

**MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee**

A-CC Planning Department Auditorium

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

10:00 a.m.

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:** Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Department  
Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department  
Michelle Caldwell – GDOT – Planning Office (alternate)  
David Clark – ACC Transportation & Public Works  
Steve Decker – ACC Traffic Engineering  
David Ballard – Athens Transit System  
Butch McDuffie – Athens Transit System  
Wayne Provost – Oconee Co. Strategic & Long Range Planning  
B.R. White – Oconee County Planning Dept.  
Ann-Marie Day – Federal Highway Administration  
Phil Munro – Madison County Engineer  
Doc Eldridge – Athens Area Chamber of Commerce

**Others Present:** Frank Watson, Oconee County Citizen  
Charles Ivie, Mayor of Watkinsville  
Scott Allen, Federal Highway Administration  
Romare Truely, Federal Highway Administration

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was present. Mr. Griffin welcomed Mr. Charles Ivie, the new Mayor of Watkinsville.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

There was no public comment received at this meeting.

**III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 26, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. White made a motion to approve the October 26, 2011 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. McDuffie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**IV. REVIEW OF AMENDED FY 2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDuffie explained that the FY 2012 UPWP had been revised to include \$238,697.47 of federal carryover funds from FY 2011. She directed the group to Element 1.4 Equipment and Supplies. MACORTS proposed to purchase 3 traffic counters and accessories for each county as well as purchase a laptop, scanner, and printers for the MPO staff.

Mr. Eldridge made a motion to recommend approval of the revised FY 2012 UPWP. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**V. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT FY 2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDuffie noted that there were 2 changes in the FY 2013 UPWP. The biggest change in the text was that the number of traffic counters to be purchased had increased from 1 to 2 for each county. Also, the 10% state match for the Section 5303 Transit Planning Grant had been taken out of the document. Since the mailout, however, the GDOT Intermodal Office has informed MACORTS that the state match will be provided in FY 2013. Ms. McDuffie assured the committee that the state match will be added back into this document before it is circulated to the Policy Committee. Mr. Clark asked about the possibility of including special studies in FY 2013. Ms. McDuffie indicated that the possibility would be examined when the FY 2012 carryover funds are added into the FY 2013 if funding levels permit, in late 2012 or early 2013.

Mr. McDuffie made a motion to recommend approval of the Final FY 2013 UPWP for submission to GDOT. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO FY 2012 – 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO REVISE THE MILEAGE ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLLEGE STATION ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

This administrative modification involved the revision of the mileage associated with the College Station Road Bridge project from 0.4 miles to 0.237 miles. Mr. Clark asked Ms. Caldwell to follow-up with GDOT to determine how soon Athens-Clarke County would receive a notice to proceed for right-of-way acquisition activities. Ms. Caldwell agreed to do so.

Mr. Eldridge made a motion to recommend approval of the administrative modification to the FY 2012 – 2015 TIP to revise the mileage associated with the College Station Road Bridge project. Mr. Decker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VII. REVIEW OF DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 2012 – 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO ADD PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FUNDS TO THE SR 10 LOOP AT ATLANTA HIGHWAY PROJECT**

Mr. Griffin provided background on this project's design and outlined some of the concerns that Athens-Clarke County (ACC) staff have voiced to date. Mr. Clark discussed a meeting that ACC staff attended at the District Office to discuss a reduction in the scope of the project. Mr. Griffin noted that it is unclear at this time whether the additional funds will be used to carry out that work. Mr. Eldridge expressed concern that the impacts to businesses along the corridor need to be reexamined.

Mr. Eldridge made a motion to hold this item until the next TCC meeting (February 22, 2012) to allow time for GDOT, MACORTS, and ACC staff to discuss the design of the project. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business discussed.

### **IX. NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES**

#### Mr. Provost – Oconee County Strategic and Long Range Planning Department

The Oconee Connector Extension should be open around January 31, 2012. Construction / restriping will commence shortly on US 441N Business at US 441 and US 441 at SR 10 Loop (White Oak Drive).

#### Mr. Clark – Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works

ACC will begin work on several stormwater facilities shortly, including one along the portion of Newton Bridge Road from Chase Street to Westclox. Work will continue throughout the summer months. The project at Barnett Shoals Road and Old Lexington Road should be completed by February 15, 2012, if there are no further delays due to the weather.

#### Ms. Day – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

FHWA is hosting a workshop in Macon on Feb. 28, 2012 related to Sustainability. Ms. Day invited anyone in the group to attend.

#### Mr. Munro – Madison County

The intersection project at Glenn Carrie Road and US 29 is finished.

### **X. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.