

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee

A-CC Planning Department Auditorium

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Department
Sherry McDuffie- ACC Planning Department
Cherie Dalton - ACC Planning Department
David Ballard-Athens Transit System
Tom Caiafa – GDOT – Planning Office
Kim Coley – GDOT District 1
Pamela Thompson – Athens Downtown Development Authority
Wayne Provost - Oconee Strategic & LR Planning Dept.
Ron Hamlin – UGA Campus Transit System
David Clark – ACC Transportation & Public Works

Others Present: Kyle Mote - GDOT Planning Office
Radney Simpson – GDOT Planning Office
Jim Thompson –Athens Banner Herald

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no public comment received at this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF April 23, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the April 23, 2014 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. Hamlin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW OF FINAL AMENDMENT TO FY 2014 – 2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie stated the amendment adds funds to the ROW acquisition phase of the Mars Hill Rd Widening – Phase 2 increasing it from \$2.7 to \$3.87 million. A public comment period was held from May 27 – June 10.

Ms. Thompson made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to FY 14 – 17 TIP to increase the ROW funding for the Mars Hill Road Widening – Phase 2 to \$3.87 million. Mr. Caiafa seconded this motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW OF DRAFT FY 2015 – 2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND FY 15 ADDENDUM TO 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie reviewed updates to the addendum and the local projects section of the TIP document. She could provide copies of the minor changes to members that would like one. She also stated that GDOT noted that the 2nd Tier of projects does not have to be included in the TIP document. Ms. McDuffie asked for comments about the 2nd Tier suggestion for discussion. She also reviewed the public involvement schedule. Mr. Griffin clarified that GDOT wanted to make sure MACORTS was aware of the option to not include the 2nd Tier of projects in the TIP document. Mr. Simpson stated the Tier II removal was a suggestion to help manage funding expectations at the local level. Mr. Griffin stated he would prefer the second tier of projects remain in the document. Mr. Clark stated there has always been a goal to keep local projects in the TIP even though it is not required. He stated that it is a nice place to have all the projects being considered contained in one document, and it is useful as a planning tool to reflect both Tiers in the TIP.

Mr. Clark made a motion to recommend approval of Draft FY 2015 – 18 TIP to go to the public for 30 day review with the 2nd Tier or projects listed in the TIP. Mr. Hamlin seconded this motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. 2040 LONG RANGE PLAN DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Ms. McDuffie reviewed the proposed schedule for the LRTP and stated the TCC subcommittee is still currently working with the final model networks and completing the project selection. She stated the plan will lapse for about a month between the September 9th deadline and the October 8th proposed approval date. During that time, no new phases could be authorized using federal funds. At this point, staff does not anticipate any projects that would be affected during this time frame.

Mr. Clark asked if there will be any alternative modes of transportation reflected in the plan. Ms. McDuffie stated that there was no bike/pedestrian projects listed at this time (In the past they were listed in the unfunded section). Ms. McDuffie stated we can include some bike/pedestrian projects if we can anticipate the funding. There was some discussion about transit information and the model. Mr. Griffin stated he did not have any additional concerns about the Lexington Rd. project listed for model purposes as long as it is clear that it is not part of our LRTP.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

University of Georgia Campus Transit System

Mr. Hamlin stated they have all of their new busses. They have doubled their fuel storage capacity on the Campus Transit System property.

Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works Department

Mr. Clark stated they were about to award the construction contract for the Mitchell Bridge Road project. Construction will begin in September.

Athens Downtown Development Authority

Ms. Thompson stated they have worked with UGA and accepted their Downtown Athens Master Plan. She stated it will be going forward to the Mayor and Commission for work session discussion in August. She wanted the group to be aware that there was a transportation component in the Downtown Master Plan.

Oconee Strategic & LR Planning Department

Mr. Provost stated to be careful while traveling on the Watkinsville Bypass because GDOT is currently working on signals and putting in pedestrian crossings.

VIII. ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2014. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.