

## SUMMARY MINUTES

MACORTS Policy Committee  
WebEx Virtual Meeting Platform  
Wed, August 12, 2020  
10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Kelly Girtz, Athens-Clarke County Mayor  
John Daniell, Oconee County Chairman  
John Scarborough, Madison County Chairman  
Radney Simpson, GDOT Planning Office  
Sara Beresford, Athens-Clarke County Citizen  
Dave Henson, Oconee County Citizen  
Ann-Marie Day, FHWA (ex-officio)  
Jessica Blankenship, GDOT, District 1 (ex-officio)

**Others Present:** Sherry McDuffie, MACORTS Staff  
Cherie Varnum, MACORTS Staff  
Brad Griffin, MACORTS Staff  
Jalen Ford, GDOT Planning  
Tom Caiafa, GDOT Planning

### **I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Mr. Girtz called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Ms. McDuffie took roll of members and guests in attendance.

### **II. APPROVAL OF JULY 8, 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Henson made a motion to approve the July 8, 2020 Policy Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Simpson 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 ADOPTION OF FINAL AMENDMENTS TO FY 18 - 21 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: SR 10 LP AT LEXINGTON ROAD INTERCHANGE**

Ms. McDuffie stated this amendment was to the FY 18-21 TIP and included the shifting of the construction phase from FY 20 (June) to FY 21 (fall) and updating the cost estimate. The utilities cost estimate increased from \$1,562,640 to \$2,089,688. The construction cost estimate increased from \$14,541,694 to \$22,781,160.

She noted this item was taken to public review June 22 – July 6, 2020 (15 days) with a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 5 – 6pm. There was no public comment received. She stated the TCC recommended adoption of the final amendment.

Mr. Henson made a motion to adopt the final amendment to the SR 10 Lp at Lexington Road interchange project in the 18-21 TIP. Ms. Beresford seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**V. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION TO RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN - ADD SR 10 LP AT ATLANTA HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE AND SR 316 AT JIMMIE DANIEL ROAD INTERCHANGE**

Ms. McDuffie stated these are the same amendments that the committee saw at the last Policy Committee meeting. She also noted the committee has to review these amendments this time because the MTP must be adopted in order for the next item (Draft 21-24 TIP) to be adopted; therefore, these amendments and the Draft 21-24 TIP will be taken through the public involvement process together. The public comment period will be held August 24 – September 22 (30 days) with a virtual public meeting to be held on August 27, 5:30 – 6:30. She stated TCC recommended approval to take these amendments to the public for review and comment with the updated TIP document.

After brief discussion, Mr. Henson made a motion to begin public involvement for the amendments to the 2045 MTP to add the construction phase of SR 10LP at Atlanta Highway interchange and the PE and ROW phases of SR 316 at Jimmie Daniel Rd Interchange to the MTP and remove the construction phases of the SR 10LP at US 29 Interchange and the SR 316 Access Road, Phase 1 from the 2045 MTP. Ms. Beresford seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION TO RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT - DRAFT FY 2021 – 2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Ms. McDuffie reminded the committee that the MTP contains the projects that MACORTS would like to see federally funded. The TIP shows the projects that are being funded through GDOT with federal funds. She noted it also includes the projects for the airport and transit. The counties were given the opportunity to highlight any local transportation projects they wanted in a local section.

She stated TCC recommended approval to take the Draft 21-24 TIP to the public for review and comment. She outlined the changes to the document since the TCC meeting as a few formatting corrections and the addition of the ROW phase to the SR 10/US 78 Bridges over North Oconee River.

She explained the public comment period will be held August 24 – September 22 (30 days) with a virtual public meeting to be held on Aug 27, 5:30 – 6:30.

Mr. Scarborough made a motion to begin public involvement for the Draft FY 2021 – 2024 TIP document. Ms. Beresford seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**IX. ADJOURN**

Mr. Girtz adjourned the meeting 10:22 am. The next scheduled meeting is September 9, 2020.