

**MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee**  
A-CC Planning Department Auditorium  
Wednesday, January 28, 2015  
10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Bruce Lonnee – ACC Planning Dept. (Alt for Brad Griffin)  
BR White - Oconee Planning Department  
Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department  
Cherie Varnum - ACC Planning Department  
David Ballard - Athens Transit System  
Butch McDuffie - Athens Transit System  
Tom Caiafa – GDOT – Planning Office  
Andrew Saunders - Central Services  
Ron Hamlin – UGA Campus Transit System  
Jerry Oberholtzer – ACC Transportation & Public Works  
George Spearing - ACC Traffic Engineering (Alt for Steve Decker)  
Adam Layfield - Oconee Public Works (Alt for Emil Beshara)  
Ann Marie Day - Federal Highway Administration

**Others Present:** Kyle Mote - GDOT - Planning Office

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Lonnee called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

There was none.

**III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 1, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. White made a motion to approve the October 1, 2014 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. McDuffie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**IV. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT FY 2016 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDuffie reviewed changes made to the UPWP since the last time the committee reviewed the document. These included additional discussion about the LRTP vision and goals and Planning Emphasis Areas from FHWA to applicable work elements and the Introduction, percentages added to the funding tables, and the addition of Table V. Element 1.2 included a decrease in funding of \$217.34. Element 1.4 included an additional note that any item with a unit price of over \$5,000 will need to be approved by FHWA in addition to GDOT. The group received handouts containing a few last minute revisions made in response to FHWA concerns.

Mr. Caiafa made a motion to recommend approval of the Final Draft FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program to the Policy Committee. Mr. Ballard seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**V. REVIEW OF DRAFT FY 15 MACORTS TITLE VI PLAN FOR SUBMISSION TO GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDuffie explained that MPOs and transit agencies are now required to annually submit a Title VI Plan to GDOT's Intermodal Office and the Federal Transit Administration. A template was provided by GDOT. She stated that MPO staff had coordinated with GDOT staff to ensure the plan meets the requirements for MPOs. Mr. McDuffie stated Athens Transit had developed a very similar plan using the same template that will proceed to the Athens-Clarke County Mayor and Commission for approval. He also stated Title VI compliance required to retain eligibility for federal funding. Mr. Lonnee stated the plan emphasizes practices that are currently in use. Mr. McDuffie stated that ACC has always utilized the principles of the Title VI requirements; however, the circular changed in 2012 and mandated a specific plan to be submitted to verify Title VI requirements are practiced.

Mr. McDuffie made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft FY 15 MACORTS Title VI Plan to be submitted to GDOT. Mr. White seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. REVIEW OF DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 2015 - 2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR US 441 / SR 24 SOUTH WIDENING PROJECT AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDuffie stated this amendment involves bringing \$1,000,000 in preliminary engineering funds into FY 2015 for the US 441 South Widening project. She clarified since this is an amendment it will require a 15-day public comment period. She reviewed the proposed schedule.

Mr. Ballard made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft Amendment to FY 2015 - 2018 TIP to add the US 441 / SR 24 South Widening project's preliminary engineering phase into FY 2015 in the amount of \$1,000,000 to go to the public for review and comment. Mr. Hamlin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Updates:

### University of Georgia Campus Transit System

Mr. Hamlin stated that service will be provided along College Station Rd. for the new Veterinary Sciences building effective March 16<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that the River's Crossing Route will be replaced by two routes - College Station / Vet Med and Riverbend Rd / S. Milledge Ave. The Veterinary Annex route will include a portion of the River's Crossing route located on College Station Rd. They have also purchased 26-passenger large cutaways in order to serve a new area that would include some parts currently served by River's Crossing - basically the length of Riverbend Rd. to the green houses on South Milledge. The anticipation is to continue from South Milledge toward Whitehall, where the Engineering Labs are located. He stated that the 4 buses they ordered in July are currently in service.

### Athens-Clarke County Central Services Department

Mr. Saunders stated that ACC ordered seven Level 2 Electric vehicles chargers for four locations in Athens. The locations include: the Lexington Road Park n Ride lot, Bishop Park, the Athens Library, and West Washington parking deck. There is also a DC fast charger for electric vehicles at the Classic Center. All of them should be operational by the end of January.

### Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works Department

Mr. Oberholtzer stated that they accepted bids on the Whitehall Road Hill Reduction project, and the approval was sent to Mayor and Commission. There is anticipation of closing Whitehall Road around April 1<sup>st</sup>. They plan to have it reopened prior to school starting in August. He also stated that the Mitchell Bridge Road Widening project and the roundabout at Tallassee Road should be completed this summer as well.

## **IX. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. The next TCC meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2015.