

UPDATE ON FAMPO UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

FAMPO Policy Committee

February 25, 2019

Recent Updates

- 1) Actual FY-19 FAMPO Funding confirmed at \$1.837 M on 2/6/19
 - Increase from \$1.773 M estimate from October, 2018
 - Compares to \$1.396 M in GWRC Budget and \$1.384 M in FAMPO UPWP
 - Major reasons for the increase is FY-18 carryover from I-95 Phase 2 Study and 2045 LRTP
- 2) Draft FY-19 Amended UPWP available for FAMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) review on November 29th
- 3) Public Involvement for Draft FY-19 Amended UPWP: December 17 – January 17th
- 4) VDOT submitted an extensive list of comments on Draft FY-19 Amended UPWP late on January 17th and was not available to meet until January 25th
 - Too late for making potential changes by January 28th FAMPO meeting
 - Actual meeting to discuss VDOT comments occurred on February 13th

Decision to Cancel Amendment of the FY-19 UPWP

- 1) Too late in the Fiscal Year
 - Earliest FAMPO action could occur is March meaning FHWA approval possibly in April

- 2) FAMPO cannot spend the additional funding it has due to being understaffed
 - FAMPO had 5 staff in September/October, 2018 planning to go to 7, but no additional staff have been added and Nick Quint left reducing staff to 4.
 - Earliest FAMPO could be fully staffed estimated at May or June

- 3) Smart Scale Round 3 Results effectively delayed planned FY-19 additional I-95 interchange study work
 - Some funding had been set aside for potential interchange studies between Exit 136 and Exit 126, but failure of any of mainline I-95 improvements to be included in Draft project selections makes mainline improvements the primary priority

Focus Now on Completing FY-20 UPWP by June 30, 2019

- 1) Funding levels expected to be significantly above \$1.384 M amount for FY-19
 - FY-20 PL and 5303 funding levels are at least \$30K higher
 - Significant carryover from FY-19 expected due to FAMPO understaffing

- 2) FAMPO staffing set at 7 based on \$1.384 M budget
 - Actual \$1.837 M in FY-19 FAMPO funding could support more than 7 staff or significant additional consultant effort

- 3) Need to make UPWP fully compliant with New Federal Map-21/FAST Act requirements and guidance for Performance Based Planning and Programming, Air Quality Conformity, and Freight.
 - An issue raised in VDOT comments
 - Task order for Cambridge Systematics to assist FAMPO staff with FY-20 UPWP development
 - Cost \$34,848 using FY-19 PL funding

Questions?



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