

MACORTS Policy Committee
Athens-Clarke County Planning Department – Auditorium
120 W. Dougherty Street - Athens
Wednesday, July 8, 2015
10:00 a.m.

Voting Members Present: Melvin Davis, Oconee County Chairman
Nancy Denson, Athens-Clarke County Mayor
Bob Sanders, Oconee Co. Citizen Representative
Alice Kinman, Athens-Clarke Co. Citizen Rep
Phil Munro, Madison Co. Citizen Representative
Radney Simpson, GDOT Planning

Others Present: Brad Griffin, ACC Planning
Cherie Varnum, MACORTS Staff
Sherry McDuffie, MACORTS Staff
Wayne Provost, Oconee LR & Strategic Planning
Tom Caiafa, GDOT Planning
Kim Coley, GDOT - District 1
Russ Page, Oconee County Citizen
David Clark, ACC Transportation Public Works
Butch McDuffie, Athens Transit System
Kyle Mote, GDOT Planning
Heather Benham, Athens Land Trust

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Denson called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 8, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the April 8, 2015 minutes. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

Ms. McDuffie reviewed comments received from Gretchen Elsner who spoke at the June 24, 2015 TCC meeting. She stated Ms. Elsner stressed her concerns about the importance of providing dedicated facilities for pedestrians, cyclists, and other non-motorized modes of transportation and the necessity of maintaining those facilities well and providing appropriate signage.

IV. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO FY 2015 – 2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR GREENWAY ENHANCEMENT, RAIL TO TRAIL, & US 441 / SR 24 SOUTH WIDENING PROJECT

Ms. McDuffie stated the Greenway project construction phase had been shifted from FY 15 to FY 16 and the cost estimate had been revised. She also stated the Rail to Trail project's construction and utility phase had been shifted from FY15 to FY16 and the cost estimate had been revised. She stated the PE phase of the US 441 South widening project had been shifted to FY16 but the cost estimate had not changed. She also stated the project identification number had changed. Ms. McDuffie stated that all of the changes qualified as administrative modifications, so this will be the only vote necessary, and no further public involvement would be required.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the final administrative modifications to the FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program to the Greenway Enhancement, Rail to Trail, and US 441 South Widening projects. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was some discussion about the Transportation Funding Act HB170. Ms. Kinman requested additional information about the bill. Staff was instructed to provide the GDOT HB170 presentation given at the GAMPO work session.

Note: Ms. McDuffie provided the presentation to the Policy Committee via email that afternoon.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:15. The next scheduled meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2015.