

Summary Minutes of
MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee
A-CC Planning Department Auditorium
Wednesday, May 25, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department
Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Director
Alex Crayton - Athens Transit System
Cherie Varnum - ACC Planning Department
Darius Malone - GDOT Planning Office
Kelly Gwin - GDOT Planning Office
Kim Coley - GDOT District 1
Phil Munro - Madison County
Steve Decker - ACC Traffic Engineering
BR White - Oconee County Planning Department
Gavin Hassemer – Alternate ACC

Others Present: Sarah Bell - Oconee County citizen
Cynthia Burney-GDOT

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:05am. He welcomed Kelly Gwin as the new GDOT planner to MACORTS. Mr. Malone will be the GDOT planner for the Albany MPO.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no public comment received at this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 27, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Decker made a motion to approve the April 27, 2016 minutes. Mr. White seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW OF DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 15 – 17 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO MODIFY TRANSIT SECTION AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie stated this amendment would revise the budget for the Section 5339 Discretionary capital funding to include \$2,500,000 (\$2,000,000 federal; \$500,000 local SPLOST) to fund bus stop improvements in Athens-Clarke County. An amendment would be required for this action with a 15-day public comment period. Ms. McDuffie explained that the proposed public comment period would include an

extra day due to the 4th of July holiday and is tentatively scheduled to run June 20 – July 5, 2016. One public meeting would be conducted on June 27, 2016 from 4 – 6 pm at the Multimodal Transportation Center.

Mr. Decker made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed amendment to the 15-18 TIP transit section to go to the public for review and comment. Mr. Munro seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. RE-EXAMINATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO ADD SR 316 AT OCONEE CONNECTOR INTERCHANGE PROJECT AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Griffin stated that this item was postponed last month due to needed comments from Oconee County. Oconee County representatives were not ready to provide input at the time of this meeting.

After brief discussion, Mr. White recommended tabling the proposed amendment to add an interchange project at SR 316 at the Oconee Connector to the LRTP until the next scheduled TCC meeting. Mr. Munro seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Griffin stated he would communicate with Chairman Davis about the status of this project.

VI. UPDATES / OTHER BUSINESS

Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works Department

Mr. Decker indicated that an Engineering Administrator had been hired. He will be attending the next TCC meeting. Mr. Decker stated that the College Station bike lane project was moving forward. GDOT has begun replacing all of the traffic signals in Georgia. The new platform to control the signals will include web-based software. Athens was the third county to receive the software, and it should be running within 90 days. There should not be any major changes such as service level disruptions or intersection issues but a few minor glitches could occur. The installation will not take place during peak hours and will not interfere with transit routes. GDOT has been working with ACC to install fiber optic lines.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. The next TCC meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2016.