

SUMMARY MINUTES

MACORTS Policy Committee
WebEx Virtual Meeting Platform
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

Kelly Girtz – Athens Mayor
Brad Griffin – Oconee Chairman Stand in
Marc Beechuk – Stand in ACC Citizen Rep
Vivian Canizares – GDOT Planning
Todd Berven – UGA Transit System

Others Present:

Ann-Marie Day – FHWA
Olivia Lewis - FHWA
Robert Walker – ACC Planning Department
Lee Becker – Oconee County Citizen
Shelley Ramey – GDOT District 1
Victor Pope – ACC Transit
Kimberly Grayson – GDOT Planning

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF December 6, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Beechuk made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6 PC meeting minutes meeting. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROPOSED SAFETY TARGETS

Mr. Walker introduced the item, explaining that it had been through public comment and was back for final approval.

Mr. Griffin made a motion to send the item to policy committee for final approval. Mr. Beechuk seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROPOSED MTP/TIP ALIGNMENT

Mr. Walker introduced the item, explaining that it had been through public comment and was back for final approval.

Mr. Griffin made a recommendation to send the item to policy committee for final approval. Mr. Berven seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

VI. REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT FOR SR10@W. HANCOCK

Mr. Walker introduced the item, explaining it needed to go out to public comment.

Mr. Griffin motioned to send the item to public comment. Mr. Beechuk seconded and the item passed unanimously.

VII. REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROPOSED TIP AMENDMENT FOR SR10@NOCONEE RIVER

Mr. Walker introduced the item, explaining it needed to go out to public comment.

Mr. Berven motioned to send the item to public comment. Mr. Griffin seconded and the item passed unanimously.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. UPDATES / OTHER BUSINESS

After discussions with GDOT, Mr. Griffin presented a potential new policy for sending items to public comment in which TCC & PC members would be notified by e-mail. Ms.

Lewis added what requirements FHWA would like to see should a change be made. Ms. Canizares and Ms. Grayson echoed these comments from GDOT's perspective. Mayor Girtz asked if this was typical in other MPO's, Ms. Lewis said that some have changed their policies. Mr. Griffin thanked all for their contribution.

X. ADJOURN

Mr. Griffin adjourned the meeting at 10:24 am. The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2024.