

December 12, 2011

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
GEORGE WASHINGTON REGIONAL COMMISSION**

November 21, 2011

The Robert C. Gibbons Conference Room
406 Princess Anne Street, Fredericksburg Virginia

MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING: **Caroline** Robert J. Popowicz (Chairman);
Fredericksburg: Mary Katherine Greenlaw (1st Vice Chairman), George C. Solley; **King
George:** Dale W. Sisson, Jr.; **Spotsylvania:** Jerry I. Logan (Treasurer), Gary Skinner;
Stafford: Harry E. Crisp, II (2nd Vice Chairman).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wayne A. Acors, Caroline County; Joseph W. Grzeika, King
George County; Paul Milde, Stafford County.

STAFF: Eldon James, Interim Executive Director; Lloyd P. Robinson, Director of
Transportation Planning; Kevin F. Byrnes, Director of Regional Planning; Diana B. Utz,
GWRideConnect Director; Andy Waple, Principal Regional Planner; Marti Donley, Senior
Regional Planner; Daniel Reese, Regional Planner.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Popowicz called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with a
quorum present, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE GWRC AGENDA: Mr. Popowicz asked to move item 11 (*Closed
Session to Discuss New Director Contract*) up to become item 4.a. on the agenda. Ms. Greenlaw
made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Sisson to approve the meeting agenda. The
motion was approved unanimously. Mr. James noted that under “New Business” an item
that was to be discussed at the FAMPO Policy Committee would be added to the agenda as
item 10.h., *Socio-Economic element of the Long Range Transportation Plan Update*, presented by Mr.
Steiss of Parsons-Brinkerhoff.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS NEW DIRECTOR CONTRACT: Ms. Greenlaw
made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Solley to “move that the George Washington
Regional Commission go into closed session pursuant to State Code Section 2.2-3711(A)1,
for the purpose of discussing personnel issues relating to the hiring on the Executive
Director”.

Ms. Greenlaw then made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Solley to “move that the
George Washington Regional Commission return to public session and certify that only
public business matters lawfully exempt from open meeting requirements by Virginia Law,
and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed
session were heard, discussed, or considered”.

The matter was passed unanimously by Mary Katherine Greenlaw (1st Vice Chairman, City
of Fredericksburg), Dale W. Sisson (King George County), Harry E. Crisp, II (2nd Vice
Chairman, Stafford County), Jerry I. Logan (Treasurer, Spotsylvania County), George C.

Solley (City of Fredericksburg), Gary Skinner (Spotsylvania County), and Chairman Robert J. Popowicz (Caroline County).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF October 17, 2011:

Mr. Solley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Sisson to approve the minutes of the meeting from October 17, 2011. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: No comments were offered from the public.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. James turned the table over to Mr. Aukamp to present the Fiscal Year 2011 Audit Report. Mr. James offered a brief overview over the current status of the commission's budget. Mr. Sisson made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Crisp to approve the FY 2011 Audit Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. James had nothing to present to the commission other than to recommend that in reference to item 10.d *Resolution No. 12-08, Cancelling the Commission Meeting of December 19, 2011* that the meeting stay as scheduled in order to formalize a relationship with the new Executive Director.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Virginian Rural Center

Mr. Glen Sink briefed the commission on the activities of the Rural Center and how it affects the George Washington Region (PDC 16). He also gave a general overview of the overall social and economic health of rural Virginia. He also offered to answer any questions but none were posed to him.

Aerial Property Tour Presentation

Mr. Gary Wilson presented a short film to the commission about development opportunities in Caroline County. He also offered to answer any questions but none were posed to him.

GWRideConnect Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Application for Operating Assistance FY 2013

Ms. Utz presented an informational item about the TDM grant application for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2013. She gave an overview of past grant programs that GWRideConnect has received in the past and what the grant funding has been allocated to. Ms. Utz entertained questions presented to her about the amount of funding being requested in the grant application. She also stated that the Virginia Association of Broadcasters awarded the George Washington Regional Commission with the award for best commercial in reference to the "Commute Fairy" ads.

Approval of GWRC Resolution No. 12-09, Establishing the 2012 GWRC Meeting Schedule

Mr. James asked that the commission approve the resolution to establish the meeting schedule of 2012. Mr. Sisson made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Solley to approve

Resolution No. 12-09, Establishing the 2012 GWRC Meeting Schedule. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of GWRC Resolution No. 12-10, Establishing the FY 2013 Local Contribution Rate

Mr. James briefed the commission about the presentation of budget submissions for the member localities that sets the FY 2013 per capita rate which has been the same since 2008. He stated that he would like to see it continued at that level with references to the most recent population estimates. Mr. Solley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Sisson to approve Resolution No. 12-10, Establishing the FY 2012 Local Contribution Rate. The motion was approved unanimously.

Rural Mobility Options

Mr. Robinson briefed the commission about the current status of the Rural Mobility Options program. He stated that the organization is working with FREDericksburg Regional Transit, the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging, Rappahannock Community Service Board, and made inquiries to Bay Transit and Virginia Regional Transit. He noted that the organization is looking for cost models for each of the organizations. He presented four main alternatives, they being:

1. The status quo, where the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging (RAAA) and the Rappahannock Community Service Board (RCSB) continue to provide transportation for their clients.
2. Expand what the RAAA and RCSB are already doing today. Would require action by the RAAA and RCSB boards.
3. Hire another provider, but costs might be too expensive and comparable to what FRED already costs.
4. Do nothing.

Mr. Robinson would like to bring back his findings at the January board meeting and will go from there.

Socio-Economic Element of the Long Range Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Steiss briefed the commission about the update to the socio-economic update to the LRTP. He gave an overview of the control totals obtained for the update. Four resources were used to obtain control totals. They are the Virginia Employment Commission, EMCI, Woods and Poole, and Global Insight. He gave an overview of the findings that were obtained from the research.

Resolution No. 12-11, Recognizing the Distinguished Service of Robert J. Popowicz

Ms. Greenlaw gave a brief overview of the resolution and Mr. Solley made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Sisson to approve Resolution No. 12-11, Recognizing the Distinguished Service of Robert J. Popowicz. The motion was approved unanimously.

Other New Business:

No new business was discussed:

Adjournment: There being no further business, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldon James
Interim Executive Director

(Draft minutes prepared by Daniel Reese, Regional Planner)