

**MACORTS Policy Committee**

Madison County Government Annex

Public Meeting Room

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

10 a.m.

**Voting Members Present:** Anthony Dove, Madison County Chairman  
Melvin Davis, Oconee County Chairman  
Nancy Denson, Athens-Clarke County Mayor  
Bob Sanders, Oconee County Citizen Representative  
Phil Munro, Madison County Citizen Representative  
Paul Dellaria, Athens-Clarke County Citizen Representative  
Radney Simpson, GDOT Planning

**Others Present:** Brad Griffin, ACC Planning  
Sherry McDuffie, ACC Planning  
Butch McDuffie, Athens Transit System  
David Ballard, Athens Transit System  
Tim Kassa, GDOT Planning  
Linda Fortson, Madison County Planning & Zoning

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Dove called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

**II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 13, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Dellaria made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013 Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Denson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**III. REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED AT TCC MEETINGS / PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

There were no comments received from the public.

**IV. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF FINAL AMENDMENT TO 2013 – 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR LEXINGTON ROAD AT SR 10 LOOP INTERCHANGE**

Ms. McDuffie reviewed the amendment before the committee. It would add additional funds in the amount of \$350,000 for preliminary engineering in FY 2013. A 15-day public comment period was conducted from February 25 to March 11, 2013 with one public meeting held on March 5, 2013. The summary of public comment was provided to all committee members.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the final amendment to the FY 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program for the addition of preliminary engineering funds

to the SR 10 Loop at Lexington Road Interchange project in FY 2013. Mr. Dellaria seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**V. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF AMENDED FY 2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

Ms. McDuffie reminded the committee that this document was amended in February 2013 to include carryover funding from FY 2012. Additional funds had been allocated to MACORTS under Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) that had been delayed during the continuing resolution that the federal government was working under. Therefore, \$40,188.81 in federal funds was added to the FY 2013 UPWP in elements 1.1 Program Coordination, 1.2 Operations and Administration, 1.3 Training / Education, and 4.11 Long Range Transportation Plan. The amendment did not require a public comment period.

Ms. Denson made a motion to approve the amended FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program to include an addition of \$40,188.81 in federal funding. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF PROPOSED MPO BOUNDARY AND ASSOCIATED DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Ms. McDuffie reviewed the process by which the U.S. Census Bureau delineates urbanized areas that must be included within the boundary of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. She presented the proposed amended boundary for MACORTS. Small areas in Jackson County and Oglethorpe County would be included in the MACORTS planning area; however, these counties have elected not to participate in the transportation planning process. Ms. McDuffie explained that the proposed boundary will be subject to a 30-day public comment period. The proposed timeline for public involvement activities was presented.

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was sent out to the committee for review and approval. Once the MOU is approved by the Policy Committee, the final draft version will be sent to Oglethorpe and Jackson County for review. Ms. McDuffie advised the group that once the boundary and MOU are approved, the bylaws for MACORTS will be amended accordingly. The boundary, public comment, the final MOU, and the revised bylaws will be presented to Policy Committee at the June 12, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Davis asked for verification that project funds wouldn't be diverted to either Oglethorpe or Jackson County since a small portion of the counties would be shown inside the MPO area. Ms. McDuffie confirmed that those counties have elected not to participate in the MPO process and would have no seat on the MACORTS committees and, therefore, no mechanism to get projects in those small areas. Ms. Denson asked if the split of the local match is based on population. Ms. McDuffie explained that the current division of local match is not based on population. She explained that it was based on an agreement between the counties that Athens-Clarke County would continue

to pay 10% that they had historically paid, and the remaining 10% was split between the counties. Any change in that split would have to be approved by the Policy Committee.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the MOU to be forwarded to Oglethorpe and Jackson Counties for review. Ms. Denson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dellaria made a motion to approve the proposed MACORTS boundary to go to the public for review and comment. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**IX. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.