

SUMMARY MINUTES

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee
WebEx Virtual Meeting Platform
Wednesday, April 27, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Griffin – ACC Planning Director
Robert Walker – ACC Planning Department
Ginny Hamilton, UGA Transit System
Jody Woodall- Oconee County Public Works
Justin Lott, GDOT District 1
Kimberly Grayson - GDOT Planning
Pat Hale - ACC Transit Department
Rani Katreeb – ACC Transportation & Public Works
Sheridan Soileau – ACC Public Utilities
Todd Berven - UGA Transit System
Victor Pope – ACC Transit Department
Hollis Terry – Public Utilities

Others Present: Lee Becker, Oconee County Resident

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Mr. Griffin acknowledged citizens attending:

- Lee Becker

III. APPROVAL OF MARCH 23, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Soileau made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2022 TCC meeting. Mr. Pope seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION REGARDING AN AMENDMENT TO THE ADOPTED FY23 UPWP

Mr. Griffin informed the committee that the amendment came to MACORTS as a recommendation from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) shortly after adoption of the FY23 UPWP as a required amendment. The required amendment was to add an element for Complete Streets Program funding to the UPWP for the amount of \$4,766.40.

Mr. Griffin informed the committee that MACORTS followed the example of other MPO's in the region who are also required to add the amendment. Mr. Griffin informed the committee that public comment was not required.

Mr. Griffin asked the committee if they had any questions on the item. No questions were asked of the committee.

Mr. Griffin informed the committee that we were seeking a motion to approve the item. Ms. Hale made a motion to approve. Mr. Katreeb seconded the motion.

No motion to oppose the item. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION OF TIP FINANCIAL TABLES

Mr. Griffin informed the committee that this recommendation came from GDOT. Mr. Griffin explained the funding type (Y606 funding), the lump description (Carbon Reduction), and the amount (\$385,166 for FY2022). Mr. Griffin informed the committee that public comment was not required.

Mr. Griffin asked the committee if they had any questions on the item. No questions were asked of the committee.

Mr. Griffin informed the committee that we were seeking a motion to approve the item. Ms. Hale made a motion to approve. Ms. Grayson seconded the motion.

No motion to oppose the item. The vote was unanimous.

VI. REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION REGARDING AN ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO THE MIDDLE OCONEE LOOP 10 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Griffin informed the committee that right before the Policy Committee was set to finalize adoption of this project, the estimated cost rose from \$11,612,454 to \$13,094,672. Mr. Griffin explained that it would not have to go through a full amendment process rather it could be done through an administrative modification through the basic approval and involvement process. Mr. Griffin noted that the project scope has not changed, only the estimated cost.

Mr. Griffin informed the committee that we were seeking a motion to approve the administrative modification forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Pope made a motion to approve. Mr. Berven seconded the motion.

No motion to oppose the item. The vote was unanimous.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. UPDATES / OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Woodall stated that Oconee PW was continuing design for two roundabouts on SR 53. The roundabout at SR 53 / Rays Church Road has concept approval and has moved to preliminary design. The other roundabout at SR 53 / Snows Mill Road is close to concept approval. Mr. Woodall stated that Oconee PW was looking at initiating a few other local projects. One project would be a multi-use path along Hog Mountain Road from Butler's Crossing / Mars Hill Road intersection to 441. Oconee PW is also looking at 2 or 3 intersection improvements. These projects are still in the planning phase.

Mr. Lott made mention of two projects listed on the [Transforming SR 316 public participation website](#): P.I. No. 0010352 – SR 8 / SR 316 / US 29 at McCarty Road and SR 211 / Bethlehem Road; and P.I. No. 0013910 – SR 8 / SR 316 / US 29 at Craft Road and CR 329 / Barber Creek Road. Mr. Lott also informed the committee of Jeramy Durrence's new employment status and to direct all e-mails to SueAnne Decker that would normally apply to Mr. Durrence.

Mr. Pope informed the committee that ACC Transit is in the middle of the site selection process for remote transfer terminals. ACC Transit has identified about 9 different sites in Athens-Clarke County across different zones. Southeast Clarke Park has been identified as a front runner for one zone. More details will be brought to the M&C via the user group. Mr. Pope provided ridership number updates to the committee.

Mr. Berven provided ridership numbers for UGA Transit.

Mr. Katreb informed the committee that TPW was moving forward with the Tallassee Bridge Road project construction beginning in early April and to be completed in 2023. Multi-use path projects are in the design phase including one on Riverbend Road, one on Jefferson River Road and one on Cherokee Road. Mr. Katreb mentioned other projects in design phase, upcoming public comment opportunities, upcoming bridge replacements projects, and funding opportunities.

Ms. Soileau informed the committee that Public Utilities should have professional service to help with the billing system replacement and that analysis has begun on the

quarry in regards to continued mining and when to fill the quarry with water. Ms. Soileau provided updates on other projects.

Mr. Griffin informed the committee that the owners of Georgia Square Mall have put a pause on the effort until late summer/early fall.

IX. ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin adjourned the meeting at 10:30 am. The next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2022.