

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee

A-CC Planning Department Auditorium

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

10:00 a.m.

Summary Minutes

Members Present: Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Department
Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department
Anietie Basse - GDOT – Planning Office
David Clark – ACC Transportation & Public Works
Steve Decker – ACC Traffic Engineering
Wayne Provost – Oconee Co. Strategic & Long Range Planning
Lucy Rowland – ACC Planning Commission
Robert Mahoney – GDOT District 1
Linda Fortson – Madison County Planning & Zoning
Sandy Thursby – Oconee County Public Works
David Ballard – Athens Transit System

Others Present: George Rodrigues, Oconee County Citizen – Watkinsville
Frank Watson, Oconee County Citizen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no public comment received at this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 18, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the April 18, 2012 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. Decker seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT FY 2013 – 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND FY 2013 ADDENDUM TO 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie reviewed the changes made to the Final Draft FY 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and addendum to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. She noted that all members should have received a copy of the public comment received between May 7 and June 5, 2012 comment period. Mr. Clark noted that due to the recently adopted budget, some locally funded project details need to be changed in the document. Mr. Ballard noted that the funding listed in the transit section needs to be updated as well. Both will be providing revisions to Ms. McDuffie today. Mr. Mahoney asked about the fact that the public comment submitted had the same header on the emails. Ms. McDuffie explained that both pieces of correspondence were submitted via the MACORTS website; therefore, the header is the same for all messages delivered from the website.

Mr. Mahoney made a motion to recommend approval of the Final Draft FY 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2013 Addendum to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. Rowland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. AMENDMENT TO FY 2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie explained to the committee that the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) has been amended to reflect a request by the Georgia Department of Transportation's Office of Intermodal Programs. The Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) activity line items were added to the work elements that will involve FTA funds. No other changes were made to the text or tables in the document. Ms. McDuffie explained that no public involvement is required for this modification.

Ms. Rowland made a motion to recommend approval of the amended FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES

Mr. Mahoney – Georgia Dept. of Transportation, District 1

Mr. Mahoney made the group aware of an environmental issue involving endangered species that may slow the progress of some projects in the near future. The Indiana Bat is an endangered species found in our area that roosts in trees near streams and wetlands. They hibernate from September to April.

The SR 10 Loop at Olympic Drive / Peter Street project has been awarded to a contractor.

Ms. Thursby – Oconee County Public Works

Right-of-way acquisition is still underway for the Mars Hill Road Widening.

Mr. Clark – Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works

The Athens Park and Ride project is under construction. There are several sidewalk projects being completed around Athens. The Jennings Mill Parkway Extension between Commerce Boulevard and Huntington Road should be awarded next month. Construction could start after Labor Day.

Mr. Provost – Oconee County Strategic & Long Range Planning

The internal road network has been approved for the Caterpillar site. It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded in the next 20 days or so.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Griffin reminded the committee that the next scheduled meeting will be on July 25, 2012.