



Minutes
Technical Advisory Committee
June 2, 2021
9:00 AM

Members Present	Organization
Pat Collins	City of Valdosta
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Van Mason	GDOT
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT
Others Present	
Andrew Smith	Gresham and Smith Consulting Firm
Alan Worley	City of Valdosta
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
Jason Willingham	GDOT
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Erin Johnson	
Ariel Godwin	Moody AFB
Christy Lovett	GDOT
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Robert Johnson	GDOT
Whitney Shepherd	Transport Studio



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

Mr. Fletcher asked that everyone present please state their name and affiliation.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fletcher asked the committee members to review the March 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Collins made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Fletcher made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. Election of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary

Does not apply to TAC

B. Report of Nominating Committee: Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Does not apply to the TAC

C. FY2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

Ms. Martin notified the committee that staff amended the FY21-24 TIP due to the authorization of the scoping phase for the South Valdosta Truck Bypass project and the updating of the ROW phase of the I-75 @ SR 133 project, putting the phase beyond the TIP years. Ms. Martin continued that both of these updates resulted in the removal of the projects from the TIP Tier I list of projects. She notified the committee that in order for the amendment to be approved, a motion and a vote was needed to move the amendment to the PC. Mr. Collins made a motion to approve and forward the amendment to the TAC. Mr. Fletcher made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #5 – Discussion Only

A. Five Points Project Video

Does not apply to the TAC

B. Recommendations for Bike/Ped Education/ Outreach

Does not apply to the TAC

C. GDOT Project Updates



Mr. Johnson provided an update for transportation projects in the MPO area. He directed the committee to the list of projects in their packet and provided an overview of each project. Mr. Fletcher stated that two of the projects on the list are in Lowndes County, projects 0013987 and 0015614 and that he was not notified about the final field plan review for either project. He asked if whoever is over notifying the local governments about the projects please put him on the list to be notified. He continued that this was not the first time that this has happened. Mr. Johnson stated that he will be sure to follow up and find out why Mr. Fletcher was not notified. Mr. Hull notified Mr. Johnson that project 0010296 is listed as an interchange on the list but it is not an interchange. Mr. Johnson stated that he will update that.

D. Vulnerability Assessment Presentation

Mr. Smith provided an update of the Vulnerability Assessment for Lowndes County. He stated that the assessment will look at the report will identify critical transportation assets in Lowndes County that can be impacted by flooding and extreme heat. He also explained the preliminary VAST results and provided a list of corridors most likely to be impacted and possible recommendations for sustainable roads. Mr. Branham asked what is green infrastructure. Mr. Smith explained that it is broad perspective and includes things like proper landscaping, drainage pipes that allow for proper drainage and are renewable. Mr. Fletcher asked if Mr. Smith had been in touch with Mr. Fletcher. Mr. Smith responded yes, Mr. Tye was on the stakeholder call.

E. Hahira Area Traffic Study Scope

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the City of Hahira are looking to apply for PL funds for some of the transportation issues that they are facing in their community. These issues revolve around the new North Lowndes Soccer Complex, which is expected to bring in an estimated 10,000 people a weekend, but only has one access point, which will create traffic congestion and safety issues. Mr. Hull continued that there are also congestion issues around the elementary school. The Hahira Traffic Study scope pretty much points out these issues and is needed for further assessment and recommendations for the City of Hahira.

F. Discuss Changes to Bylaws RE: CAC Appointment

Does not apply to the CAC.

G. Connected/Autonomous Vehicle Assessment

Mr. Hull explained the Autonomous Vehicle Assessment spreadsheet that he completed in order to help inform the community and local government officials about the implementation of CAVs. He continued although such implementation will happen years from now, it is something that communities need to start considering. Mr. Collins notified the committee that the City of Valdosta will unveil its Travel Safely App on June 22nd and 23rd. The app will allow for all traffic signals in the City to communicate with motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians who have downloaded the app. He further extended an invitation to anyone in the room that would like to join the festivities on those days.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Updates

Agenda Item #7 – Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment

Mr. Hull notified the committee that they will be receiving an email about the budget amendment for the UPWP soon. Mr. Collins stated that he wanted to say something that everyone should keep in mind. He



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REGIONS use SPLOST funds to fund projects and that the funding is already allocated to a list of projects. It's difficult to jump on new proposed projects right away for this reason, even if a grant is involved, because there will be a match. The decision to take on a new project usually requires pushing other projects back due to the funds being previously obligated to set projects. I just want everyone to keep that in mind.

Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Collins made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned.