

TRANSPORTATION PLANNER (I, II, or III)

ABOUT GWRC AND FAMPO

The George Washington Regional Commission (GWRC) is the designated planning district commission for Virginia Planning District 16, which includes over 360,000 people in five jurisdictions. Planning District 16 is the fourth-largest and fastest-growing of the Commonwealth's 21 planning districts. GWRC is responsible for encouraging and facilitating local government cooperation in addressing, on a regional basis, problems of greater than local significance. GWRC's current areas of focus include economic development, environmental services, human services (including homeless services support), transportation demand management, and rural and urban transportation planning. GWRC is the staffing and fiscal agent for the Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO).

FAMPO is a federally-mandated agency that is responsible for ensuring that federal dollars spent on existing and future transportation projects and programs are based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process. Committed to meaningful public engagement throughout the process, FAMPO is responsible for establishing priorities to meet short-term (next six years) and long-term (20+ years) multimodal transportation needs in the FAMPO Region, which includes the City of Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, and Stafford County.

ABOUT THE POSITION

Transportation Planner I

This entry-level, full-time position is responsible for assisting in the MPO transportation planning process. In addition to working with FAMPO staff, Planner I works with stakeholders including federal, state, and local governments, elected officials, and the public. The successful candidate must exhibit knowledge of planning theories, techniques of transportation planning and analysis, and applicable federal and state transportation regulations.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Collect and compile planning data.
- Assist in research, analysis, and mapping of GIS data.
- Provide general support for various transportation and regional planning initiatives.
- Communicate with the public, GWRC staff, and elected officials in support of the MPO's commitment to customer service excellence, continuous improvement, teamwork, and collaboration.
- Assist with and attend monthly committee meetings and workshops.

Transportation Planner II

Including and in addition to the responsibilities and duties described under Planner I, the Planner II may take on program management, project management or similar responsibilities. Also, the Planner II may be assigned important roles of individual responsibility in Transportation Improvement Program

(TIP), Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Congestion Management Process (CMP), and/or SMART-SCALE project preparation and/or advanced geospatial analysis projects.

Transportation Planner III

Including and in addition to the responsibilities described for Planner I and II, the Planner III may supervise an intern, Planner I, or Planner II regarding a specific task or project. Also, the Planner III may be asked to provide independent advice to the FAMPO Administrator on matters of importance and relevance.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS

Planner I

- A bachelor's degree in urban planning, geography, geographic information systems, or a related field.
- Some GIS experience (ESRI products, CartoDB, etc.).
- The ability to collect, analyze, and interpret data pertaining to transportation planning.
- Strong quantitative abilities, writing, and communication skills, including the ability to translate technical materials to a nontechnical audience.
- Basic knowledge of the principles and practices of metropolitan transportation planning.
- The ability to work both independently and as a member of a team.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Planner II (Planner I plus the following)

- Knowledge of transportation finance, policy, and project development phases.
- Experience in transportation or urban and regional planning.
- Experience with web mapping applications.
- Interest in innovative transportation concepts.
- Minimum of three years full-time experience in transportation planning, urban planning, regional planning, or closely related field.
- Master's degree preferred.

Planner III (Planner I and II plus the following)

- AICP or equivalent (GISP, AIA, ALA, PE, PMP, etc.) preferred.
- Bachelor's degree plus 8 years' experience.
- Master's degree plus 5 years' experience.

COMPENSATION

Starting salary negotiable depending on qualifications. An outstanding benefits package is also provided.

TO APPLY

Please email a cover letter, résumé, representative sample of your work for a transportation study or plan, and 2-3 references to careers@gwregion.org. Position is open until filled.

George Washington Regional Commission/Fredericksburg Area Metropolitan Planning Organization is committed to hiring and retaining a diverse workforce. We are proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action Employer, making decisions without regard to race, sex, national origins, disability, age, color, low-income, or limited-English proficiency.