

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee

ACC Planning Department Auditorium

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Summary Minutes

Members Present: Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Department
Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department
Cherie Dalton-ACC Planning Department
Dale Hall-ACC Planning Commission
Tom Caiafa – GDOT – Planning Office
Kyle Mote-GDOT-Planning Office
Butch McDuffie – Athens Transit System
B.R. White – Oconee County Planning Department
Wayne Provost - Oconee Strategic & Long Range Planning Dept.
Ron Hamlin – UGA Campus Transit System
Antoine Hawkins – GDOT – Intermodal Programs
Steve Decker – ACC Traffic Engineering
Ann-Marie Day – Federal Highway Administration
David Clark – ACC Transportation & Public Works
David Ballard – Athens Transit System
Kim Coley – GDOT District 1
Jerry Oberholtzer – ACC Transportation & Public Works
Andrew Saunders – ACC Central Services

Others Present: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. A quorum was present. Mr. Griffin started the meeting by introducing the following new members: Kyle Mote, GDOT; Dale Hall, ACC Planning Commission; and Cherie Dalton, new Associate Transportation Planner.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no public comment received at this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF JULY 24, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. White made a motion to approve the July 24, 2013 TCC meeting minutes, duly seconded by Mr. McDuffie. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW OF DRAFT PARTICIPATION PLAN AND LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

The Draft Participation Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan will be evaluated by MACORTS concurrently. Ms. McDuffie presented information to members that described the envisioned public involvement activities including a 45 day public comment period. The passage of MAP-21, the availability of 2010

Census data, and the changes to the MPO boundary prompted the update of these documents. Ms. McDuffie highlighted changes made to each document.

Mr. Clark recommended approval of the Draft Participation Plan and Limited English Proficiency Plan to go to the 45 days of review and comment, duly seconded by B.R. White. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT FY 2014 – 2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie reviewed information pertaining to the FY 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program and associated public comment.

She noted that a 30-day public comment period was conducted August 26 - September 24, 2013, including 3 public meetings. The summary of public comment received and the original public comment was sent to members prior to the meeting. There was no discussion.

Mr. Caiafa made a motion to recommend approval of Final Draft FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program to Policy Committee, duly seconded by Mr. Clark. The vote was unanimous.

VI. REVIEW OF DRAFT 2015 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie reviewed information pertaining to the Draft UPWP for 2015 including the inclusion of only the primary award amount (\$216,243.20 – \$172,994.56 fed; \$43,248.64 local) in the Draft. She explained the updates to the content of the document including the stable in-kind match amounts.

Mr. Clark questioned if there would be funding for special studies. Ms. McDuffie stated she did not anticipate having special studies at this time.

Mr. Griffin stated there were additional pending editorial comments from the Federal Highway Administration for the UPWP document that would be included prior to the final document.

Mr. Clark made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft 2015 Unified Planning Work Program, duly seconded by Mr. McDuffie. The vote was unanimous.

VII. REVIEW OF PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR UPDATE OF LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN(LRTP) TO 2040 AND RECOMMENDATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ms. McDuffie reviewed the timeline for the update of the LRTP to 2040 that is due Sept 9, 2014. She reviewed work done to date. She explained that the subcommittee will work from January 2014 until the Draft document goes to TCC

(hopefully March or April 2014). The group will look at GDOT's model output and narrow down the slate of projects for the Draft Plan.

Ms. McDuffie asked for additions/deletions to the subcommittee. The list will need to be approved by the Policy Committee. She anticipated the TCC meeting on October 23rd to be cancelled so that time slot can be used for the first meeting of the subcommittee. The other meetings will happen after January 1, 2014.

Mr. Clark asked if the travel demand model would be improved to include multi-modes. Ms. McDuffie noted that GDOT had not indicated any improvements to the travel demand model. He also wanted to verify whether the TAZ boundaries would be adjusted. Ms. McDuffie indicated that they had been.

Mr. Provost asked about the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission representative's attendance for the TCC meetings. Mr. Griffin responded they had not sent a representative for the last several meetings.

Mr. Ballard made a motion to recommend approval of the Long Range Transportation Plan TCC Subcommittee membership, duly seconded by Mr. Clark. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 2013 – 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA CAMPUS TRANSIT SYSTEM SECTION 5307 OPERATING ASSISTANCE AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Hamlin made a motion to withdraw the draft Amendment to FY 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program for the University Of Georgia Campus Transit System Section 5307 Operating Assistance, duly seconded by Mr. McDuffie. The vote was unanimous.

IX. NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES

Mr. Provost - Oconee County Strategic & Long Range Planning

The Mars Hill Road Widening project right-of-way acquisition is still in progress.

Ron Hamlin – University of Georgia Campus Transit System

Campus Transit is working on a contract to acquire additional buses.

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

Jennings Mill Parkway should be completed by the end of the year. Design will start soon on the Whitehall Road/S. Milledge Avenue intersection project. Mr. Clark noted that this project will impact Oconee County commuters. Mr. Clark questioned Ms. Coley about the opening date of Old Hull Road. She is going to follow up with Mr. Clark. Mr. Clark will be making a presentation to the Transportation Board about project delivery on November 7, 2013.

X. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.