

**MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee**

A-CC Planning Department Auditorium

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

10:00 a.m.

**Summary Minutes**

**Members Present:** Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Department  
Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department  
Tom Caiafa – GDOT – Planning Office  
Butch McDuffie – Athens Transit System  
B.R. White – Oconee County Planning Department  
Ron Hamlin – UGA Campus Transit System  
Antoine Hawkins – GDOT – Intermodal Programs  
Steve Decker – ACC Traffic Engineering  
Emil Beshara – Oconee County Public Works  
Ann-Marie Day – Federal Highway Administration  
David Clark – ACC Transportation & Public Works  
David Ballard – Athens Transit System  
Radney Simpson – GDOT – Planning Office  
Blaine Williams – ACC Manager’s Office  
Kim Coley – GDOT District 1  
Brent Cook – GDOT District 1  
Lucy Rowland – ACC Planning Commission  
Jerry Oberholtzer – ACC Transportation & Public Works  
Andrew Saunders – ACC Central Services

**Others Present:** None

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present. Mr. Griffin started the meeting by announcing that Ms. Rowland will be the ACC Planning Commission representative on the Policy Committee. He thanked her for her service on the TCC.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

There was no public comment received at this meeting.

**III. APPROVAL OF MAY 22, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the May 22, 2013 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. Hamlin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**IV. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO FY 2013 – 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR RAIL TO TRAIL PROJECT IN ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

This administrative modification involved shifting of the right-of-way funding for the Rail to Trail project from FY 2013 to FY 2014 within the FY 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The modification was requested by the Georgia Department of Transportation. As an administrative modification, no public involvement was required.

Mr. Clark made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed administrative modification to the FY 2013 – 2016 TIP to shift the right-of-way funding for the Rail to Trail project from FY 2013 to FY 2014. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**V. REVIEW OF DRAFT PARTICIPATION PLAN AND LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Griffin announced that this item would not be discussed at today's meeting. Due to some deficiencies noted by the Federal Highway Administration, these documents will be brought forward at a future meeting.

**VI. REVIEW OF DRAFT FY 2014 – 2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED FY 2014 ADDENDUM TO 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Ms. McDuffie presented the Draft FY 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the FY 2014 Addendum to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) along with the proposed schedule of public involvement activities. She noted that the addendum is required to be done annually with the TIP document. A 30-day public comment period is required for the update of the TIP and addendum. The public comment period was scheduled for August 26 to September 24, 2013 with 3 public meetings to be held during that period. Ms. McDuffie announced that a special called meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) would be required to approve the final documents. The September 25, 2013 TCC meeting would be moved to October 1, 2013.

Mr. Beshara asked that the southern terminus of the Jimmie Daniel / Jimmy Daniell Road Widening project be moved from Mars Hill Road to SR 316. Ms. McDuffie acknowledged that the change would be made.

Mr. Caiafa recommended approval of the Draft FY 2014 – 2017 Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2014 Addendum to 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan to go to the public for review and comment. Mr. McDuffie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

**DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 2013 – 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA CAMPUS TRANSIT SYSTEM SECTION 5307 OPERATING ASSISTANCE AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Hamlin made a motion to hold this item until the next TCC meeting. Mr. McDuffie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES**

Mr. Beshara - Oconee County Public Works

The Mars Hill Road Widening project right-of-way acquisition should be completed by August. Construction for this project has been moved out to February 2014.

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

The weather has delayed construction of the Jennings Mill Parkway by about 8 weeks. GDOT will begin resurfacing of Broad Street soon with work scheduled for nights and weekends.

Mr. Hamlin – University of Georgia Campus Transit System

Bus bids should be out soon. The AVL app should be ready by the time classes begin at the University on August 12, 2013.

Mr. McDuffie – Athens Transit System

Fall service will begin on August 5, 2013. The Park and Ride lot is being advertised heavily in hopes of more use in the Fall.

Mr. Saunders - Athens-Clarke County Central Services

The Greenway Commission met with Selig and was mostly in agreement in regards to the incorporation of the rail to trail corridor into the proposed development on the downtown property. Mr. McDuffie noted that the county should have a letter from the Federal Transit Administration supporting the design by the end of the week. He thanked the Georgia Department of Transportation Intermodal Office for facilitating that letter of support.

**IX. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. Mr. Griffin reminded the committee that the next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2013.