

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee

A-CC Planning Department Auditorium

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Department
Sherry McDuffie- ACC Planning Department
Cherie Dalton - ACC Planning Department
Butch McDuffie-Athens Transit System
David Ballard-Athens Transit System
Tom Caiafa – 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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. A quorum was present. Mr. Griffin stated that Chairman Davis and the rest of the Policy Committee expressed their appreciation for all of the work completed by the TCC.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no public comment received at this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 26, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the February 26, 2014 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. Hamlin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW OF DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 2014 2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie stated the amendment consisted of an increase in ROW funding for the Mars Hill Road Widening, Phase II (Hog Mtn. to US 441) from \$2,725,848 to \$3,870,000. Since this increase is greater than 20% in funding for the ROW phase, it will require a 15-day public comment period. The schedule was sent to the TCC members. GDOT asked for this process to be expedited and asked MACORTS to consider shifting the June 25th TCC meeting to June 18th and the July 9th PC meeting to June 25th for the final vote on the amendment. Mr. Clark asked where the funds were coming from, and Mr. Caiafa stated he would check into that information for him. Ms. McDuffie stated she was not told specifically where the funds were coming from in the District.

Mr. Caiafa made a motion to recommend the draft amendment to the FY 14-17 TIP to go to the public for 15 days. Mr. Provost seconded this motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Clark asked why the vote was required for the change in meeting dates. Mr. Griffin and Ms. McDuffie explained the vote was taken because the request was external, from GDOT.

Mr. Provost made a motion to recommend approval of the shifting of the June 25th TCC meeting to June 18th and the July 9th PC meeting to June 25th. Mr. Clark seconded this motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Athens Transit System

Mr. McDuffie stated they were preparing for the summer service schedule to begin the Monday after graduation. He stated they were currently working on their contract with UGA and waiting on an agenda item to move forward. He also stated they were still waiting on their FY14 contract from GDOT Intermodal.

University of Georgia Campus Transit System

Mr. Hamlin stated they have the first four buses of their contract for 12 buses. They are preparing for summer session. Next Monday is the last day of classes, so they will be in intercession service for the rest of May.

Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works Department

Mr. Clark stated College Station bridges are scheduled to be let on April 24, 2014.

Oconee County Public Works Department

Mr. Beshara stated they were finished with ROW acquisition for Mars Hill Phase I. He stated that GDOT had pushed the let date for the project to July, but there is potential that it can be pushed back in June if the county is ready. He stated that he had received notice of the last environmental and screen buffer variances moving forward so they could acquire the remaining credits required. He stated Phase II ROW acquisition would hopefully begin within the next month or so.

Georgia Department of Transportation - District 1 Office

Ms. Coley stated there were no new updates at this time.

Georgia Department of Transportation - Planning Office

Mr. Caiafia stated the supplemental for the Planning contract had been completed.

VII. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for May 28th, 2014. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.