

MACORTS Policy Committee

Madison County Government Annex

Public Meeting Room

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

10 a.m.

Voting Members Present: Anthony Dove, Madison County Chairman
Melvin Davis, Oconee County Chairman
Bob Sanders, Oconee County Citizen Representative
Phil Munro, Madison County Citizen Representative
Lucy Rowland, 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 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present. Mr. Dove welcomed Ms. Rowland back to the Policy Committee as the citizen representative from Athens-Clarke County. He also welcomed Mr. Sanders back.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 12, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2013 Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Munro 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 ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO FY 2013 – 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR RAIL TO TRAIL PROJECT IN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY

Ms. McDuffie explained to the committee that this modification involved shifting the right-of-way funding from FY 2013 to FY 2014. The request was made by the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). She advised the group that no public involvement activities would be required for the modification.

Ms. Rowland made a motion to approve the proposed administrative modification to the FY 2013 -2016 TIP to shift right-of-way funds for the rail to trail project in Athens-

Clarke County from FY 2013 to FY 2014. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF DRAFT FY 2014 – 2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED FY 2014 ADDENDUM TO 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Ms. McDuffie informed the committee that these documents contained the recent funding numbers for GDOT. She highlighted a packet showing the updates numbers for several projects and explained that the new numbers had come from GDOT in the last few days. She outlined the proposed public involvement activities to be conducted. She further explained that the TIP document, Addendum, and public comment received during the 30-day public comment period would come back to the Policy Committee at the October 9, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Davis noted that several of Oconee County’s projects had been delayed for various reasons and had been shifted further out in the TIP. The Jimmie Daniel / Jimmy Daniell Road Widening project moved to Long Range due to the re-evaluation of the concept and possible change in terminus from Mars Hill Road to SR 316. Preliminary engineering for the Daniels Bridge Road Extension project had been shifted from FY 17 to Long Range while the concept continues to be developed. Mr. Davis also mentioned his concern for the timing of the Daniels Bridge Road Widening in relation to the Mars Hill Road Widening construction phase. Mr. Dove mentioned the coming need for work along SR 29 at the Spratlin Mill Road intersection and south toward Athens.

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2014 Addendum to 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan to go to the public for review and comment. Ms. Rowland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for September 11, 2013.