

## SUMMARY MINUTES

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee  
A-CC Planning Department Auditorium  
Wednesday, January 23, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Director  
Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department  
Cherie Varnum - ACC Planning Department  
Rani Katreeb - ACC Transportation & Public Works  
Butch McDuffie - ACC Transit Department  
Guy Herring-Oconee County  
Kim Coley - GDOT District 1  
Don Walter - UGA Campus Transit  
Conolus Scott, JR. – Madison County Citizen  
Justin Kirouac- Oconee County  
Drew Raessler - ACC Transportation Public Works  
Nat Kuykendall - Oconee Rivers Greenway Commission

**Others Present:** Victor Pope - ACC Transit Department  
Rachel Hatcher- RS & H  
Beverly Davis – RS & H  
Elliott Caldwell – Georgia Bikes

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. He introduced Victor Pope, the new ACC Transit Planner, to the TCC committee.

### **II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

There was none.

### **III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 24, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. McDuffie made a motion to approve the minutes from October 24, 2018, TCC meeting. Mr. Raessler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **IV. REVIEW OF DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN & FY 2018 – 2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: ADOPT SAFETY MEASURES & TARGETS FOR 2019 & RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDuffie stated that the GA Department of Transportation requires MPO's to adopt safety performance measures and targets annually. She explained that over the holidays, staff received the adopted GDOT safety measures & targets. MPO's have the option to agree to support the state's

targets or develop their own. The deadline for approval of safety measures & targets is February 27, 2019. She noted that last year, MACORTS agreed to support the GDOT measures & targets. The new proposed targets were sent previously to the TCC members for review.

Mr. Raessler had a few questions about some of the accuracy of GEARS data the state uses and the 5 year rolling averages for the safety measures and targets.

After some discussion, Mr. Kirouac made a motion to recommend approval of the administrative modification to 2040 LRTP & 18-21 TIP to update the safety measures and targets for 2019. Mr. Raessler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**V. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 2018 – 2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: TRANSIT FUNDING REVISION & RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDuffie stated that this amendment updated the transit funding under the 5307 and 5339 programs shown in the FY 18-21 TIP to match the grant applications. The amendment was sent to the public for review and comment from December 3 – 17, 2018. She noted the summary and copies of the received public comment was previously sent to TCC members.

Mr. McDuffie made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to revise transit 5307 & 5339 funding in the 18-21 TIP. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. REVIEW OF AMENDED FINAL DRAFT PARTICIPATION PLAN & RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDuffie stated this amendment affected one sentence in the Participation Plan document and included 45 days of public review from December 3rd – January 16th. She noted there was only 1 comment received during the public comment period from the GA EPD stating that the document was not in conflict with their work.

Mr. Raessler made a motion to recommend approval of the amended Participation Plan. Mr. Kirouac seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VII. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN & RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDuffie stated the updated LEP Plan was out for a 45-day public review period from December 3rd- January 16th. She noted there were not any changes to the document since TCC last reviewed the information and the public comment received was previously sent to TCC members.

Mr. McDuffie made a motion to recommend approval of the Final Draft LEP Plan. Mr. Katreeb seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VIII. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT FY 2020 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM & RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDuffie stated the committee reviewed this document in draft form at the end of last year. She noted that staff updated the purchases and training attended during the first half of FY 19 since the last draft and corrected a few typos. She also stated this document serves as the MACORTS budget and grant application. A public review of the document is not required. Mr. Raessler asked about the purchase of traffic counters. Ms. McDuffie stated that at this time the budget does not allow for a commitment to purchase traffic counters for all three counties. However, if funds become available, staff would pursue those type of purchases.

Mr. Raessler made a motion to recommend approval of the Final Draft FY 2020 UPWP. Mr. Herring seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**IX. STATUS REPORT ON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE TO 2045 (RS&H)**

Ms. Hatcher, from RS&H, made a presentation about progress made in the update process for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**XI. UPDATES / OTHER BUSINESS**

**UGA Transit**

Mr. Walter stated that ridership has increased by 300,000 riders since the middle of August. They are also expecting 20 new electric buses by the end of the year. There is a current plan to double the size of the College Station Road Park and Ride to 350 spaces with a \$10 parking fee.

**Oconee County**

Mr. Kirouac noted the Public Works Department is in the process of hiring a new Director.

**Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works**

Mr. Raessler stated there are several local projects currently in development. The construction for the roundabout at South Milledge Avenue and Whitehall Road is on schedule, and the utility relocation should begin in a few weeks. The utility relocation for this project is proposed to be finished by next fall. The Tallassee Road Bridge SPLOST replacement project has made a lot of progress and is continuing coordination with CSX. There are several other T-SPLOST projects proposed to let in the fall. Barber Street has been closed

due to the catastrophic failure of the culvert. It should be repaired by February or March.

### **Oconee Rivers Greenway**

Between the North Oconee River Greenway Trail and Firefly Trail, three additional miles of multi-use trail are now open to the public. The East Campus Connector Bridge for pedestrians and cyclists across the North Oconee River is under construction and should be completed by the end of the summer.

Clearance to bring the greenway trail through the Oak Hill Cemetery is still pending. There have been positive developments in negotiations with the cemetery trustees about bringing the greenway trail through the cemetery. SPLOST 11 and TSPLOST 2018 funds are being held for this trail construction pending final clearance.

The ACC Mayor and Commission have approved preliminary plans for extending the North Oconee River Greenway Trail under College Avenue along the riverside to North Avenue. Additionally, several greenway-related SPLOST 2020 projects are being proposed.

## **XII. ADJOURN**

Mr. Griffin reminded members that the Policy Committee meetings for 2019 will be held in Danielsville. The meeting adjourned at 10:37 am.