

MACORTS Policy Committee
Oconee County Courthouse – Commission Chambers
23 North Main Street - Watkinsville
Wednesday, August 13, 2014
10:00 a.m.

Voting Members Present: Anthony Dove, Madison County Chairman
Melvin Davis, Oconee County Chairman
Nancy Denson, Athens-Clarke County Mayor
Bob Sanders, Oconee County Citizen Representative
Lucy Rowland, Athens-Clarke County Citizen Representative
Phil Munro, Madison County Citizen Representative
Radney Simpson, GDOT Planning

Others Present: Brad Griffin, ACC Planning
Sherry McDuffie, ACC Planning
Cherie Dalton, ACC Planning
Wayne Provost, Oconee LR & Strategic Planning
Butch McDuffie, Athens Transit
David Ballard, Athens Transit

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 25, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Rowland stated the follow-up section in the June 25, 2014 needed to be removed since it will be discussed at the August meeting. Ms. McDuffie stated she would place the information in the old business section. Ms. Rowland made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Ms. Denson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

Ms. McDuffie stated that Thomas Kittle, a resident of Oconee County that lives on Daniels Bridge Road, addressed the TCC at their July 23, 2014 meeting. He expressed his frustration with the Daniels Bridge Road Extension project regarding the proposed design, especially about having a median. He questioned the location and overall rationale for the project. Mr. Kittle explained that his land on Daniels Bridge Road would be cut into several pieces by the proposed project. Mr. Beshara explained the overall project concept. He verified that the design is scheduled to begin in FY 2017 according to the TIP. He noted that Chairman Davis was working to advance the project design to begin sooner than

FY 2017. He also noted that there is some mixed sentiment within the Oconee Board of Commissioners. Mr. Kittle and Mr. Beshara also discussed the project after the TCC meeting. Ms. McDuffie stated she also spoke with Mr. Kittle during the Oconee County Public meeting.

IV. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF DRAFT 2040 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Ms. McDuffie stated the draft document reflects the subcommittee and full TCC input as well as comment received from GDOT and FHWA upon their initial review of the Draft. She also stated that there were no changes made to the projects since the document went to TCC.

Ms. McDuffie stated they had received a copy of the proposed public involvement activities associated with this document. This document is proposed to be brought to the public from August 25 - September 23. There are 3 proposed public meetings scheduled: September 3 in Athens, Sept 8 in Danielsville, and Sept 9 in Oconee (all 5-7pm). The document would come back to this group on October 8 for final approval. With the proposed schedule, the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan will lapse for approximately one month.

Mr. Dove made a motion to approve the dates for public comment. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Rowland made a motion to approve the Draft 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan to go to the public for 30 days of review and comment. Mr. Munro seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. McDuffie stated she had not received any updated information on the policy committee request from the last meeting to show the simplified guidelines on the process of determining roadway classification. She stated she spoke with the GDOT Office of Transportation Data, and they are currently working on a simplified version of their process to send to us. Ms. McDuffie stated that as soon as the information was received, she would notify the board.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

VII. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 am. The next scheduled meeting is September 10.