

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee

A-CC Planning Department Auditorium

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Summary Minutes

Members Present: Brad Griffin – ACC Planning Department
Sherry Moore – ACC Planning Department
David Ballard – Athens Transit System
Iris Cleveland – ACC Planning Department
Anie Bassey – GDOT – Planning Office
Wayne Provost – Oconee Co Strategic & Long Range Planning Dept.
Butch McDuffie – Athens Transit System
Linda Fortson – Madison County Planning Department
Steve Decker – ACC Traffic Engineering
David Clark – ACC Transportation & Public Works
Ron Hamlin – UGA Campus Transit
Sandy Thursby – Oconee County Public Works
Emil Beshara – Oconee County Public Works
B.R. White – Oconee County Planning Dept.
Robert Mahoney – GDOT District 1, Gainesville
Phil Munro – Madison County Engineering
Kim Coley – GDOT District 1, Gainesville

Others Present: Billy Pittard – Chairman, Oglethorpe Co. Board of Commissioners
Shane Murphy – UGA MPA Program

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was present. Mr. Griffin introduced Ms. Kim Coley, GDOT District 1 Planning & Programming Engineer to the committee.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 27, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2010 TCC meeting. Mr. Mahoney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Griffin addressed the committee about shifting item six to the top of the agenda. Mr. Griffin explained that he wanted to allow Mr. Billy Pittard, Chairman of the Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners, time to speak to the committee about the Lexington Road Widening Project. The committee agreed to the switch and the meeting proceeded.

IV. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF LEXINGTON ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

Mr. Pittard, Chairman of Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners, thanked the committee for allowing him to speak. He spoke about the significance of the Lexington

Road Widening project to his community and the region, mostly in terms of economic development and growth. He expressed his hope that the project could be included in the LRTP if additional funds could be secured. The committee reached consensus that the project was technically viable but there were no funds to support it.

Mr. Griffin reminded the committee that TCC would need to make a recommendation to Policy Committee regarding the disposition of this project. He suggested that the committee wait until any available funding opportunities can be researched. The committee agreed.

V. REVIEW OF AMENDMENT TO FY 2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO ADD ‘JOBS FOR MAIN STREET ACT’ PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Moore informed the committee that the ‘Job for Main Street Act’ was signed law; therefore, the amendment will proceed as planned.

There was no public comment submitted regarding this amendment. Three people attended the public meeting held in Athens on March 16th. Public comment ended on March 23, 2010.

Mr. Hamlin made a motion to approve of amendment to the FY 2010-2013 TIP to add the US 441 repaving project to be funded with funds from the ‘Jobs for Main Street Act’. Mr. Bassey seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT LUMP SUM IN THE FY 2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Moore explained that GDOT had requested that the committee do an administrative modification to move some of the funds listed in the PE line item for the TE Lump Sum into the Construction line item. The construction funds will be used for the Butler’s Crossing Sidewalk TE project in Oconee County. Since this will not change the overall amount in the Lump Sum category, the committee can do this as an administrative modification. Only the approval of the Policy Committee is required for an administrative amendment. No public comment is required.

Mr. Ballard made a motion to approve the administrative modification to the FY 2010-2013 TIP to show construction dollars for the Butlers Crossing Sidewalk project in Oconee County. Mr. Hamlin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Update on status of FY 11 UPWP

Ms. Moore announced that the state matching funds have been replaced for the Section 5303 Transit Planning Grant for FY 2011. This will mean the split is back to Federal 80%, State 10%, and Local 10%.

Ms. Moore explained that MACORTS has submitted the proposal for using in-kind match for the transportation-planning grant, but we have not received a determination from GDOT nor FHWA to date. Once a determination is received, the FY 11 UPWP will be brought back to TCC and Policy Committee for approval. Mr. Griffin thanked committee members for their submittal help in getting the required information.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mahoney – GDOT District 1

Danielsville Road project is complete. Right-of-Way plans have been submitted on the Park-and-Ride in Athens. The Rail-to-Trail Project has some environmental issues that are being resolved with the help of FWHA. The environmental document for the North Oconee River Greenway Extension has been submitted for approval to FHWA. Phase I of Mars Hill needs to be reevaluated for environmental. Hopefully, the right-of-way can be authorized by May. Old Hull Road has a revised concept and will be locally let. GDOT and Madison County are working to upgrade the road network adjacent to the new feed mill just east of Comer with LARP funds. Mr. Mahoney invited the committee members to the quarterly pre-construction meeting at GDOT in Gainesville. These meetings outline how projects are proceeding through the pre-construction process.

Mr. Clark – Transportation & Public Work Department

Athens-Clarke County has three resurfacing projects that came from the second phase of ARRA. A project to add turn lanes on Mitchell Bridge Road at Athens West Parkway is underway. Park and Ride south has final gotten the acquisition. Now, we are moving ahead with the project.

Mr. Beshara – Oconee County Public Works

Mr. Beshara is still waiting for information about his second phase project submittals. Mr. Beshara wants to know if they were ineligible. Mr. Mahoney said he would send him that information.

Mr. McDuffie – Athens-Transit System

The annual contract negotiations are underway with University of Georgia. Depending on the budget, Athens Transit System (ATS) may have to reduce service in the coming months. Athens-Clarke County has filed to become a direct recipient of federal funds from the federal government. Right now, ATS is a sub-recipient under GDOT.

Mr. Hamlin – UGA Transit Systems

UGA is in their annual contract negotiations with Athens-Clarke County. Mr. Hamlin told the group that UGA is working on setting up contract administration for their FY09 earmark. UGA is actively pursuing another earmark and formula funding for Campus Transit.

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 am. The next TCC meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2010.