

# FREDERICKSBURG AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (FAMPO)

Fredericksburg City  
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## FAMPO RESOLUTION 17-05

### **A RESOLUTION THAT THE FREDERICKSBURG AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION IS UNABLE TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE EASTERN RAIL BYPASS OPTION AROUND FREDERICKSBURG**

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is conducting a Tier II Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate potential rail improvements between Richmond and Washington, DC to support the Southeast High Speed Rail initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, DRPT has developed several Fredericksburg Eastern Rail Bypass alternatives as part of their EIS process with insufficient coordination or communication with FAMPO, GWRC, and the FAMPO/GWRC local jurisdictions and proposed a preferred alternative Eastern Rail bypass option as shown on the attached figure; and

**WHEREAS**, DRPT officials met with Caroline County officials on April 14, 2016 and identified a preferred eastern bypass which did not appear to impact Caroline County and subsequent to this meeting, developed a new favored eastern bypass alignment which had significant impacts to northern Caroline County without coordinating with Caroline County officials; and

**WHEREAS**, DRPT officials refused to meet with Caroline County officials and concerned citizens to discuss the preferred eastern bypass alternative in June, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, DRPT was unable to adequately respond to citizen questions and concerns at the July 11, 2016 public meeting for DC2RVA for the Fredericksburg Region including any details concerning the metrics being used to prioritize study alternatives, the cost of study alternatives, or the reasoning for selecting its preferred alternative for the Eastern Rail bypass; and

**WHEREAS**, DRPT indicated to FAMPO in July that more information concerning the project and potential alternatives would be available in late 2016; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FREDERICKSBURG AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION IS UNABLE TO SUPPORT  
THE PROPOSED PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE EASTERN RAIL BYPASS**

**OPTION AROUND FREDERICKSBURG BECAUSE OF INADEQUATE  
INFORMATION**

**For consideration by the FAMPO Policy Committee at its meeting on September 19, 2016**

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Chairman  
Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
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