

Summary Minutes of
MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee
A-CC Planning Department Auditorium
Wednesday, September 28, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department
Bruce Lonnee - ACC Planning Director Alternate
Adam Ghafourian - Athens Transit System Alternate
Cherie Varnum - ACC Planning Department
Drew Raessler - ACC Transportation & Public Works
Butch McDuffie -Athens Transit System
Darius Malone - GDOT Planning Office
Rani Katreeb - ACC Traffic Engineering
Justin Lott - GDOT District 1
Marc Beechuk - ACC Transportation & Public Works
alternate

Others Present: Sarah Bell - Oconee County citizen
Russ Page - Oconee County citizen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lonnee called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 24, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. McDuffie made a motion to approve the August 24, 2016 TCC minutes.
Mr. Katreeb seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW OF DRAFT FY 2018 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie reviewed details about the draft FY 2018 UPWP. She explained that the document outlines the planning efforts to be completed by the MPO during the next fiscal year and includes the associated budget information. She also noted that MPOs are required to produce a draft before the end of the 2016 calendar year to be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The UPWP should be finalized after

the first of the 2017 calendar year. In general, the UPWP was revised to comply with the FAST Act language and the final guidance produced by FHWA/FTA.

Ms. McDuffie reviewed the changes made since last year that included, but are not limited to, the following:

- Addition of 2 new planning factors (p4)
- Implementation of Performance Based Planning & Programming (PBPP) over the next 1 ½ years
- Update of the 2040 LRTP to be in compliance with PBPP in federal regulations
- Possibility to purchase traffic counters depending on how the budget looks toward the end of the FY
- Expansion of the Participation Plan to include groups specifically spelled out in the FAST Act and Federal regulations
- Expanded System Monitoring element since data needs will intensify with PBPP
- Expanded Bike / Pedestrian element since there is more explicit emphasis on Bike / Pedestrian safety at the National Level
- All tables in the document were revised to be consistent with the rest of the document

She called attention to the FY 18 planning priorities in the document, safety and congestion management. Ms. McDuffie asked for feedback regarding the planning priorities in terms of content or changing them altogether. TCC members chose not to change them.

Mr. McDuffie made a motion to recommend approval of Draft FY 2018 UPWP. Mr. Malone seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. UPDATES / OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Lonnee welcomed Darius Malone, GDOT Planning office, and Drew Raessler, Director of Transportation and Public Works, to the TCC committee.

Athens Transit System

Mr. McDuffie stated that Transit had experienced a fatality for the first time in over 21 years. The GA State Patrol investigated and determined that it was a tragic accident. He noted that it was a very unfortunate situation and that he had met with the family to offer condolences on behalf of the Athens Transit System. He also stated that they are continuing to wait on grants for hybrid buses and bus improvements.

Athens-Clarke County Traffic Engineering

Mr. Katreeb stated they were in the process of updating the ACC Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan. He noted that they were still in the process of the traffic signal software update. The College Station bridge replacement project should be completed before the end of the year. The College Station Road Bike Lane project is scheduled to be finished by February 2017. The MLK bridge replacement, a local ACC project, should begin in Spring 2017 and be completed prior to the beginning of the fall school semester.

GDOT-District 1

Mr. Lott stated that they were working on a design project involving signal and pedestrian upgrades on SR 10 Loop. He noted there are seven locations on the route, and they just completed preliminary design.

VII. ADJOURN

Ms. McDuffie noted the Policy Committee meetings may be held in Athens during the 2017 due to the new CEOs in Oconee and Madison County. Mr. Lonnee adjourned the meeting at 10:23 am. The next TCC meeting is scheduled for October 26th.