



**Minutes**  
**Citizens Advisory Committee**  
**August 31, 2021**  
**3:00 PM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Marshall Ingram	City of Hahira
Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County
Vanessa Ross (Flucas)	City of Valdosta
William Branham	City of Valdosta
Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authority
Ray Sable	VSU
Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County
Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta
Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton
Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County
Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County
Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes
Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County
Shannon McConico	Wiregrass Technical College
<b>Additional Persons Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Christie Moore	VL Chamber of Commerce
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
Megan Fowler	SGRC
James Horton	SGRC



**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Milligan called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

**Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call**

**A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)**

Mr. Hull went through the committee member roster to verify whether or not each member was present. He notified the committee that Mary Jane Yorke had resigned from the committee. Additional persons present introduced themselves and organizations.

**Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Milligan asked the committee members to review the June 1, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Wisenbaker made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ingram made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

**Agenda Item #4– New Business - Committee Recommendation/ Approval Required**

**A. VLMPO Bylaws Update**

Does not apply to the CAC.

**Agenda Item #5 – Discussion Only**

**A. Strategic Plan Implementation**

Mr. Hull stated that the Strategic Plan was the outcome of a joint VLMPO committee meeting focused on how the MPO can better serve the needs of the community and stakeholders. He explained to the committee that staff are working to implement many of the items that are listed in the plan and would like to know of any potential analysis and or ways to highlight transportation planning. Mr. Branham asked if staff was wanting CAC members to tell them they need to know for implementing the strategic plan. Mr. Hull responded that staff is asking are we providing you all with the information that you need. Mr. Galloway asked if the information concerning the projects, such as the GDOT list in the packet, could be better displayed in a way that the general public will know what it is or means, such as putting the names of the roads instead of titling it State Route “x”. Mr. Branham asked where was GDOT on the scoping phase of the Valdosta Truck Bypass. Mr. Hull responded that they are developing a concept. Mr. Milligan stated that there are projects on this GDOT list that are not on the TIA list. Mr. Hull responded that these projects are funded through the MPO. Mr. Milligan stated that it would be beneficial to his organization to be aware of major projects and what stage they are in.

**B. GDOT Project Updates**

Mr. Hull notified the committee that GDOT staff would review the list of projects for the VLMPO area during the TAC meeting. He directed them to the GDOT project list in the agenda packet. Mr. Hull briefly went over the project information. Mr. Galloway asked if the information concerning the projects, such as the GDOT list in the packet, could be better displayed in a way that the general public will know what it is or means, such as putting the names of the roads instead of titling it State Route “x”. Mr.



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**C. Hahira Traffic Study Scope**

Mr. Hull went over the scope of the study. Mr. Hubbard asked was the location of the North Lowndes Soccer Complex where the skate park is? Mr. Hull responded yes. Mr. Hubbard stated that the entrance was not good. Mr. Branham asked how many acres did the Valdosta-Lowndes Development Authority own? Mr. Hull stated about 3 acres. Mr. Ingram asked are they trying to create a new road? Mr. Hull responded yes. Mr. Ingram stated can a road be created along I-75 to access it, one that is kind of like Union Road and run along the interstate up to Cook County, Exit 32? Mr. Hull responded that is a possibility. Mr. Branham asked who makes the final recommendation for the road. Mr. Hull responded whoever is going to fund the road will have the final say. Mr. Hull stated that there is no action for this committee to take but you can if you would like. Mr. Milligan called for a motion. Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve and recommend the Hahira Traffic Study Scope. Mr. Wisenbaker made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

**Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update**

**A. Federal Legislative Update – Infrastructure Bill**

Mr. Hull notified the committee that staff is keeping an eye on the potential infrastructure bill and will notify committees what that means for MPO funding should it pass.

**Agenda Item #6 – Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment**

**Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.

**Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

Mr. Branham made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wisenbaker seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.