

SUMMARY MINUTES

MACORTS Policy Committee
Madison County Government Annex – Public Meeting Room
91 Albany Avenue - Danielsville
Wednesday, August 14, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Voting Members Present: John Scarborough, Madison County Chairman
John Daniell, Oconee County Chairman
Radney Simpson, GDOT Planning Office
Flynn Warren, Oconee County Citizen
Brad Griffin, Athens-Clarke County Citizen Representative
Alternate

Others Present: Sherry McDuffie, MACORTS Staff
Cherie Varnum, MACORTS Staff
Jalen Ford, GDOT Planning Office
Beverly Davis, RS&H

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Scarborough called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 12, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2019 Policy Committee Meeting. Mr. Daniell 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 ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION
TO FY 18 – 21 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:
ADJUSTMENTS TO BRIDGE PROJECTS' SCHEDULE**

Ms. McDuffie explained that the administrative modifications to the FY 18 - 21 TIP include changes to two bridge projects: SR 10 Loop at Middle Oconee

and US 78/SR10 at North Oconee River Bridge. The right-of-way phase of the SR10 Loop Bridges at Middle Oconee River project will move from 2019 to 2020 with a reduction of cost from \$250,000 to \$112,363. The right-of-way phase of the US 78 / SR 10 (Oconee Street) at North Oconee River Bridge project will shift from 2019 to 2020 with no change in cost. She also noted the administrative modification would not require a public comment period. The TCC recommended adoption of the administrative modification.

Mr. Warren made a motion to adopt the administrative modification to the FY 18-21 TIP to update the schedules and funding for the SR 10 LP Bridges over the Middle Oconee River and SR 10/US 78 at North Oconee River projects. Mr. Daniell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 18 - 21 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO GO TO THE PUBLIC FOR REVIEW: MOVE CONSTRUCTION OF SR 10 LP @ LEXINGTON ROAD INTERCHANGE TO 2020

Ms. McDuffie noted that the amendment will move the construction phase of the project from FY 2025 to FY 2020. A 15-day public comment period will be required. She reviewed the proposed public comment schedule. TCC recommended approval to take the proposed amendment to the public for review and comment.

Mr. Daniell made a motion to approve taking the amendment to shift the construction of the SR 10 Loop @ Lexington Road into FY 2020 out to the public for review and comment. Mr. Warren seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF AMENDED LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN

Ms. McDuffie stated the amendment to the LEP that added language to page 13 was taken out for the 45 days of public review. A summary of the public comment received was previously sent to members for review. She noted there were not any changes to the document since the last time the Policy Committee reviewed the document. TCC recommended approval of the amended LEP Plan.

Mr. Warren made a motion to recommend approval of the amended LEP Plan. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VII. REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF DRAFT 2045 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO GO TO THE PUBLIC FOR REVIEW (RS&H)

Ms. Davis, with RS & H, gave a presentation about the current 2045 MTP Draft Plan. Ms. Davis discussed the proposed schedules for public comment as the completed draft goes into the next phase. She stated the document has been in local and agency review from the planning partners (GDOT, FHWA and FTA) to ensure compliance with the federal and state regulations and that it supports the federal and state goals and planning factors.

She explained that comments were received from Oconee County officials and addressed in the Draft sent out to the committee. The project description for Project P-28 (Hog Mountain Road Widening) was changed to widening to two standard 12 ft. lanes instead of four lanes. She also stated this revision reduced the original project cost and allowed for the construction phase of P-44 (SR 316 Frontage Road) to be moved in from the unfunded list. She explained that in response to the comments from the FHWA, the draft more clearly expressed the importance of the performance based planning process and monitoring compliance with the performance based requirements. She also reviewed the proposed public comment schedule with the committee. There was some discussion about the management of proposed project cost within a fiscally constrained budget.

Mr. Daniell made a motion to take the Draft 2045 MTP to the public for review and comment for 30 days. Mr. Warren seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

X. ADJOURN

Mr. Scarborough adjourned the meeting at 10:23 am.