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Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
November 4, 2026, at 2:00 P.M.

Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission
112 MacTanly Place, Staunton, VA 24401

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes of the September 2, 2026, Meeting*
3. Public Comment
4. FY24–27 TIP Amendment - Transit Asset Management Performance Targets (TAC Action Form #26-05)*
5. 2027 Meeting Schedule (TAC Memo #26-05)
6. Presentation: SAWMPO Frontier Drive Study Existing Conditions Summary – Evan Robohm, Project Manager, Timmons
7. Agency Updates
   a. VDOT
   b. DRPT
   c. BRITE
   d. Localities
8. Other Business
9. Upcoming Meetings
   a. November 18, 2026 – SAWMPO Policy Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., CSPDC
   b. December 2, 2026 – SAWMPO TAC Meeting, 2:00 p.m., CSPDC
10. Adjourn

* Action needed

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Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 2, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Meeting conducted at Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission Office at 112 MacTanly Place, Staunton, VA 24401 and virtually via Teams

Voting Members				Others	
City of Staunton		**VDOT**		**Staff (CSPDC)**	
	Rodney Rhodes	✓	Don Komara	✓	Zach Beard
✓	Meggie Taylor (Alt)	✓	Brad Reed (Alt)	✓	Garreth Bartholomew
	Lyle Hartt (Alt)	✓	Shane McCabe (Alt)	✓	Devon Thompson
✓	Susan Wilson	✓	Cody Huffman (Alt)		Paula Melester
		VA DRPT		✓	Kayla Dixon
Augusta County			Grace Stankus		
✓	Doug Wolfe (Chair)				
✓	Julia Hensley	**Non-Voting Members**			
	Garret Shultz (Alt)			**Other attendees**	
		RMS		✓*	Sam Styers
City of Waynesboro			Guy Holstein		
✓	Leslie Tate				
✓	Alisande Tombarge (Vice Chair)	**Federal Highway Admin.**			
	Scott Kesecker (Alt)				
	Jeff Oswald (Alt)	**Federal Transit Admin.**			
			Laura Keeley		
		VA Dept. of Aviation			
			Stephen Smiley		

*Virtual attendance

Call to Order

Chair Doug Wolfe called the meeting of the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (SAWMPO) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to order at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Wolfe presented the minutes from the June 3, 2026, TAC meeting for approval.

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Ms. Julia Hensley moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Alisande Tombarge. The TAC approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Public Comment

Chair Wolfe opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments.

Statewide Rail Plan Public Comment on Railroad Crossings (TAC Memo #26-04)

Mr. Garreth Bartholomew explained that DRPT presented on the Statewide Rail Plan at the August 19, 2026 Policy Board meeting. After the presentation, the Policy Board requested staff identify railroad crossings of concern in the MPO region and submit the data to DRPT for consideration into the Plan.

Mr. Bartholomew first summarized six rail incidents documented in the region since 2018, and TAC members then identified several crossings of concern. Ms. Hensley noted that the most severe incident, in Stuarts Draft in August 2024, occurred at a private crossing off Wayne Avenue. Chair Wolfe identified Desper Hollow Road, where flooding at the crossing cuts off residents' only access.

Chair Wolfe also recommended reviewing crossings that lack signals or gates and cited locations near Dam Town Road, Lyndhurst Road crossing, Dices Spring Road, and the Government Center crossing. Mr. Komara and Mr. Brad Reed identified the VDOT Rail Division's annual request process and the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) as funding sources. Mr. Bartholomew asked members to submit additional crossings by September 9, 2026.

Frontier Drive Safety, Operations, and Multimodal Corridor Study Update

Mr. Bartholomew provided an update on the Frontier Drive Safety, Operations, and Multimodal Corridor Study. The study kickoff meeting was held with the consultant, Timmons, on August 5, 2026. The corridor carries approximately 10,000 vehicles per day on the busiest segments and has averaged about 29 crashes per year since 2020. Total crashes have decreased since 2022, but approximately half involve an injury.

The study will coordinate with the VDOT Richmond Avenue Project Pipeline study, which extends from Sangers Lane to Statler Boulevard, and begins in October. SAWMPO will collect 12-hour turning movement counts at the US-11 and Barterbrook Road intersections and four seven-day tube counts along the corridor. VDOT will collect counts at the Frontier Drive/Richmond Avenue intersection. Mr. Reed recommended moving the residential speed count location closer to Profile B to capture free-flow speeds rather than speeds on the curve, and staff agreed.

Mr. Bartholomew reviewed outstanding data requests from the City of Staunton and Augusta County and noted that staff will follow up by email. Traffic counts will be completed in September, with an existing conditions meeting in mid-fall. A public open house on alternatives is planned for February 2027, and the final report is anticipated in April 2027 to support SMART SCALE in 2028 and other funding cycles.

Agency Updates

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VDOT

Mr. Reed provided the following update:

- The US 250 Project Pipeline study will begin following Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) consideration in October.
- A STARS study is being scoped at the US-11/Route 262 intersection north to the Staunton city limits.
- Localities may receive SMART SCALE application concurrence alerts through mid-October.

Mr. Shane McCabe provided the following update:

- District Planning is beginning a study of the King Avenue intersection in Waynesboro, with traffic counts to begin in the coming weeks.

Mr. Don Komara provided the following construction updates:

- The Route 254 shoulder widening and Mill Place projects are complete.
- The I-81 Staunton widening project continues toward a fall 2027 completion.
- Construction has begun on the WWRC entrance improvements.
- The I-81 speed limit through Harrisonburg was reduced to 55 mph effective August 31, 2026, with a 30-day warning period.
- Mowing operations are underway.

DRPT

Mr. Bartholomew provided the following updates on behalf of Ms. Grace Stankus, who was not in attendance:

- Members were encouraged to submit comments on the Statewide Rail Plan.
- DRPT is reassigning planning staff, and a new DRPT planner for SAWMPO will be introduced at a future meeting.

BRITE and Afton Express

Ms. Devon Thompson provided the following updates:

- The BRITE SMART SCALE project held its preconstruction meeting. Improvements will be made at three stop locations, which will be temporarily relocated during construction.
- Shelters are being ordered for Staunton and Waynesboro, and a DRPT grant will fund ADA access improvements at the Stuarts Draft stop.
- DRPT completed quadrennial condition assessments of the Fishersville facility and the Staunton Lewis Street hub. DRPT will conduct an oversight compliance review on site on October 21, 2026.
- Afton Express and BRITE routes will not operate on September 7 for Labor Day, with the exception of the Staunton Downtown Trolley and the BRCC shuttles.

Locality Updates

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Mr. Doug Wolfe provided the following updates:

- The Dick Huff Lane improvement project is approximately 39 percent complete.
- The County is preparing a Ready, Set, Go! application for a Wayne Avenue sidewalk from Miller's Bake Shoppe to Schneider Community Park.
- Survey letters for the Quicks Mill Transportation Alternative (TA) project will be sent the following week.

Ms. Julia Hensley provided the following update:

- The Weyers Cave revenue sharing item went before the Board of Supervisors.
- The Greenville Small Area Plan is getting underway, including public engagement and an appointed advisory committee.

City of Staunton

Ms. Meggie Taylor provided the following update:

- The Comprehensive Plan was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission and will go before City Council on September 10, 2026.

Ms. Susan Wilson provided the following updates:

- The downtown HSIP intersection improvements and the Edgewood Road sidewalk project are past 30 percent design. A resident meeting on the Edgewood Road project will be held before the public hearing.
- Following public opposition from the Historic Staunton Foundation to the HSIP curb extension design, City Council provided direction to expand public engagement. Workshops with the Historic Staunton Foundation and the Staunton Downtown Development Association will be held before the public hearing.
- VDOT held a field inspection meeting on the Commerce Road project, and the City returned comments.
- VDOT is targeting late October for a public meeting on the Greenville Avenue road diet, which will be designed and advertised concurrently with the Richmond Avenue/Greenville Avenue intersection project.
- The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) was awarded $15.5 million from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for Staunton Station state of good repair and ADA improvements.

City of Waynesboro

Ms. Leslie Tate provided the following updates:

- The contract for the City's DRPT bus stop improvement grant has been executed, and staff are awaiting the design scope and fee.
- The third Comprehensive Plan open house is scheduled for October 28, 2026, and will feature the Future Land Use Map.

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- The East Main Street streetscape project is progressing toward 60 percent plans, with a fall public meeting and a 2028 advertisement date anticipated.
- The VDOT-administered West Main Street and Broad Street projects continue in final design.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Upcoming Meetings

Chair Wolfe announced the following upcoming meetings:

- September 16, 2026 – SAWMPO Policy Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., CSPDC
- October 7, 2026 – SAWMPO TAC Meeting, 2:00 p.m., CSPDC

Meeting Adjourned

Chair Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Zach Beard, Program Manager

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TO: Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro MPO Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Zach Beard, Program Manager

MEETING DATE: November 4, 2026

RE: **TAC Memo #26-05: FY24–27 TIP Amendment – Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Targets**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Staff is amending Appendix G: Performance Based Planning and Programming for Transit Asset Management of the FY24–27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to adopt the FFY2026 Virginia Group Tier II Transit Asset Management (TAM) performance targets for BRITE, a Tier II agency in the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Group TAM Plan.

Federal rules require MPOs to incorporate transit agencies' state of good repair targets into their TIPs by March 29, 2027. Staff will post the amended appendix for a seven-day public comment period and request Policy Board approval at the November 18, 2026, meeting.

VIRGINIA TIER II GROUP TAM PLAN

DRPT sponsors a Tier II Group TAM Plan that covers 33 Virginia transit agencies, including HDPT. The FFY2026–FFY2029 Group Plan took effect on September 30, 2026. The Plan includes the four required TAM elements (see **Table 1**). Participating agencies maintain their asset data and DRPT uses the Plan to prioritize state capital assistance through the MERIT Capital Assistance Program. MPOs have until March 29, 2027, to update TIPs with the new targets. MPOs may adopt the Group Plan targets or set regionally specific targets.

FFY2026 TAM PERFORMANCE TARGETS

The TAM rule sets performance measures for four asset categories, summarized in **Table 1**. The infrastructure measure applies only to fixed guideway track, so the Group Plan does not set an infrastructure target and the measure does not apply to HDPT.

Table 1: FTA TAM Performance Measures

Asset Category	Relevant Assets	Performance Measure	Measure Type
Equipment (Support Vehicles)	Service support, maintenance, and other non-revenue vehicles	% of support vehicles that have met or exceeded their ULB	Age
Rolling Stock (Revenue Vehicles)	Buses, cutaways, vans, rail cars, locomotives, and ferry boats	% of revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded their ULB	Age
Infrastructure	Fixed guideway track	% of track segments with performance (speed) restrictions, by mode	Performance
Facilities	Passenger stations, parking facilities, and administrative and maintenance facilities	% of facilities rated below 3.0 on the FTA TERM scale	Condition

The age measures rely on the Useful Life Benchmark (ULB), which is the expected service life of an asset in a particular agency's operating environment. The facility measure uses FTA's Transit Economic Requirements Model (TERM) scale, which rates condition from 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent), with 3 representing adequate condition.

TIP AMENDMENT

Table 2 shows the FFY2026 Group Plan targets that staff proposes the SAWMPO adopt. Each target sets the maximum share of assets in an asset class that may meet or exceed their ULB or fall below adequate condition, so lower percentages reflect a better state of good repair. Staff will amend Appendix H of the FY24–27 TIP to document the FFY2026 targets in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Proposed FFY2026 SAWMPO TAM Targets

Asset Category	Performance Measure	Asset Class	FFY2026 Target
Revenue Vehicles	% of revenue vehicles in the asset class that have met or exceeded their ULB	AB – Articulated Bus	5%
		BR – Over-the-Road Bus	10%
		BU – Bus	15%
		CU – Cutaway	10%
		VN – Van	20%
		MV – Minivan	5%
Equipment (Support Vehicles)	% of support vehicles that have met or exceeded their ULB	AO – Automobile	35%
		Trucks and Other Rubber Tire Vehicles	35%
Facilities	% of facilities rated below 3.0 on the FTA TERM scale	Passenger/Parking	5%
		Administrative/Maintenance	10%

NEXT STEPS

Staff will post the draft amended FY24-27 TIP Appendix G on the SAWMPO website for a seven-day public comment and will email the TAC and Policy Board to announce the comment period. Staff will then present the amendment to the Policy Board for approval at the November 18, 2026, Board meeting, and send the updated TIP to DRPT. Staff will also include the targets into the FY27–30 TIP once the new TIP is active.

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft Amended FY24–27 TIP Appendix G, page 46
- DRPT FFY2026–FFY2029 Tier II Group TAM Plan: MPO Performance Measures Guidance
- Draft SAWMPO TAM Target Adoption Letter to DRPT

Appendix G: Performance Based Planning and Programming for Transit Asset Management

The SAWMPO approved the transit asset management (TAM) performance targets in the FFY2026 – FFY2029 Virginia Tier II Group Transit Asset Management Plan on November 18, 2026. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) sponsors the Group Plan, which took effect on September 30, 2026. The FFY2026 targets in Table 2 replace the FFY2022 targets previously included in this appendix at the time of original document approval.

Federal Requirements

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) directed the U.S. Department of Transportation to establish a system to monitor and manage public transportation assets, improve safety, increase reliability and performance, and set performance measures. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) carried this requirement forward. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) implements it through the TAM Final Rule (49 CFR Part 625), published on July 26, 2016.

TAM is the strategic and systematic practice of procuring, operating, inspecting, maintaining, rehabilitating, and replacing transit capital assets to manage their performance, risk, and costs over their life cycles. Transit agencies use asset condition to decide how to manage capital assets and where to direct funding, so that assets remain in a state of good repair and riders receive safe, cost-effective, and reliable service.

The rule sorts transit agencies into two tiers based on size and mode. A Tier I agency operates rail, operates 101 or more vehicles across all fixed route modes, or operates 101 or more vehicles in any one non-fixed route mode. A Tier II agency is a subrecipient of FTA Section 5311 funds, is an American Indian Tribe, or operates 100 or fewer vehicles across all non-rail fixed route modes or in any one non-fixed route mode. Tier I agencies must develop their own TAM plans, while Tier II agencies may participate in a group plan sponsored by a state or other direct recipient.

Virginia's Tier II Group TAM Plan

DRPT sponsors the Tier II Group TAM Plan on behalf of 33 participating transit agencies. The FFY2026 – FFY2029 Group Plan took effect on September 30, 2026, after each participating agency approved and adopted it. The plan contains the four required TAM elements: an inventory of assets, a condition assessment of those assets, a decision support tool, and a prioritization of investments.

DRPT built the plan from asset data that each participating agency maintains in the statewide TransAM/WebGrants database, which agencies must update by July 15 and January 15 of each year. DRPT then uses the MERIT Capital Assistance Program to prioritize state capital funding. The MERIT prioritization process

favors projects that keep existing assets in a state of good repair and that have the greatest effect on public transportation service statewide.

SAWMPO Integration of TAM Targets

The SAWMPO programs federal transportation funds for BRITE Transit, which the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) administers and Resource Management Solutions (RMS) operates under contract. BRITE is a Tier II agency participating in the DRPT-sponsored Group TAM Plan. The SAWMPO has integrated the goals, measures, and targets in the FFY2026 – FFY2029 Virginia Group Tier II Transit Asset Management Plan into its planning and programming process. Rather than develop regionally specific targets, the SAWMPO adopts the statewide Group Plan targets shown in **Table 2**.

Performance Measures

The TAM rule establishes four performance measures that apply to four asset categories, as shown in Table 1. Two definitions apply to these measures. The Useful Life Benchmark (ULB) is the expected life cycle of a capital asset, or its acceptable period of use in service, for a particular provider's operating environment; for example, FTA's default ULB for an articulated bus is 14 years. FTA's Transit Economic Requirements Model (TERM) scale rates asset condition from 1 (poor) through 2 (marginal), 3 (adequate), and 4 (good) to 5 (excellent).

Because BRITE operates no fixed guideway service, the infrastructure measure does not apply in the SAWMPO region, and the Group Plan sets no infrastructure target.

Table 1: TAM Performance Measures by Asset Category

Asset Category	Relevant Assets	Performance Measure	Measure Type
Equipment (Support Vehicles)	Service support, maintenance, and other non-revenue vehicles	Percentage of support vehicles that have met or exceeded their ULB	Age
Rolling Stock (Revenue Vehicles)	Buses, cutaways, and vans; light and heavy rail cars; commuter rail cars and locomotives; ferry boats	Percentage of revenue vehicles that have met or exceeded their ULB	Age
Infrastructure	Fixed guideway track	Percentage of track segments with performance (speed) restrictions, by mode	Performance
Facilities	Passenger stations, parking facilities, and administrative and maintenance facilities	Percentage of facilities with a condition rating below 3.0 on the FTA TERM scale	Condition

Performance Targets

Table 2 lists the FFY2026 Group Plan targets that the SAWMPO adopts. Each target represents the share of assets in a class expected to have met or exceeded their ULB, or to rate below 3.0 on the TERM scale; lower percentages indicate better asset condition.

Table 2: FFY2026 TAM Targets for Revenue Vehicles, Equipment, and Facilities

Asset Category – Performance Measure	Asset Class	FFY2026 Target
Revenue Vehicles		
Age – Percentage of revenue vehicles within a particular asset class that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)	AB – Articulated Bus	5%
	BR – Over-the-Road Bus	10%
	BU – Bus	15%
	CU – Cutaway	10%
	VN – Van	20%
	MV – Minivan	5%
Equipment (Support Vehicles)		
Age – Percentage of vehicles that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)	AO – Automobile	35%
	Trucks and Other Rubber Tire Vehicles	35%
Facilities		
Condition – Percentage of facilities with a condition rating below 3.0 on the FTA TERM Scale	Passenger/Parking	5%
	Administrative/Maintenance	10%

Appendix H: Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Performance Targets

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is the sponsor for the Statewide Tier II Group Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP). The SAWMPO programs federal transportation funds for BRITE Transit. BRITE is a Tier II agency participating in the DRPT sponsored group PTASP. The MPO has adopted the Tier II PTASP into its TIP by reference and integrated the goals measures and targets described in the August 2020 Commonwealth of Virginia Tier II Group Transit Asset Management Plan into the MPO's planning and programming process. Specific targets for the Tier II Group PTASP are below.

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TO: Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro MPO Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Zach Beard, Program Manager

MEETING DATE: November 4, 2026

RE: **TAC Memo #26-05: 2027 SAWMPO Meeting Schedule**

BACKGROUND

The SAWMPO publishes the annual MPO meeting schedule each December. Staff will publish the meeting schedules in local newspapers and on sawmpo.org/notices/ per the SAWMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP).

Changes to the 2027 meeting schedule or format will be posted on the website and local. Policy Board and TAC members will be notified of meeting schedule changes by email at least one week in advance of the scheduled meeting date.

2027 SAWMPO MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2027 SAWMPO Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting schedules are on **page 2** of this memo. The Policy Board meets on every third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m., and the TAC meets every first Wednesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

A 2022 Virginia FOIA law amendment permits some public bodies to hold a limited number of all-virtual meetings each year. The Board and TAC concurred with holding up to two meetings virtually as the need arises. The Board Chair or TAC would make this decision and direct staff to publicly notice the change at least one week prior to the meeting.

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2027 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting Schedule

First Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Location (unless otherwise noted): Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, 112 MacTanly Place, Staunton, Virginia

January - June	July - December
January 6, 2027	July 7, 2027
February 3, 2027	August 4, 2027
March 3, 2027	September 1, 2027
April 7, 2027	October 6, 2027
May 5, 2027	November 3, 2027
June 2, 2027	December 1, 2027

2027 Policy Board Meeting Schedule

Third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Location (unless otherwise noted): Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, 112 MacTanly Place, Staunton, Virginia

January - June	July - December
January 20, 2027	July 21, 2027
February 17, 2027	August 18, 2027
March 17, 2027	September 15, 2027
April 21, 2027	October 20, 2027
May 19, 2027	November 17, 2027
June 16, 2027	December 15, 2027