

SUMMARY MINUTES

MACORTS Policy Committee
Athens-Clarke County Planning Department – Auditorium
120 W. Dougherty Street - Athens
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Voting Members Present: Nancy Denson, Mayor, Athens-Clarke County
John Scarborough, Madison County Chairman
Matthew Risher, GDOT Planning Alternate
Flynn Warren, Oconee County Citizen
Brad Griffin, Athens-Clarke County Planning Commission
Alternate

Others Present: Sherry McDuffie, MACORTS Staff
Cherie Varnum, MACORTS Staff
Butch McDuffie, Athens Transit System
Don Walter, UGA Campus Transit System
Elliot Caldwell, Georgia Bikes
Tyler Dewey, BikeAthens
Kris Raybon, GDOT Planning
David Adams, GDOT – Safety Project Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Denson called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

II. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Scarborough made a motion to approve the October 11, 2017 minutes. Mr. Warren seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

Ms. McDuffie noted that copies of emails from the public had been given to the committee members. The emails expressed about the Bishop Bypass project. That project is being state funded and therefore will not be subject to MACORTS action. These copies were provided for informational purposes only.

IV. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO FY 2018 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM: ADD FY 2019 SECTION 5303 TRANSIT PLANNING FUNDING

Ms. McDuffie explained that the Section 5303 grant application has a required approval schedule from the Federal Transit Administration, and the UPWP has a required approval schedule from the Federal Highway Administration. There was a discrepancy in these schedules that does not support the timeline that the GDOT Intermodal Office needs to execute the 5303 grant contracts in a timely manner. She noted that, as a compromise between the two agencies, the MPO is now allowed to include 2 years of 5303 transit planning grant funding data into the UPWP. She explained that the changes made to the UPWP document were in the funding tables and the work element pages that included the 5303 transit planning funding to include both the FY 2018 and 2019 funding.

She stated there was an additional handout that showed minor text amendments to the 1.6 UPWP Work Element in response to the FHWA Certification Review of the MPO and updated 5303 funding to reflect the need for whole dollar amounts. The overall amount of federal funding decreased by \$1. She also stated that a specific note was added to the UPWP that says amendments do not have to go to the public for review in response to federal review. Public involvement is not necessary to amend the UPWP.

Mr. Warren made a motion to approve the amended FY 2018 UPWP to include 2 years of Section 5303 funding with the other changes. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGET PRESENTATION (DAVID ADAMS, GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION)

Mr. Adams presented the Safety Performance Target presentation. There was some discussions about the safety performance target regulations.

VI. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND FY 2018 – 2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGETS AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SCHEDULE

Ms. McDuffie noted Mr. Adam's presentation from GDOT stated the need for all of the MPO's in Georgia to include safety performance targets in their LRTP & TIP by February 27, 2018. She stated that MPO's may choose to either agree to support the safety performance targets adopted by GDOT or develop safety targets specific to their MPO area in detail. She explained that either way would require an amendment to the 2040 LRTP and the TIP to include a resolution stating MACORTS' choice. The amendments will have to go to the public for 30

days of review and comment. She noted a proposed schedule for public comment was given to members for review, if the group decides to support the state's targets. She stated that TCC recommended that MACORTS' agree to support the state's safety performance targets at their last meeting. There was some discussion.

The draft amendments to 2040 LRTP and FY18-21 TIP involved the inclusion of a resolution to support the safety performance targets. Ms. McDuffie explained that the safety targets will provide a portion of the criteria that will be used to evaluate future projects to be included in the TIP & LRTP.

Mr. Scarborough made a motion to take a proposal to support GDOT's adopted safety performance targets to the public for review and comment. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. McDuffie explained that the results of the MACORTS Certification Review, which took place on October 11th, will be sent out to all members upon receipt.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 am.

Ms. McDuffie noted that this is the last meeting for 2017. The meetings will be held in Oconee County for 2018. The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2018. The schedule for 2018/2019 was given to board members.