



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 minutes. The following organizations are members of the TAC, and an official roster of participating staff members is maintained by FAMPO. 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 – 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 – OFFICERS

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

SECTION 2 – TERMS OF OFFICE – The Chair, Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair shall serve for one 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 next meeting. A majority vote of the current voting membership 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 – If for any reason any office becomes vacant during the year, an election to fill the office shall be held at the next regular meeting, and the newly elected officers shall complete the unexpired term of the succeeded officer.

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

The Chair shall preside over the monthly TAC meetings. 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.

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 VII –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 members, as defined in this document under Article IV, with at least two of the following three 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 VIII – MEETING MINUTES

FAMPO staff shall ensure that all TAC meetings are recorded, and meeting minutes are produced. Meeting minutes shall be presented at the next TAC meeting for review and approval before being forwarded to the Policy Committee. Once approved, meeting minutes constitute the Committee’s official record.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendment to these Bylaws shall be made by a majority vote of the members present at the TAC meeting.