

SUMMARY MINUTES

MACORTS Policy Committee
Madison County Government Annex – Public Meeting Room
91 Albany Avenue - Danielsville
Wednesday, October 12, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Voting Members Present: Melvin Davis, Oconee County Chairman
Jim Anderson, Athens Citizen
Kelly Gwin, GDOT Planning Alternate
Flynn Warren, Oconee County Citizen
Brad Griffin, ACC Mayor Alternate
Don Walter, UGA Transportation

Others Present: Sherry McDuffie, MACORTS Staff
Cherie Varnum, MACORTS Staff
Sarah Bell, Oconee County Citizen
Russ Page, Oconee County Citizen
Darius Malone, GDOT
John Daniell, Oconee County Chairman-Elect

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. He welcomed Flynn Warren as the new Oconee County Citizen Representative. Mr. Warren is also a member of the Oconee County Land Use Transportation Committee and involved with various organizations in Oconee County.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2016 Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Gwin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

III. REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED AT TCC MEETINGS / PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

There was none.

IV. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF THE DRAFT FY 2018 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Ms. McDuffie reviewed details about the draft FY 2018 UPWP. She explained that the document outlined the planning efforts to be completed by the MPO

during the next fiscal year and included the associated budget information. She reminded the group that MPOs are required to produce a draft before the end of the 2016 calendar year to be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The UPWP should be finalized after the first of the 2017 calendar year. In general, the UPWP was revised to comply with the FAST Act language and the final guidance produced by FHWA/FTA. Major changes were reviewed for the committee. She noted that TCC members chose not to change the FY 18 planning priorities, safety and congestion management, in the document.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to recommend approval of Draft FY 2018 UPWP. Mr. Warren seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was some discussion about implementation of new federal regulations and the Policy Committee procedures. Mr. Griffin thanked Mr. Davis for his years of service to the Policy Committee.

VII. ADJOURN

Ms. McDuffie stated the 2017 Policy Committee meetings could be held in Athens since Oconee and Madison counties will both have new Chairmen next year. The rotation schedule of the location for Policy Committee meetings will continue after 2017 and be posted on the MACORTS website. Mr. Davis stated he agreed with the change of location because it would allow the new Chairmen to learn about MACORTS prior to being the Chair for those meetings. Mr. Davis asked for a motion to support this modification.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to recommend the 2017 Policy Committee meetings be held at Athens-Clarke County with Ms. Denson as the Chair. He noted that MACORTS staff had reached out to the incoming Oconee County Chairman about the possible change in venue for 2017. Chairman-Elect Daniell was in agreement with the change. Ms. Gwin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The last Policy Committee meeting for 2016 is scheduled for Wed, November 9th. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.