

**MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee**

A-CC Planning Department Auditorium

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Department  
Cherie Dalton - ACC Planning Department  
Tom Caiafa – GDOT – Planning Office  
Kyle Mote-GDOT - Planning Office  
Kim Coley – GDOT District 1  
B.R. White – Oconee County Planning Department  
Emil Beshara - Oconee County Public Works  
Wayne Provost - Oconee Strategic & LR Planning Dept.  
Ron Hamlin – UGA Campus Transit System  
David Clark – ACC Transportation & Public Works  
Steve Decker - ACC Transportation & Public Works  
Dale Hall – ACC Planning Commission  
Phil Munro - Madison County Citizen Representative

**Others Present:** Habte Kassa - GDOT Planning Office  
Jennifer Zhan - HNTB

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. A quorum was present.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

There was no public comment received at this meeting.

**III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 22, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. White made a motion to approve the January 22, 2014 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. Hamlin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**IV. REVIEW OF DRAFT AMENDED FY 2014 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. Dalton stated the amendment consists of the addition of the leftover FY 2013 funds to the FY 2014 UPWP.

Mr. Caiafa made a motion to recommend approval of the amended FY 2014 UPWP. Mr. Hamlin seconded this motion. The vote was unanimous.

**V. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT FY 2015 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. Dalton stated there were minimal changes to the FY 2015 UPWP since the original draft. It still included only the anticipated base amount of funding (\$216,243.20). She outlined minor additions to elements 1.3, 1.4, 2.2 and 2.3. Ms. Dalton stated public comment was not required for this document.

Mr. Griffin asked Mr. Mote if there were any concerns from GDOT about how employee training/travel reimbursement was listed in the UPWP. Mr. Mote stated he had no problem with the process MACORTS uses or proposed to use for the training/employee education element.

After some discussion, Mr. White made a motion to recommend approval of the FY 2015 UPWP. Mr. Clark seconded this motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. GDOT PRESENTATION OF INITIAL TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL RESULTS FOR 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Griffin introduced Habte Kassa and Jennifer Zhan, who both made a presentation about the initial travel demand model results for the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Clark questioned if the Athens model assumes that everyone is a driver, and Ms. Zhan stated that there was a transit component in the model. Mr. Kassa stated the next model network will show Existing and Committed (E+C) projects that will be the foundation for selection of projects for the TCC subcommittee. Mr. Kassa stated the output of the E+C model would be ready within the next two weeks. Mr. Griffin stated the subcommittee would like to wait on the results of this model network before they meet again. Mr. Griffin asked the group if certain segments of roads appeared unusual. Mr. Kassa stated the changes could be sent to him for review. Mr. Griffin asked about the section of US 129 from Whitehead Rd. out to the county line that showed up as a LOS F in the 2010 base year network. Mr. Griffin stated the LOS F seemed unusual, and Mr. Clark agreed. Mr. Kassa said that they could examine the model inputs for that area.

There was some discussion about the definition of TAZs map shown during the presentation. There were no other concerns voiced.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Georgia Department of Transportation – Planning Office

Mr. Mote verified that MACORTS received the email pertaining to the MPO Self-Certification.

Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works Department

Mr. Clark stated Jennings Mill Parkway should be completed and opened by Spring Break. Georgia Power started some clearing in order to prepare for the GDOT project on College Station Road. The College Station Road Bridge Replacement project will go out to bid by April.

Oconee County Public Works Department

Mr. Beshara stated they were finishing up ROW acquisition for the Mars Hill Project. He stated there were several parcels that needed to be condemned, but they were hopeful that it would not affect the project schedule.

Georgia Department of Transportation - District 1 Office

Ms. Coley stated they were on schedule for the College Station Road Bridge Replacement Project in April. Mars Hill Road is scheduled for June pending completion of ROW acquisition. They also have two different projects in Madison County on SR 72 that are coming up for June letting. The SR 10 Loop at Olympic Drive / Peter Street project in ACC is scheduled to have bridge decks poured tomorrow or Friday.

Madison County Engineer

Mr. Munro asked Ms. Coley if both phases of SR 72 were scheduled for June letting, and she stated that they were. There is one phase of State Route 72 from Comer to the Broad River and the other phase picks up from SR172 west of Comer.

**IX. ADJOURN**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2014. Mr. Griffin stated the subcommittee would probably meet directly after the next TCC meeting. Subcommittee members will be notified. The meeting adjourned at 10:45am.