

MACORTS Policy Committee
Athens-Clarke County Planning Department – Auditorium
120 W. Dougherty Street - Athens
Wednesday, April 8, 2015
10:00 a.m.

Voting Members Present: Anthony Dove, Madison County Chairman
Melvin Davis, Oconee County Chairman
Nancy Denson, Athens-Clarke County Mayor
Bob Sanders, Oconee Co. Citizen Representative
Lucy Rowland, Athens-Clarke Co. Citizen Rep
Phil Munro, Madison Co. Citizen Representative
Kyle Mote, GDOT Planning

Others Present: Brad Griffin, ACC Planning
Cherie Varnum, ACC Planning
Wayne Provost, Oconee LR & Strategic Planning
Tom Caiafa, GDOT Planning
Kim Coley, GDOT-District 1
Russ Page, Oconee County Citizen
David Clark, ACC Transportation Public Works

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Denson called the meeting to order at 10:00am

II. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Rowland stated the minutes needed to be revised to reflect Mr. Dove's concern about the possible impact of HB 170 Transportation Bill on Madison County's school district projects. Ms. Rowland made a motion to approve the February 11, 2015 minutes with the added revision. Mr. Davis 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 FINAL AMENDMENT TO FY 2015 – 2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR US 441 / SR 24 SOUTH WIDENING PROJECT

Mrs. Varnum stated this amendment involves bringing in \$1,000,000 in preliminary engineering funds in FY 2015 for the US 441 South Widening. She also stated the amendment required a 15-day public comment period (Feb 23 – March 9) and a public meeting for Oconee County was held on February 24, 2015. Mrs. Varnum stated MACORTS forwarded all of the correspondence from the general public and people that attended the meeting to the Policy Committee for review.

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the final amendment to the FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program to add preliminary engineering funds to FY 2015 for the US 441 South Widening project. Mr. Mote seconded the motion. Ms. Rowland asked about the future timeline of this project. Mr. Mote clarified the project does not have a proposed schedule at this time beyond beginning preliminary design of the project in FY15. This amendment will allow a schedule to be planned for this project. The vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Rowland asked for an update about the HB 170 Transportation Funding Bill, since it was recently approved. Mr. Mote stated GDOT is in the process of digesting the bill. There was some discussion about the final specifics of the bill. Ms. Rowland asked if GDOT could provide the Policy Committee with a detailed bullet list of the terms of the Bill and how the process will work. Mr. Mote stated that he would ask about this information for her. Ms. Rowland stated it would be nice if the information could be received by the next policy meeting. Ms. Denson expressed concerns about Transit funding and bond issues in the bill. Mr. Dove stated that ACCG will probably give out updated information about the bill.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2015.