programs, and projects the Policy Committee needs to address and provide sound technical recommendations to the Policy Committee throughout the development of those plans, programs, and projects.

### **ARTICLE III – SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

Technical review and recommendations made by the TAC shall include, but not be limited to, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and related amendments, the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), the Public Participation Plan (PPP), corridor studies, feasibility studies, engineering and design studies, location and environmental studies, land use studies, and other studies that arise in the UPWP or which are requested by the Policy Committee. The TAC shall review information and presentations from outside organizations and entities and assess their merit and relevance for presentation to the Policy Committee.

### **ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP**

The TAC shall be comprised of members from the localities and transportation agencies in the region. People serving on the Committee shall have expertise in transportation planning and engineering matters and shall be appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer of the municipality or organization. Since attendance at meetings will vary based upon issues, concerns and availability of staff, participating members and alternates will be named on an official roster and attendees will sign in. The record of attendance will be made a part of the meeting ~~summaries~~minutes. The following organizations are members of the TAC, and an official roster of participating staff members ~~is maintained by FAMPO, and alternates is attached to these bylaws.~~ The official roster will be updated as required to reflect changes in member organization staffing.

- Stafford County – 2 representatives
- City of Fredericksburg – 2 representatives
- Spotsylvania County – 2 representatives
- Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) – 2 representatives
- Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) – 1 representative
- Caroline County – 1 representative
- King George County (~~Ex Officio Membership~~) – 1 representative
- GWRideConnect – 1 representative
- Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) – 1 representative
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – 1 representative
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – 1 representative
- Virginia Railway Express (VRE) – 1 representative
- FREDericksburg Regional Transit (FRED) – 1 representative

## ARTICLE V – ORGANIZATION

The TAC shall operate as a Committee of the Whole, although it may elect to establish subcommittees and working groups, as deemed appropriate during the planning process.

## ARTICLE VI – CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

~~The TAC shall operate through consensus, but otherwise use Robert’s Rules of Order to ensure an orderly meeting. When the TAC has not reached consensus, but a decision is required to meet a deadline, the TAC shall record the vote of members present (one vote per locality, agency and organization) and forward that information to the FAMPO Policy Committee.~~

## ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

~~**SECTION 1 – TYPES OF OFFICERS** – Officers of the TAC shall consist of a ~~the~~ Chair, ~~and the~~ Vice-Chair ~~and~~ Second Vice-Chair. The officers of the TAC shall reflect the political jurisdictions of the Policy Committee Chair, ~~and~~ Vice-Chair ~~and~~ Second Vice-Chair.~~

~~**SECTION 2 – TERMS OF OFFICE** – The Chair, Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair shall serve for one (1) year or until their successors are elected.~~

~~**SECTION 3 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – The election of officers shall be held at the annual June meeting, and those members elected to office shall assume their duties at the annual July meeting. A majority vote of the current voting membership of the MPO shall be required for election to any office.~~

~~**SECTION 3 – ABSENCE OF OFFICERS** – At any given meeting when all three officers are absent, FAMPO staff will conduct said meeting~~

**SECTION 4 – VACANCIES –**

**SECTION 5 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS –** The duties of the officers of the TAC shall be:

~~Duties of the Chair: The Chair shall work with the FAMPO Administrator to develop the TAC agenda for each meeting. The Chair shall preside over the monthly TAC meetings as well as attend the FAMPO Policy Committee meetings to report on the activities of the TAC.~~ Working with the FAMPO Administrator, the Chair shall make appointments to any subcommittees or working groups established.

~~The Vice-Chair shall, in the absence or inability of the Chair, perform all the duties of the Chair. Duties of the Vice-Chair: In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair.~~

~~FAMPO Administrator:~~ Working with other FAMPO staff, consultants and others, as appropriate, the FAMPO Administrator shall assure the preparation of meeting materials and reports and shall ensure all meetings are duly advertised, as required by the FAMPO Public Participation Plan.

**ARTICLE VIII – QUORUM MEETINGS**

**SECTION 1 – REGULAR MEETINGS –** The TAC shall establish a regular date and place for its meetings.

**SECTION 2 – SPECIAL MEETINGS –** The presiding TAC officer may call a special meeting at any time, consistent with the advertising requirements of the FAMPO Public Participation Plan.

**SECTION 3 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –** All TAC meetings shall be open to the public.

**SECTION 4 – AGENDA –** The TAC agenda shall be approved at the beginning of each meeting and shall contain the items to be discussed and acted upon at that meeting, plus supporting materials and documentation. The agenda shall delineate which items are provided for discussion or information and which items require action by the Committee.

**SECTION 4 – QUORUM –** A quorum shall consist of not less than six (6) members, as defined in this document under Article IV, with at least two (2) of the following three (3) jurisdictions represented: City of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County and Stafford County. If a quorum is not present, a meeting may proceed to receive or discuss information, but no action may be taken.

**SECTION 5 – CONDUCT OF MEETINGS –** The TAC shall operate through consensus, but otherwise use Robert’s Rules of Order to ensure an orderly meeting. When the TAC has not reached consensus, but a decision is required to meet a deadline, the Committee shall record the vote of members present (one vote per locality, agency and organization) and forward that information to the Policy Committee.

**ARTICLE ~~IX~~VIII – MEETING SUMMARIESMINUTES**

FAMPO staff shall ensure that all TAC meetings are recorded and ~~written summaries~~ meeting minutes are produced. Meeting minutes shall be presented at the next TAC meeting and provided for review and approval ~~at a subsequent meeting of the TAC~~ before being forwarded to the Policy Committee. Once approved, meeting minutes constitute the Committee’s official record. ~~The summaries shall include a roster indicating whether member jurisdictions, agencies and organizations were present.~~

## ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS AGENDA

~~Any proposed amendment to these Bylaws shall be made by a majority vote of the members present at the TAC meeting. The TAC agenda shall be approved at the beginning of each meeting and shall contain the items to be discussed and acted upon at that meeting, plus supporting materials and documentation. The agenda shall delineate which items are provided for discussion or information and which items require action by the TAC.~~

## ARTICLE XI – MEETING SCHEDULE

~~The TAC shall meet on the fourth Friday of every month. The presiding TAC officer may call a special meeting at any time, consistent with the advertising requirements of the FAMPO Public Participation Plan.~~