

SUMMARY MINUTES

MACORTS Policy Committee
WebEx Virtual Meeting Platform
Wednesday, April 14, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Members Present: John Daniell, Oconee County Chairman
Todd Higdon, Madison County Chairman
Kelly Girtz, Athens-Clarke County Mayor
Sara Beresford, Athens-Clarke County Citizen
Dave Henson, Oconee County Citizen
Brett Jackson, UGA Auxiliary Services
Radney Simpson, GDOT Planning Office

Others Present: Brad Griffin, MACORTS
Sherry McDuffie, MACORTS
Cherie Varnum, MACORTS
Butch McDuffie, Athens Transit Department
Tom Caiafa, GDOT Planning Office
Todd Berven, UGA Campus Transit
Kimberly Grayson, GDOT Planning
Ashley Finch, GDOT Intermodal Programs
Ann-Marie Day, FHWA
Sue Anne Decker, GDOT District 1
Pat Hale, ACC Transit Department
Victor Pope, ACC Transit Department
Lee Becker, Oconee County Citizen

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mr. Daniell called the meeting at 10: 02 am.

II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 10, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Girtz made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2021 Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

There was none.

IV. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF AMENDMENT TO FY 2018 – 2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR SR 10 / US 78 BRIDGE OVER NORTH OCONEE RIVER

Ms. McDuffie stated that the amendment increased the right-of-way estimate and moved it into FY 21 as it was shown in the FY 21-24 TIP document. Staff had to officially amend the FY 18-21 TIP to show this information since the STIP had not been signed by the Governor. She noted the amendment was taken to the public for review and comment from February 22 – March 8 with one public meeting held on February 25. She stated there was no public comment received. She provided the MACORTS website traffic statistics that showed 661 viewers to the MACORTS website during the public involvement period with 86 viewers going specifically to the Public Involvement page.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to adopt the amendment to the 2018 - 2021 TIP for the SR 10 / US 78 Bridge project over North Oconee River. Mr. Girtz seconded. The vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McDuffie announced his retirement as of Friday, April 16, 2021 to the group and invited them to the celebration to be held on the same day. He thanked the committee for all of their hard work over the years.

VII. ADJOURN

Mr. Daniell adjourned the meeting at 10:08 am and stated that the next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2021.