

MACORTS Policy Committee

Madison County Government Annex

Public Meeting Room

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

10 a.m.

Voting Members Present: Anthony Dove, Madison County Chairman
Melvin Davis, Oconee County Chairman
Nancy Denson, Athens-Clarke County Mayor
Wayne Provost, Oconee County Citizen Representative (Alternate)
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
Thomas Caiafa, GDOT Planning

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dove called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present. Mr. Davis announced to the committee that Mr. Provost will be filling in as alternate for Mr. Bob Sanders as he recovers from lung cancer surgery.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 10, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Dellaria made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 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 PROPOSED MPO BOUNDARY AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. McDuffie explained to the committee that public involvement activities were conducted April 22 – May 21, 2013 including 3 public meetings. During the public comment period, Oglethorpe County expressed their concern that the MPO boundary was proposed to cover a larger part of the county than was designated as urban by the U.S. Census Bureau. After some consultation with GDOT, staff has revised the boundary to include only the census-defined urbanized area in Oglethorpe County. She commented that no other changes were made to the boundary since the last Policy Committee meeting.

Ms. Denson made a motion to approve the proposed MPO boundary as presented. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF FINAL DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR MACORTS

Ms. McDuffie informed the committee that this document has not changed since the Draft. Oglethorpe and Jackson County were sent copies to review and comment upon. Neither county offered any revisions to the document.

Mr. Dellaria made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for MACORTS. Mr. Munro seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF REVISED MACORTS BYLAWS

Ms. McDuffie reviewed the revised bylaws for MACORTS. Adjustments included the incorporation of references to the inclusion of areas of Oglethorpe and Jackson Counties and the fact that both counties had opted out of the transportation planning process. A provision to provide meeting materials, as a courtesy, to both counties was included in the revisions. Federal Transit Administration representatives that had been included in the process to date were added officially as ex-officio members on both committees. Ms. McDuffie reminded the committee that no public involvement activities were required for the amendments to the Bylaws.

There was a brief discussion of staff changes in Oconee County. Mr. Davis asked about the process for Oglethorpe or Jackson County opting back into participation in the MPO process. Ms. McDuffie explained that the boundary and membership of the MPO would be examined again after the next Census.

Ms. Denson made a motion to approve the revised MACORTS bylaws. Mr. Dellaria 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 10:10 a.m. Ms. McDuffie asked the Mayor and Board of Commission Chairmen to stay after the meeting for a few minutes to sign the approved documents from the meeting.