

SUMMARY MINUTES

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

Voting Members Present: Melvin Davis, Oconee County Chairman
Anthony Dove, Madison County Chairman
Nancy Denson, Athens-Clarke County Mayor
Jim Anderson, Athens Citizen
Kelly Gwin, GDOT Planning Alternate
Bob Sanders, Oconee County Citizen

Others Present: Sherry McDuffie, MACORTS Staff
Brad Griffin, MACORTS Director
Cherie Varnum, MACORTS Staff
David Ballard, Athens Transit System
Sarah Bell, Oconee County Citizen
Russ Page, Oconee County Citizen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dove called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

II. APPROVAL OF JULY 13, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Denson made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2016 Policy Committee meeting. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

Ms. McDuffie reviewed a voicemail she received on July 18th from Gretchen Elsner, a citizen of ACC, who shared her concerns about the need for more bicycle infrastructure. Ms. Elsner recounted her recent experience riding her bicycle along Prince Avenue while she was house-sitting for a friend on Hiawassee. She stated she had 2 close-calls during that week and resorted to riding on the sidewalk because Prince Avenue is so dangerous.

IV. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF THE FINAL DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 15 – 17 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO MODIFY TRANSIT SECTION AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. McDuffie stated this amendment would revise the budget for the Section 5339 Discretionary capital funding to include \$2.5 million in FY 17 (\$2 million Federal; \$500,000 ACC SPLOST) to fund improvements to bus stops in ACC.

She stated a 15-day public comment period was held from June 20 – July 5, 2016, including 1 public meeting held on June 27 at the Multimodal Transportation Center in Athens. There was some discussion about different types of designs for bus shelters.

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the amendment of the 15-17 Transportation Improvement Program Transit Section to increase Section 5339 Discretionary Capital Funding to \$2.5 million. Ms. Denson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. ADJOURN

There was some discussion about training for new members that will start their term (beginning in January) after the elections in November for Oconee and Madison counties. The next meeting of the Policy Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2016. Mr. Dove adjourned the meeting at 10:10 am.