

SUMMARY MINUTES

MACORTS Policy Committee
Madison County Government Annex – Public Meeting Room
91 Albany Avenue - Danielsville
Wed, February 13, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Voting Members Present: John Scarborough, Madison County, Chairman
Kelly Girtz, Athens-Clarke County Mayor
John Daniell, Oconee County Chairman
Tom Caiafa, GDOT Planning Office
Flynn Warren, Oconee County Citizen
Jim Anderson, Athens-Clarke County Citizen

Others Present: Sherry McDuffie, MACORTS Staff
Cherie Varnum, MACORTS Staff
Brad Griffin, Athens-Clarke County Planning Director
Sarah Bell, Oconee County Citizen
Rachel Hatcher, RS & H
Sharyn Dickerson, City of Watkinsville Administrator
David Shearon, Mayor of Watkinsville

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scarborough welcomed the Mayor of Athens-Clarke County, Kelly Girtz, as a new member to the Policy Committee.

II. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 14, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Warren made a motion to adopt the minutes from November 14, 2018 Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Caiafa 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 ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN & FY 2018 – 2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: ADOPT ANNUAL SAFETY MEASURES & TARGETS

Ms. McDuffie stated the Georgia Department of Transportation requires MPO's to adopt safety performance measures and targets annually. This year the required deadline for this approval is February 27, 2019. She explained that over the holidays, staff received the GDOT-adopted safety measures and targets. MPO's have the option of agreeing to support the state's targets or developing their own safety measures and targets for their region. Last year MACORTS agreed to support GDOT's targets. The new proposed targets were sent previously to members for review. She stated TCC recommended supporting the state safety measures and targets.

Mr. Caiafa made a motion to adopt the administrative modification to agree to support the 2019 safety targets adopted by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Mr. Warren seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO FY 2018 – 2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: REVISE TRANSIT FUNDING

Ms. McDuffie stated this amendment updated the transit funding under the 5307 (capital/operating) and 5339 (Discretionary Capital) programs shown in the TIP to match the most recent grant applications. The amendment was sent to the public for review and comment from December 3 – 17, 2018. She noted the summary and copies of the individual comments received were previously sent to members. She stated TCC recommended adoption of this amendment.

Mr. Daniell made a motion to adopt the amendment to the TIP to revise the transit funding. Mr. Girtz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO PARTICIPATION PLAN

Ms. McDuffie stated this amendment affected one sentence in the Participation Plan and included 45 days of public review and comment from December 3, 2018 – January 16, 2019. There was only 1 comment received from GA EPD stating the document was not in conflict with their work. She stated TCC recommended adoption of the Participation Plan.

Mr. Warren made a motion to adopt the amended Participation Plan. Mr. Caiafa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VII. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN

Ms. McDuffie stated the updated LEP Plan was taken out to the public for review and comment for 45 days from December 3, 2018 – January 16, 2019. The public comment was previously sent to members. She stated TCC recommended adoption of the updated LEP plan.

Mr. Caiafa made a motion to adopt the updated Limited English Proficiency Plan. Mr. Girtz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF FY 2020 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Ms. McDuffie stated the committee reviewed the document in Draft form at the end of last year. The only changes made since that time were updating of the purchases made and training attended during the 1st half of FY 19. She stated TCC recommended the adoption of the FY 20 UPWP.

Mr. Girtz made a motion to adopt the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Warren seconded the motion. The vote is unanimous.

IX. STATUS REPORT ON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE TO 2045

Rachel Hatcher, with RS&H, made a presentation about the progress made in updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan to 2045.

X. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Caiafa stated that GDOT will provide the MPO staff with information to update the TIP by fall of this year. He stated that GDOT would like the MPO staff to adopt the FY21-24 TIP by June 30, 2020.

XII. ADJOURN

Mr. Scarborough adjourned the meeting at 10:27 am. He stated the next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2019.