

SUMMARY MINUTES

MACORTS Policy Committee
Madison County Government Annex – Public Meeting Room
91 Albany Avenue - Danielsville
Wednesday, July 13, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Voting Members Present: Melvin Davis, Oconee County Chairman
Nancy Denson, Athens-Clarke County Mayor
Brad Griffin, Athens-Clarke County Alternate
Kelly Gwin, GDOT Planning Alternate
Bob Sanders, Oconee County Citizen

Others Present: Sherry McDuffie, MACORTS Staff
Cherie Varnum, MACORTS Staff
Butch McDuffie, Athens Transit System
David Ballard, Athens Transit System
Kim Coley, GDOT District 1
Sarah Bell, Oconee County Citizen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Davis (serving as alternate for Chairman Anthony Dove) called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 8, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2016 Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Denson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

III. REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED AT TCC MEETINGS / PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

There was none.

IV. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 15 – 17 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO MODIFY THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SR 10 LOOP AT LEXINGTON ROAD PROJECT

Ms. McDuffie stated this amendment would revise the schedule for the SR 10 Loop at Lexington Road project's right-of-way phase from FY 2019 to FY2017. The project cost estimate increased slightly. As an amendment, there will be a 15-day public comment period including 1 public meeting in each MACORTS county. The comment period would be held July 25, 2016 – August 8, 2016.

Ms. Denson made a motion to approve the amendment to the schedule of the ROW phase of the SR 10 Loop at Lexington Road project to go to the public for review and comment. Ms. Gwin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF AMENDMENT TO FY 2017 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)

Ms. McDuffie explained that this amendment included moving the Compliance Update of the MACORTS Transportation Plan out of the unfunded section of the FY 2017 UPWP. It was shown in the funded section of the document as work element 4.11.1. Revisions to the funding tables showed this as well.

The latest FHWA procurement guidelines were explained to the committee since they will be used for the Compliance Update of the MACORTS Transportation Plan.

Ms. Denson made a motion to approve the Amended FY 17 UPWP. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF DRAFT AMENDMENT TO 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) TO ADD THE SR 316 AT OCONEE CONNECTOR INTERCHANGE PROJECT

Ms. McDuffie reviewed the original proposal of deleting the Union Church Road Improvements project and the construction phase of the Mars Hill Road Widening – Phase 3 project. That proposal was sent back to the Technical Coordinating Committee for further review. Over the past few months, TCC members had worked on an alternate proposal.

The alternate proposal involved the deletion of the Union Church Road Improvement project and the Simonton Bridge Road Widening project to free up enough funding to add a SR 316 at Oconee Connector Interchange project to the LRTP. Ms. McDuffie reviewed the proposed public involvement schedule for this project, if approved by the Policy Committee. It would have the same schedule as the amendment to the TIP above (July 25 – August 8, 2016).

Ms. Denson made a motion to approve the Draft Amendment to the 2040 LRTP to add the SR 316 at Oconee Connector Interchange project and delete the Union Church Road Improvement project and Simonton Bridge Road Widening project to go to the public for review and comment. Ms. Gwin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

VIII. ADJOURN

Mr. Davis adjourned the meeting at 10:14 am. The next meeting of the Policy Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2016.