

## **SUMMARY MINUTES**

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee  
WebEx Virtual Meeting Platform  
Wednesday, January 26, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Brad Griffin – ACC Planning Director  
Rick Cowick – ACC Planning Department  
Rani Katreeb - ACC Transportation & Public Works  
Daniel Sizemore - ACC Transportation & Public Works  
Pat Hale - ACC Transit Department  
Sheridan Soileau – ACC Public Utilities  
Mike Matthews – Athens-Ben Epps Airport  
Kimberly Grayson - GDOT Planning  
Jody Woodall- Oconee County Public Works  
Todd Berven - UGA Transit System  
Ross Hinkle – Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission  
Jeremy Durrence – GDOT District 1

**Others Present:** Victor Pope, ACC Transit  
Tom Caiafa, GDOT Planning  
Ann-Marie Day, FHWA (Ex-Officio)  
Olivia Lewis, FHWA  
Justin Lott, GDOT District 1  
Lee Becker, Oconee County Resident  
Lance Haynie, Oconee County Resident  
Tim Griffeth, ACC Transportation & Public Works

### **I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Mr. Griffin acknowledged citizens attending:

- Lee Becker, Oconee County resident
- Lance Haynie, Oconee County resident

### **III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 27, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

Dr. Hinkle noted that the October 21<sup>st</sup> minutes reflect that Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission Project #63 should read as Project #68.

Mr. Woodall made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2021 TCC meeting and to include Dr. Hinkle's correction. Ms. Hale seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**IV. REVIEW OF FINAL FY23 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM & RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. Day stated that after additional comments, Federal Highway, and FTA released the Planning Emphasis Areas. She suggested that Mr. Griffin review this revised document and determine what, if anything, should be incorporated in the UPWP before final approval. Most of these support the new Transportation Infrastructure. The UPW does not need to go back for additional review to incorporate those. Mr. Griffin said this would be handled before it moves on to Policy Committee.

Mr. Griffin went on to say this is the final version of the UPWP and will go to Policy Committee. UPWP is the budget but is also the strategic planning document<sup>1</sup>. This has not changed since reviewed the last time. Only the cover and dates have been changed. This shows our budget and work elements for FY23 broken out by source. No changes were made to the 5303 Transit Planning Grant. The budget is still the same as last time.

Ms. Hale moved to adopt the FY23 UPWP to forward to Policy Committee. Mr. Berven seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**V. REVIEW OF FINAL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR UPDATE OF METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO 2050 & MEMBERSHIP OF PROPOSAL REVIEW COMMITTEE & RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

This RFP is to select a consultant to prepare the 2050 MTP. The draft has been sent to GDOT, FHWA and FTA for review. The next step is to obtain TCC and Policy Committee approval. The document will then be forwarded to ACC's Finance Department for advertising. This is largely the same as the amended FY22 UPWP. Mr. Griffin will be listed as the contact until a Transportation Planner is on staff. The RFP Review Committee includes Griffin, Woodall, Bailey, Lapczynski, Hale, Grayson, and the new Transportation Planner once hired. Staff is seeking approval for this update, along with approval of the Review Committee membership make-up, and approval to forward to the Policy Committee for final action.

Mr. Katreeb moved to approve; Mr. Sizemore seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**VI. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2045 MTP AND FY21 – FY24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO UPDATE SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS & RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

These safety targets are updated annually and are due by February 27<sup>th</sup>. MPOs have the option to develop their own targets or agree to support the State’s targets. This MPO has historically voted to support the State’s targets and Staff is recommending that we again support the State’s targets. At this point, the State has adopted GDOT’s measures and targets. This is an administrative modification so there is no public comment beyond that at the meetings but this would be an update in both the 2045 MTP, as well as the FY21 – 24 TIP. Staff’s recommendation is to support the State targets as provided by GDOT.

Ms. Soileau moved to approve those targets and forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Matthews seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**VII. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2045 MTP AND FY21 – FY24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO UPDATE TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN TARGETS & RECOMMENDATIONS TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

This item has been removed from the agenda. Staff is waiting on additional information.

**VIII. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2045 MTP AND FY21 – FY24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO UPDATE THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AGENCY SAFETY PLAN TARGETS & RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

These modifications are reviewed annually and are included in the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan for ACC Transit Department to be placed in the MTP and TIP. This is an administrative modification so no public comment is needed. Staff’s recommendation is to adopt the administrative modification to ACC’s Transit Department’s safety targets, then forward to Policy Committee for final action.

Mr. Sizemore moved to approve, Ms. Hale seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**IX. REVIEW OF DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE FY21 – FY24 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE SR 10 LOOP AT MIDDLE OCONEE RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT & RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Griffin clarified that this construction phase is being moved into the FY22 slot. This is the modification for the bridge on the Loop that crosses the river in vicinity of Ben

Burton Park. This work was originally in FY25; however, GDOT has requested to move this to FY22. Public comment meetings are scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be one virtual public meeting on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and one in-person public meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Final amendments will go to TCC on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and final amendments will go to Policy Committee at their April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Staff's recommendation is to take the amendment to Policy Committee to send out for public comment, then return through this process.

Mr. Katreeb moved to recommend approval to the Policy Committee, Ms. Hale seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Katreeb clarified that these are the bridges on the Loop, not on Mitchell Bridge over the Oconee River.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XI. UPDATES / OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Day updated staffing at Federal Highway / GA Division office. They have lost staff and asked for patience until their staffing issue is resolved.

**XII. ADJOURN**

Mr. Griffin adjourned the meeting at 10:28 am. The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2022.