

AGENDA

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee
A-CC Planning Department Auditorium
Wednesday, September 27, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Director
Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department
Cherie Varnum - ACC Planning Department
Rani Katreeb - ACC Traffic Engineering
Juliane Dixon-Crump - Athens Transit System
Matthew Risher - GDOT Planning Office
Conolus Scott - Madison County Planning Commission
BR White - Oconee Planning Department
Don Walter - UGA Transit
Drew Raessler - ACC Transportation & Public Works
Department
Justin Kirouac -Oconee County Administrator

Others Present: Russ Page - Oconee County citizen
Penny Miles – Oconee County citizen
David Adams - GDOT Traffic Operations
Beverly Davis - RS&H
Ratchel Hatcher - RS&H
Kai Zuehlke - RS&H

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He introduced Matthew Risher, GDOT Planner, and Justin Kirouac, Oconee County Administrator as new members to the TCC.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no one in attendance who wished to speak.

Ms. McDuffie explained that the public comment received by the committee was email from concerned citizens in Bishop regarding the Bishop Bypass project. That project is now being funded with state funds and does not come through the MACORTS process. However, she noted that any comments received by staff are shared with the committee.

III. APPROVAL OF JULY 26, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. White made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2017 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. Scott seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW OF AMENDED MACORTS BYLAWS AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie stated there have been a few changes that necessitated an update of the MACORTS bylaws. The changes made included:

- added language specifically addressing the fact that Jackson County joined the Gainesville-Hall MPO
- added 'performance based' to describe the transportation planning process in deference to the federal regs
- updated the title of Oconee County Administrator (from Administrative Officer)
- deleted the Strategic & Long Range Planning Director from the Oconee County membership since that position does not exist anymore
- changed GDOT rep's title from Chief, Urban Area Planning Bureau to Assistant State Transportation Planning Administrator

There was some discussion about the status of the Environmental Coordinator position for Athens-Clarke County.

Mr. Raessler recommended approval of the amended MACORTS bylaws with one minor change to include the status of the Environmental Coordinator position. Mr. White seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW OF DRAFT FY 2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie explained that Unified Planning Work Program outlines staff activities that support the federally required planning activities associated with MACORTS. This document also outlines the budget associated with completing those activities.

She noted the introduction contained the annual priorities of safety and congestion management since the safety targets will be approved and ready to implement in FY 19. She stated this UPWP continues efforts to transition to performance based planning. She also noted the document refers to the LRTP update during FY 19 and the Participation Plan update that will occur at the first of the 2018 calendar year.

Mr. Raessler recommended approval of the Draft FY 19 UPWP for submittal to GDOT/FHWA as the official draft. Mr. White seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. SAFETY PERFORMANCE TARGET PRESENTATION FROM GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Griffin explained the federal requirements of adopting safety performance targets as part of the shift to performance based planning. MPO's have until February 27, 2018 to incorporate safety performance targets into the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program documents. The MPO will have to decide whether to support the state safety targets or develop their own safety performance targets.

David Adams from GDOT gave a presentation on the safety performance targets adopted by GDOT at the end of August 2017.

There was some discussion about the state's safety targets and how they were developed. The group discussed the possibility of supporting the state targets. Ms. McDuffie told the group that TCC and Policy Committee would be asked next month to make a determination that would be taken out for public comment during the October / November cycle.

VII. SOCIOECONOMIC DATA PRESENTATION FROM RS&H AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Hatcher and Mr. Zuehlke from RS & H gave a presentation detailing the socioeconomic data submission for the base year (2015).

After brief discussion, Mr. Raessler recommended approval of the base year socioeconomic data to be submitted to the Policy Committee for submittal to GDOT. Ms. Dixon-Crump seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

IX. UPDATES / OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

X. ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin adjourned the meeting at 11:30am. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2017.