

SUMMARY MINUTES

MACORTS Policy Committee
Athens-Clarke County Planning Department – Auditorium
120 W. Dougherty Street - Athens
Wednesday, April 12, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Voting Members Present: John Daniell, Oconee County Chairman
John Scarborough, Madison County Chairman
Darius Malone, GDOT Planning Alternate
Flynn Warren, Oconee County Citizen
Jim Anderson, Athens-Clarke County Citizen

Others Present: Sherry McDuffie, MACORTS Staff
Cherie Varnum, MACORTS Staff
Butch McDuffie, Athens Transit System
Sarah Bell, Oconee County Citizen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Daniell called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 8, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Warren made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 8, 2017 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes. Mr. Scarborough seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

There was no public comment received.

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

Ms. McDuffie explained the purpose of the UPWP as setting forth the planning activities the MPO staff will engage in during the coming Fiscal Year and the associated budget elements. The document is updated annually, and the official draft is submitted to GDOT near the end of the calendar year. The final draft is brought to TCC & PC in the spring before the fiscal year starts and after GDOT & FHWA have reviewed the document.

She noted the most significant changes made to the document since the last time it came before the Policy Committee including a slight increase in overall funding. Comments from the Federal Highway Administration were addressed in the final document including the incorporation of language from the LRTP Update Request for Proposals in applicable work elements and the addition of language in the LRTP work element to develop a performance matrix as part of the LRTP. Ms. McDuffie explained that these changes were provided for the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) review. TCC

recommended approval of the document at their meeting on March 22, 2017 with no changes to the document.

Mr. Scarborough made a motion to recommend approval of the Final Draft FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Flynn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. ADJOURN

Mr. Daniell adjourned the meeting at 10:09 am. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2017.