

SUMMARY MINUTES

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee
A-CC Planning Department Auditorium
Wednesday, May 22, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Director
Sherry McDuffie - MACORTS Staff
Cherie Varnum - MACORTS Staff
Rani Katreeb - ACC Traffic Engineering
Kimberly Grayson - GDOT Planning
Drew Raessler - ACC Transportation & Public Works
Conolus Scott, Jr. - Madison County Citizen
Jody Woodall - Oconee County Public Works
David Bradley - Chamber of Commerce
Guy Herring - Oconee County Planning
Victor Pope - ACC Transit Department

Others Present: Ann-Marie Day - FHWA
Rachel Hatcher - RS & H
Lee Becker - Oconee County Citizen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was none.

III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 24, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Raessler made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 24, 2019 meeting. Mr. Katreeb seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AND FY 18 – 21 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP): SYSTEM PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR PM 1, 2, & 3 INCORPORATION & RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie explained that MPO's are required to adopt the GA Department of Transportation PM 1, 2, and 3 Targets System Performance Report. She noted that all MPO's in the state agreed to support the safety measures and

targets data provided by GDOT. She noted that this action could be completed as an administrative modification.

Mr. Raessler made a motion to recommend adoption of the administrative modification to add the System Performance Report for PM 1, 2 & 3 to the 2040 LRTP and the FY 18-21 TIP. Mr. Herring seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE TO 2045 – FISCALLY CONSTRAINED AND PRIORITIZED PROJECT LIST & RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE (RS&H)

Ms. Hatcher, with RS & H, gave a progress report on the update of the 2045 Fiscally Constrained and Prioritized Project List. She noted the TCC subcommittee met yesterday to review the information and finalize the draft project list to be presented to the TCC.

Mr. Raessler asked about the status and source of funding for project R-8, SR 10 Loop Parkway at SR10/Atlanta Highway in Athens. After brief discussion, staff verified the project is a HB170 (State Funded) project that does not utilize federal funds and is not, therefore, required to be included in the 2045 MTP update.

Mr. Raessler also questioned the status of project ACC-18, Timothy Road Corridor and Safety Improvements - Phase II. Ms. Hatcher clarified the subcommittee evaluated Phase I and II and determined that the Phases should be switched in terms of order.

Ms. Hatcher stated the subcommittee systematically decided to move any remaining funds into the project list by priority at the end of the evaluation process of yesterday's meeting. Therefore, if a project needs to be moved in or out of the Draft Fiscally Constrained and Prioritized project list, the project funding will move accordingly. However, if a project is in the TIP, it will move to the top of the list.

Mr. Woodall made a motion to recommend approval of the fiscally constrained prioritized project list for inclusion in the 2045 MTP. Mr. Raessler seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. UPDATES / OTHER BUSINESS

Athens County Public Works

Mr. Raessler stated that the paving of the Whitehall Road roundabout project should begin in early June and be completed this fall. Staff had been waiting on utility relocation information from CSX for the SPLOST-funded Tallassee Road Bridge Replacement Project. That project will be out for bid this fall.

There is continuous progress in the Bike/Pedestrian T-SPLIST projects. The Mayor and Commission are evaluating the *Athens In Motion* mission statement for projects that encourage bike/pedestrian development and education and focus on safety and connectivity throughout the community.

Oconee County Public Works

Mr. Woodall noted that the county is working on their annual resurfacing program. The utility relocation for intersection improvements and traffic signalization at Mars Hill Road, Rocky Branch Road, and Virgil Langford Road area are to be completed during the summer. He also noted that one of the signalization projects on their list includes Malcolm Bridge Road / Mars Hill Road with a possible roundabout. The Bishop Farms Parkway extension by University of North Georgia is early in the design process and will connect to the New High Shoals area.

Athens Area Chamber of Commerce

Mr. Griffin welcomed Mr. David Bradley, President/CEO of the Athens Chamber of Commerce, to the meeting.

FHWA

Ms. Day noted that FHWA is hosting a freight data workshop, June 19th at the Atlanta Regional Commission. There are also upcoming webinars exploring methods to utilize virtual public involvement.

VIII. ADJOURN

Mr. Raessler announced his last day with the county will be June 18th as he takes a new position with Cobb County Government. Mr. Griffin adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am and reminded the committee of the TCC meeting taking place on June 26th.