

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee

A-CC Planning Department Auditorium

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Summary Minutes

Members Present: Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Department
Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department
Anietie Basse - GDOT – Planning Office
David Clark – ACC Transportation & Public Works
Steve Decker – ACC Traffic Engineering
Butch McDuffie – Athens Transit System
Wayne Provost – Oconee Co. Strategic & Long Range Planning
Lucy Rowland – ACC Planning Commission
Robert Mahoney – GDOT District 1
Richard White – ACC Manager’s Office (alternate)
Ron Hamlin – UGA Campus Transit System

Others Present: George Rodrigues, Oconee County Citizen - Watkinsville

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. A quorum was present. Mr. Griffin introduced and welcomed Mr. Richard White, Athens-Clarke County Assistant Manager, to the group.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no public comment received at this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 22, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. McDuffie made a motion to approve the February 22, 2012 TCC meeting minutes. Ms. Rowland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW OF AMENDMENT TO FY 2012 – 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO REVISE THE OLYMPIC DRIVE / PETER STREET INTERCHANGE PROJECT AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie reminded the committee that this amendment would increase the construction funding for this project to \$19.7 million. A public comment period was conducted from March 26 to April 9, 2012 with one public meeting held on April 3, 2012. There were no public comments received. Mr. Mahoney informed the group that the project is scheduled to be let in May.

Mr. Provost made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the FY 2012 – 2015 TIP to revise the funding of the SR 10 Loop at Olympic Drive / Peter Street project. Mr. Hamlin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW OF DRAFT FY 2013 – 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND FY 2013 ADDENDUM TO 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie reviewed the Draft FY 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). She noted that this year’s TIP update will include an addendum to the 2035 Long

Range Transportation Plan showing updated project costs. She presented the proposed timeline for the required public involvement. Ms. McDuffie explained that both the updated TIP and addendum to the LRTP would be brought through the MPO and public involvement process together.

Mr. Decker made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2013 Addendum to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan to go to the public for review and comment. Mr. Bassey seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES

Mr. Provost – Oconee County Strategic and Long Range Planning Department

The Oconee Connector is open. Commercial development adjacent to the new roadway could be starting soon.

Mr. McDuffie – Athens Transit System

The Megabus service is doing well. Ridership for the first month was more than 2,500 rides. They are working on a schedule that is more conducive to commuters. Athens Transit System is working on the planning for summer service (begins May 7). Ridership is doing well, about 10,000 rides per day. The proposed FY 2013 budget may contain some reductions of service, but there is no certainty in the budget yet. Fuel costs are still increasing.

Mr. Hamlin – UGA Campus Transit System

UGA Campus Transit System recently added 8 new buses to their fleet. Hull Street has been reopened. They are transitioning service in the area of the Special Collections Library. There are plans to replace Bolton Hall with a new dining facility. The Oglethorpe House Dining Hall is under construction now, and transit service has been modified accordingly.

Mr. Mahoney – Georgia Dept. of Transportation, District 1

The next Preconstruction Status meeting will be held on May 1st at the Gainesville GDOT Office at 8am. Project updates:

- College Station Road Bridge (ACC): Goal is Feb. 2013 let
- Bike Trail (ACC): behind on environmental – Goal is Dec. 2013 let
- North Oconee Greenway Extension (ACC): Goals is Feb. 2013
- Trail Creek TE Project (ACC): still trying to get right-of-entry from UGA
- SR 10 Loop at Atlanta Highway (ACC): Going back and working on design
- Old Hull Road (ACC): Goal is Aug. 2012
- SR 72 (Madison): Goal is April 2013
- Mars Hill Road (Oconee): still buying right-of-way – Goal is Sept 2013 let

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m. Mr. Griffin reminded the committee that the next scheduled meeting will be on May 23, 2012. There will be no meeting on April 25, 2012 due to the scheduling of a special call meeting of the Policy Committee.