

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee

A-CC Planning Department Auditorium

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Summary Minutes

Members Present: Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Department
Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department
Tim Kassa – GDOT – Planning Office
Butch McDuffie – Athens Transit System
B.R. White – Oconee County Planning Department
Ron Hamlin – UGA Campus Transit System
Antoine Hawkins – GDOT – Intermodal Programs
Steve Decker – ACC Traffic Engineering
Emil Beshara – Oconee County Public Works
Bruce Lonnee – ACC Planning Department(Alternate)

Others Present: Marion G. Waters, III – Gresham, Smith, & Partners
Tom Caiafa – GDOT - Planning Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no public comment received at this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 24, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. McDuffie made a motion to approve the April 24, 2013 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. White seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW OF PROPOSED MPO BOUNDARY AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie explained to the committee that the public comment period ended yesterday. It was conducted from April 22 – May 21 with 3 public meetings held. She handed out the final summary and the original public comment received. No new comment was received between the time of the mailout to the committee and the end of the public comment period. Ms. McDuffie explained that during the public comment period Oglethorpe County representatives expressed their concern that the MPO boundary included an area larger than the Census-defined urbanized area. After some consultation with the Georgia Department of Transportation, staff revised the map to include only the Census-defined urbanized area in Oglethorpe County. No other changes were made to the map.

Mr. Kassa made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed MPO boundary to go to the Policy Committee. Mr. Beshara seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR MACORTS AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie informed the committee that no changes had been made to the MOU. Oglethorpe and Jackson County had been sent a copy to review. Neither county offered any revisions.

Mr. White recommended approval of the proposed MOU to go to the Policy Committee. Mr. Hamlin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. REVIEW OF REVISED MACORTS BYLAWS AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

The bylaws had been adjusted to incorporate the reference to Oglethorpe and Jackson Counties being included in the MPO area and the fact that both counties chose not to participate in the transportation planning process. The bylaws included a provision to provide meeting materials, as a courtesy, for the staff of the two counties. The Federal Transit Administration representatives that have been included in the planning process to date were formally included in the ex-officio membership of both MACORTS committees. Ms. McDuffie reminded the committee that no public involvement activities are required for amendments to the MACORTS bylaws. Mr. Hamlin noted one change that needed to be made. The other UGA representative's title on the TCC was changed to the Director of Auxiliary Services. The title was updated before the bylaws went to the Policy Committee for approval.

Mr. Decker recommended approval of the revised MACORTS bylaws to go to the Policy Committee. Mr. McDuffie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 2013 – 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA CAMPUS TRANSIT SYSTEM SECTION 5307 OPERATING ASSISTANCE AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Hamlin made a motion to hold this item until the next TCC meeting. Mr. McDuffie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES

Mr. Beshara - Oconee County Public Works

Updated traffic counts for the Oconee County section of Jimmy Daniell Road will be sent today to GDOT to help them update the scope the project. Right-of-way acquisition for the Mars Hill Road widening should be completed by the end of June.

Mr. Hamlin – University of Georgia Campus Transit System

Two more ADA vans were ordered. UGA will increase demand response service from 5 to 6 vans. Bus specifications were rewritten and will be rebid by the end of June.

Mr. McDuffie – Athens Transit System

Summer service has started. Fall service will begin the second week of August.

Mr. Decker - Athens-Clarke County Traffic Engineering

Mr. Decker applauded the new relationship between ACC and District 1 Traffic Engineer. They had been working together on some development plans review.

Mr. Kassa – Georgia Department of Transportation Planning Office

Mr. Kassa shared that this would be his last MACORTS meeting. He will be leaving GDOT to move into a consultant role with AECOM. He thanked the committee for their well wishes.

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m. Mr. Griffin reminded the committee that the next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2013.