

SUMMARY MINUTES

MACORTS Policy Committee
WebEx Virtual Meeting Platform
Thursday, November 12, 2020
11:00 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Griffin, Athens-Clarke County Alternate
John Scarborough, Madison County Chairman
Radney Simpson, GDOT Planning Office
Sara Beresford, Athens-Clarke County Citizen
Dave Henson, Oconee County Citizen
Virginia Hamilton, UGA Alternate

Others Present: Sherry McDuffie, MACORTS Staff
Cherie Varnum, MACORTS Staff
Brad Griffin, MACORTS Staff
Jalen Ford, GDOT Planning
Victor Pope, Athens Transit
Butch McDuffie, Athens Transit
Lee Becker, Oconee County Citizen

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 11:07 am. Ms. McDuffie took roll of members and guests in attendance. Note: Mr. Griffin chaired the meeting for Mr. Scarborough who was only available by phone.

II. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 14, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from October 14, 2020 Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Beresford seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

There were no comments received.

IV. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF DRAFT FY 2022 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Ms. McDuffie stated the FY 2022 UPWP outlines the work that the MPO will complete during the period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. She reviewed the list of major changes made to the FY 22 UPWP that was sent to members. She highlighted the following:

- Staff continued to show the incorporating/reporting performance targets throughout the document.

- The use of virtual meetings were highlighted in FY 21 and kept as an option open for FY 22.
- The update of the LEP Plan and Participation Plan were written as though they are completed. The draft version of both documents will be presented to the committee in January 2021 and should be completed at the end of FY 21 / beginning of FY 22.
- Staff noted that the committee can make any adjustments to the priorities listed in the introduction that are listed as safety, MTP/TIP, congestion management, freight, and 2020 Census. No changes were made by the committee.
- Staff included requesting GAMPO PL Committee funding for the unfunded element to hire a consultant to complete the next update of the MTP during FY 22 (Sept 2021). If awarded, the UPWP will have to be amended to show it as a funded work element and the local match shown will be required. Payment of the local match by all 3 counties would be required at 50% and 100% completion. There was no discussion among committee members.
- The FY 22 & 23 Transit Planning Grant Amounts reflect the amount for FY 22 based on the pending grant application and an estimate of 5% increase for the FY 23 amount.

Mr. Scarborough made a motion to recommend approval of Draft FY 2022 UPWP for submittal to GDOT & FHWA. Ms. Beresford seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin adjourned the meeting at 11:18 am. Ms. McDuffie thanked the committee for all of their hard work during 2020 and wished everyone Happy Holidays from the MPO staff. She also thanked Mr. Scarborough for his service on the Policy Committee as his term ends on December 31, 2020. She noted this is the last meeting of the year and the next meeting will be held on February 10, 2021 (in Oconee County if we can hold them in-person).