

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

**Voting Members Present:** Anthony Dove, Madison County Chairman  
Melvin Davis, Oconee County Chairman  
Bob Sanders, Oconee County Citizen Representative  
Lucy Rowland, Athens-Clarke County Citizen Rep.  
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  
Kyle Mote, GDOT Planning  
Tom Caiafa, GDOT Planning  
Justin Lott, GDOT Planning  
Sarah Bell, Oconee Resident  
Thomas Kittle, Oconee Resident

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 13, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Dove made a motion to approve the August 13, 2014 minutes. Ms. Rowland 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 DETERMINATION OF FINAL DRAFT FY 2015 – 2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND FY 2015 ADDENDUM TO 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

Ms. McDuffie reviewed the changes to the final draft TIP document and the public comment received during the comment period (July 7 – Aug 5). She noted that a correction was necessary to the Whitehall Road project sheet to indicate that right-of-way was scheduled for 2015 and construction for 2016.

Mr. Davis asked if the Daniells Bridge Road widening project included turn lanes, and Ms. McDuffie stated the project would include turn lanes. Mr. Davis stated that he recalled several discussions related to the project being proposed as 2 or 4 lanes. Ms. McDuffie stated that the project schedule called for design to begin on the project in 2017; therefore, it could be built as a 2 or 4-lane facility. Mr. Davis asked for the wording of the project description to reflect the flexibility in the design. Mr. Simpson stated GDOT had no data at this time to know if it is appropriate for 2 or 4 lanes. Mr. Simpson stated it is allowable for the Policy Committee to add additional language in the description. Ms. McDuffie suggested the wording could include: "The feasibility of two or four lane section should be examined as part of the design phase."

Mr. Dove made a motion to approve the suggested verbiage to be included in the project description of the Daniells Bridge Road Extension. Mr. Munro seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the Final Draft FY 15 – 18 TIP and FY 15 Addendum to 2035 LRTP. Ms. Rowland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**V. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF AMENDED FY 2015 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

Ms. McDuffie stated that the FY 2015 UPWP would be amended to include leftover FY 2014 funds in amount of \$360,403.90 in federal funds. She stated all line items were increased. Verbiage was updated for Elements 1.3, 2.1, and 4.11. Tables 2 and 3 were updated to include the new hourly rates for the individuals who contribute in-kind match hours. She stated no public involvement is necessary for the approval of this document.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the Draft Amended FY 2015 UPWP. Mr. Dove seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**VIII. ADJOURN**

Mr. Davis stated he appreciated all of the hard work Ms. McDuffie does for the Policy Committee. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. The next scheduled meeting is October 8<sup>th</sup>.