

**MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee**

A-CC Planning Department Auditorium

Wednesday, June 29, 2011

10:00 a.m.

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:** Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Department  
Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department  
Anie Bassey – GDOT – Planning Office  
David Clark – ACC Transportation & Public Works  
David Ballard – Athens Transit System  
Butch McDuffie – Athens Transit System  
Ron Hamlin – UGA Campus Transit  
Phil Munro – Madison County Engineer  
Robert Mahoney – GDOT – District 1  
Wayne Provost – Oconee Co. Strategic & Long Range Planning  
Ann-Marie Day – Federal Highway Administration  
B.R. White – Oconee County Planning Department  
Steve Decker – ACC Traffic Engineering  
Linda Fortson – Madison County Planning Department  
Emil Beshara – Oconee County Public Works

**Others Present:** Billy Pittard – Chairman, Oglethorpe County Board of Commissioners  
Norma Craddock, Arnoldsville Citizen  
Frank Watson, Oconee County Citizen  
George Rodriguez, Watkinsville Citizen  
Tracie Sanchez, UGA Extern to Ron Hamlin

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was present.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

There was no public comment received at this meeting.

**III. APPROVAL OF MAY 25, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the May 25, 2011 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. Hamlin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**IV. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT FY 2012 – 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDuffie presented the Final Draft FY 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the associated public comment. She outlined the changes made to the document since its last Draft form. Ms. McDuffie explained that a public comment period had been conducted from May 23 – June 21, 2011.

A copy of all comment received was provided to the committee for their consideration. Mr. McDuffie noted that the transit funding levels could change again after the document is finalized.

Mr. Beshara made a motion to recommend approval of the Final Draft FY 2012 – 2015 TIP. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

### **UPDATE ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO REVISE US 29 PROJECT AND ADD LEXINGTON ROAD PROJECT**

Mr. Griffin reminded the committee of the history of this project. He informed the group that the Policy Committee voted at their June 8, 2011 meeting to table this item. He explained that Mr. Dove was not comfortable taking this item to the public for comment until after further discussions with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Mr. Clark notes that the Lexington Road project was included on both Athens-Clarke County and Oglethorpe County's unconstrained list for the Transportation Investment Act of 2010. Mr. Provost added that the Roundtable is re-examining their draft constrained list due to the decrease in projected available funding released by the state economist in the last couple of weeks.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES**

### Mr. Beshara – Oconee County Public Works

The Oconee Connector Extension is approximately 70% complete. Oconee County will be starting their annual resurfacing program in the next 3 weeks.

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

Athens-Clarke County will be starting their annual resurfacing program in mid-July. The Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) contract has been received from GDOT.

### Mr. Hamlin – University of Georgia Campus Transit System

Mr. Hamlin: "I had a meeting with GDOT Office of Intermodal Programs looking at the possibility of getting authorized as a public operator. We started to file with the National Transit Database a couple of years ago. With the combined figures with Athens Transit, we have exceeded 5 of 6 areas of the Small Transit Intensive Cities Program. We're looking forward to being able to share that money. We'll be back at some point to TCC and Policy Committee to do what we need to show that."

### Mr. McDuffie – Athens Transit System

The Park and Ride project is still in the right-of-way acquisition phase. Due to budget changes, 8 routes will have 1 hour cut from their schedules (10 pm to 11 pm). Athens Transit System has 4 buses on order using ARRA funds. They should be in service for Fall. Route 8 is being revised. A press release is expected on Friday.

Ms. Day – Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Ms. Day reminded MACORTS staff that all amendments/modifications, etc should be posted on the MACORTS website. She explained that FHWA staff have made note that the new TIP's are not necessarily consistent with the Long Range Transportation Plan. This will be a topic of discussion at the Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO) meeting in July.

Mr. Munro – Madison County Engineer

The intersection improvement project at SR 106 and US 29 (Dogsboro) is approximately 80% complete.

**VII. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. The next TCC meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2011.