

Valdosta- Lowndes MPO Committee Meetings August 2021

Due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns these meetings will be held both in-person and virtually, if you are able you are encouraged to participate virtually via video/tele conference as follows:

Citizens Advisory Committee: Tuesday, August 31, 2021; 3:00 p.m.
Technical Advisory Committee: Wednesday, September 1, 2021; 9:00 a.m.
Policy Committee: Wednesday, September 1, 2021; 10:30 a.m.

All in-person meetings will take place at:
SGRC Offices
1937 Carlton Adams Drive
Valdosta, GA 31601
(behind Goo Goo Car Wash on Norman Drive)

All virtual meetings will use the below credentials:

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4676034953?pwd=WjFCb2ttYSs5OXhCK05WVU5QWC96Zz09>

Meeting ID: 467 603 4953
Passcode: Z8KxXh

Via Phone: 1-312-626-6799

These meetings are open to the public.

It is the Mission of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization to encourage reliable funding of a safe and efficient, regional transportation system that includes public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, highways, railroads, and airports for the movement of goods and people.

Protocol for Video and Phone Conference Meetings:

Share your video if feasible, it helps us know who is talking.

Mute your mic/phone when not speaking.

State your name when making a motion or second.

Unmute your mic/phone to make motions/seconds; to participate in discussions; and to vote.

We will complete a formal Roll Call for all Committee members and guests when the meeting begins.

Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization

Citizen's Advisory Committee: Tuesday, August 31, 2021; 3:00 PM

Technical Advisory: Wednesday, September 1, 2021; 9:00 AM

Policy Committee: Wednesday, September 1, 2021; 10:30 AM

- | | | |
|-------|---|----------------|
| I. | Call To Order | Chair |
| II. | Introductions/Roll Call | Chair |
| | A. Review of Committee Attendance (all committees) | |
| III. | Approval of Minutes | Chair |
| | A. June 1 (CAC); June 2 (TAC & PC) | |
| IV. | Committee Recommendation/Approval Required | |
| | A. (PC) VLMPO Bylaws Update | Corey Hull |
| V. | Discussion Only | |
| | A. (CAC/ TAC/ PC)) Strategic Plan Implementation | Corey Hull |
| | • Potential Analysis and Studies | |
| | • Highlighting Transportation Planning | |
| | B. (TAC) GDOT Project Updates (see handout) | Robert Johnson |
| | C. (TAC/PC) Hahira Area Traffic Study Scope | Corey Hull |
| VI. | Staff Updates | |
| | A. Federal Legislative Update – Infrastructure Bill | Corey Hull |
| VII. | Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment | Chair |
| VIII. | Next Meeting Date | |
| | A. Citizen's Advisory Committee: Tuesday, November 30, 2021; 3:00 PM | |
| | B. Technical Advisory: Wednesday, December 1, 2021; 9:00 AM | |
| | C. Policy Committee: Wednesday, December 1, 2021; 10:30 AM | |
| IX. | Adjournment | |

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

(229) 333-5277 | 1937 Carlton Adams Drive, Valdosta, GA 31601
(912) 285-6097 | 1725 S. Ga. Parkway, W., Waycross, GA 31503

Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Attendance					
Name	Oranization	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21
Policy Committee					
Alex Lee	Lanier County				Y
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County	Y	Y	Y	Y
G. R. Holton	City of Dasher				
Ronnie Gaskins	Berrien County				
Paige Dukes	Lowndes County	Y	Y	Y	Y
Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta	Y			
Bruce Cain	City of Hahira	Y	Y (Proxy)	Y	Y
Lisa Cribb	Southern Georgia RC	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Caiafa	GDOT	Y	Y	Y	Y
Moises Marrero	FHWA - Georgia				
Yvette Taylor	FTA - Region 4				
Technical Advisory Committee					
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT Atlanta	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County	Y	Y	Y	Y
Patrick Collins	City of Valdosta	Y	Y	Y	Y
Van Mason	GDOT Tifton	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alan Worley	Bicycle Advocate		Y	Y	Y
Danny Weeks	Lowndes County 911				
Jeff Hill	Lowndes Schools				
Ricky Thomas	Valdosta Schools				
Tamara Christian	FHWA- GA	Y			
Citizen's Advisory Committee					
Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton		Y	Y	Y
Jade Walton	VLCCTA		Y		
Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County	Y	Y	Y	Y
Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dr. William Cason	Valdosta City Schools				
Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County		Y	Y	Y
Marshall Ingram	City of Hahira				Y
Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authroity	Y		Y	
Vacant	City of Valdosta				
Mary Jane Yorke	City of Lake Park	Y			
Michael Cooper	CVDA	Y			
Brit McClane	VLCOC	Y	Y	Y	
Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County		Y	Y	Y
Ray Sable	VSU	Y	Y	Y	
Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County	Y	Y	Y	
Shannon McConico	WGTC	Y	Y	Y	
Stan Crance	VLDA			Y	
Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes				Y
Vacant	City of Dasher				
Vanassa Flucas	City of Valdosta		Y	Y	Y
Wes Taylor	Lowndes County Schools				
William Branham	City of Valdosta	Y	Y	Y	Y

FY2022 VLMPO
Citizen's Advisory Committee Membership

Name	Appointed By	Position
1. Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County	Chair
2. Vanessa Ross	City of Valdosta	Vice-Chair
3. William Branham	City of Lake Park	Secretary
4. Mary Jane Yorke	City of Lake Park	Member
5. Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County	Member
6. Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton	Member
7. Stan Crance	VL Industrial Authority	Member
8. Michael Cooper	Downtown Development Authority	Member
9. Brit McLane	VL Chamber of Commerce	Member
10. Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authority	Member
11. Ray Sable	Valdosta State University	Member
12. Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes	Member
13. Dr. William Cason	Valdosta Board of Education	Member
14. Shannon McConico	Wiregrass Technical College	Member
15. Wes Taylor	Lowndes Board of Education	Member
16. Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County	Member
17. Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County	Member
18. Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County	Member
19. Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta	Member
20. Marshall Ingram	City of Hahira	Member
21. Jade Walton	VLCCTA	Member
22. Vacant	City of Valdosta	Member
23. Vacant	City of Dasher	Member

The CAC serves as a public information and involvement committee that represents a cross section of the community in diversity and interests.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 3:00pm the last month of each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

For more information please contact Corey Hull, MPO Coordinator at 229-333-5277 or at chull@sgrc.us.

7/27/2021

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

(229) 333-5277 | 1937 Carlton Adams Drive, Valdosta, GA 31601
(912) 285-6097 | 1725 S. Ga. Parkway, W., Waycross, GA 31503

<http://www.sgrc.us>



Minutes
Citizens Advisory Committee
June 1, 2021
3:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
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
Additional Persons Present	Organization
Sandra Tooley	City Of Valdosta
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
Ariel Godwin	Moody AFB
Vivian Miller-Cody	City of Valdosta
Whitney Shepherd	Transport Studio



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Milligan called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

Mr. Milligan stated that the roll would be called for those present. Mr. Hull went through the committee member roster to verify whether or not each member was present. Additional persons present introduced themselves and organizations.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Milligan asked the committee members to review the March 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Ross made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Wisenbaker 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

Mr. Hull notified the committee that it was time for the members to elect a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the committee. Ms. Ross made a motion that the current members who held each position in that order move up to the next position/roll off and the committee nominates a Secretary. She continued that if done that way Mr. Skrine would roll off, Mr. Milligan would become the Chair and Ms. Yorke would become Vice Chair. Mr. Branham made a motion in the second to accept the nominating of the positions this way. Ms. Hodges stated that she was concerned about nominating Mary Jane Yorke without her input since she is not at the meeting. Mr. Milligan stated that he is not opposed to becoming chair and that he was not sure that Ms. Yorke would oppose. Ms. Ross stated that she would like to reframe her motion. Ms. Ross made a motion that the committee elects Clayton Milligan as Chair. Phil Hubbard made a motion in the second. Mr. Milligan stated that there were still two unfilled positions. Mr. Branham nominated Ms. Ross for Vice-Chair and Ms. Ross nominated Mr. Branham for Secretary. Ms. Hodges made a motion to elect the members as stated. Mr. Milligan made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

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

Does not apply to the CAC

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. She 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 TAC. Mr. Wisenbaker made a motion to approve and forward the amendment to the TAC. Ms. Ross made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.



Agenda Item #5 – Discussion Only

A. Five Points Project Video

Mr. Milligan stated that he and some other engineers were provided with an example of how drivers will navigate the roundabouts at Five Points. Mr. Hull played the GDOT roundabout animation for the committee. Mr. Barnes stated that there is a similar roundabout located in St. Simons Island. Ms. Hodges asked if the design seen in the video was approved. Mr. Milligan responded that this design is the final design and is what is going to be built.

B. Recommendations for Bike/Ped Education/ Outreach

Mr. Horton notified the committee that the RC is working on a project to develop bicycle and pedestrian training and educational material for the region. He introduced Ms. Shephard, the consultant, the will be administering the project. Ms. Shephard explained that she and her team are on call planners for the MPO and gave an overview of the project to the committee. She asked for any feedback concerning people, communities, or organizations that she should reach out to for further input from the community. Ms. Miller asked if will recommendations be a part of the report. Ms. Shephard responded yes. Mr. Horton stated that he would like to discuss specific areas of the community in more detail with Ms. Miller and they can set up a time to do so later.

D. Vulnerability Assessment Presentation

Does not apply to the CAC.

E. Hahira Area Traffic Study Scope

Does not apply to the CAC.

F. Discuss Changes to Bylaws RE: CAC Appointment

Does not apply to the CAC.

G. Connected/Autonomous Vehicle Assessment

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Updates

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. Hull 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.

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

Mr. Hubbard stated that he did not understand the reasoning or rationale for the truck bypass. He continued that there could be better improvements made such as the Outer Perimeter road concept. Mr. Hull stated that the proposed route on the project report was just an example design from the GDOT Truck Bypass Report and the report has about 3 or four examples within it. Mr. Hubbard stated that it just seems



easier to route the trucks around the city. Mr. Branham asked if Mr. Hull can send out each design. Mr. Hull stated that he can.

Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

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

FY2022 VLMPO

Transportation Advisory Committee Membership

Voting Members:

Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County, Engineer	Chairman
Patrick Collins	City of Valdosta, Engineer	Vice-Chairman
Van Mason	GDOT District 4, Engineer	Member
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT, Transportation Planner	Member

Non-Voting Members:

Jeff Hill	Lowndes County Schools
Ricky Thomas	Valdosta City Schools, Trans. Director
Alan Worley	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate
Andrew Edwards	FHWA – GA Division
Danny Weeks	Lowndes County Emergency Mgmt. Dir.

The TAC is a technical committee of professionals advising the policy committee on technical matters relating to transportation plans and programs. The TAC is made up of city and county engineers, GDOT District engineers, GDOT planners, local school board representatives, bike and pedestrian advocates, and emergency response officials.

The Technical Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 9:00am each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

For more information please contact Corey Hull, MPO Coordinator at 229-333-5277 or at chull@sgrc.us.

7/27/2021

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

(229) 333-5277 | 1937 Carlton Adams Drive, Valdosta, GA 31601
(912) 285-6097 | 1725 S. Ga. Parkway, W., Waycross, GA 31503

<http://www.sgrc.us>



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



SOUTHERN GEORGIA

Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

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.

FY2022 VLMPO Policy Committee Membership

Voting Members:

1.	Paige Dukes	Lowndes County, Manager	Chair
2.	Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta, Mayor	Vice-Chair
3.	Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County, Chairman	Member - Lowndes
4.	Cornelius Holsendolph	City of Remerton, Mayor	Member – Annual Small Cities (6/30/23)
5.	Bruce Cain	City of Hahira, Mayor	Member – Bi-Annual Small Cities (6/30/22)
6.	Mark Barber	City of Valdosta, Manager	Member - Valdosta
7.	Lisa Cribb	SGRC, Executive Director	Member - SGRC
8.	Jannine Miller*	GDOT, Director of Planning	Member - GDOT
9.	Jimmy Parker	Berrien County, Chairman	Member – Bi-Ann. Small County (6/30/22)
10.	Patrick Folsom	Brooks County, Chairman	Member – Annual Small Counties (6/30/23)

Non-Voting Members:

Moises Marrero	FHWA – GA Division, Administrator
Yvette Taylor	FTA Region IV, Administrator

All members are permitted to send a temporary or permanent proxy representative
*Radney Simpson is representative

The Policy Committee is the regional forum for cooperative decision-making by principal local elected officials, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and other planning partners.

The Policy Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30am each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

For more information please contact Corey Hull, MPO Coordinator at 229-333-5277 or at chull@sgrc.us.

Updated 8/17/2021

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program

**(229) 333-5277 | 1937 Carlton Adams Drive, Valdosta, GA 31601
(912) 285-6097 | 1725 S. Ga. Parkway, W., Waycross, GA 31503**

<http://www.sgrc.us>



Minutes
Policy Committee
June 2, 2021
10:30 AM

Members Present	Organization
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Tom Caiafa	GDOT
Alex Lee	Lanier County
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
Bruce Cain	City of Hahira
Paige Dukes	Lowndes County
Others Present	
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT
Sandra Tooley	City of Valdosta
Vivian Cody-Miller	City of Valdosta
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
Ariel Godwin	Moody AFB



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Barber called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

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

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Barber asked the committee members to review the March 3, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Dukes 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 PC

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

The committee nominated Paige Dukes for Chair and Scott Matheson for Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the nominations. Ms. Cribb made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

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 and that both the CAC and TAC approved the amendment without discussion. Ms. Dukes made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Slaughter 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 PC

B. Recommendations for Bike/Ped Education/ Outreach

Does not apply to the PC

C. GDOT Project Updates

Does not apply to PC.



D. Vulnerability Assessment Presentation

Does not apply to PC.

E. Hahira Area Traffic Study Scope

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the City of Hahira is 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. Mr. Slaughter and Ms. Dukes both stated that these are valid concerns and will be considered because something needs to be done about it. Mr. Barber asked are there any issues at the middle school with traffic. Mr. Cain responded that the issues with the middle school are on Nelson Street.

F. Discuss Changes to Bylaws RE: CAC Appointment

Mr. Barber stated that the committee would introduce the possibility of a CAC appointment on the Policy Committee through discussion today and move forward, if need be, at the next meeting. Mr. Hull stated that previously the CAC chair did have an appointment on the PC. The CAC chair was a non-voting member up until 2016, the appointment ended due to the chair being absent from meetings. Mr. Slaughter stated that he was on the committee in 2016 and does not see a need for it as the meetings are public and can be attended by anyone. Mr. Branham stated that he brought this up because we need someone here who can help to inform the issues of the disenfranchised community. Mr. Barber stated that the meetings are always open for anyone to attend and discuss any issues within the community. Mr. Slaughter stated that minutes from the PC are always available.

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. Ms. Dukes asked if there are other communities that have done this and where is the funding coming from. Mr. Hull stated that special grant funding to pay for initiatives like this have not been identified. Mr. Branham stated that he sat on a Smart Cities panel and it would be beneficial for them to contact Peachtree Corners. He continued that there is also an Advanced Technology Seed Fund for funding technology.

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 and that the City of Valdosta will be releasing its Travel Safely App.



Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 10:30 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Slaughter motion to adjourn. Ms. Dukes seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned.

Bylaws of the Policy Committee of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the Policy Committee of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Greater Lowndes Urban Transportation Study.

Article II. Responsibilities

1. The Policy Committee is the forum for state and local governments, and transportation agencies that oversee or develop major transportation modes within the Metropolitan Planning Area, and appropriate State officials. The Policy Committee has the following responsibilities:
 - a. To review and approve all transportation study plans and programs resulting from the Greater Lowndes Urban Transportation Study.
 - b. To ensure that a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation process is maintained through a current Urban Transportation Study that is responsive to applicable laws, rules, and regulations and that its components include a Long Range Transportation Plan, a Unified Planning Work Program, and a Transportation Improvement Program, and other plans and reports that are responsive to the transportation needs of local governments and developed through an appropriate public involvement program.
 - c. To set priorities on the implementation of transportation projects based on the results of the Greater Lowndes Urban Transportation Study and the recommendations of the Technical Coordinating Committee.
 - d. To serve as a liaison between local municipal governments and other resource agencies in the coordination of the transportation plans, mitigation of impacts to natural resources and other planning activities carried out by the MPO.
 - e. To appoint members to the Technical Advisory Committee and Citizen's Advisory Committee.
 - f. To establish other transportation study committees as needed.
 - g. To establish a Public Involvement Program as developed through a Public Participation Plan.
2. The Policy Committee has the responsibilities through the Greater Lowndes Urban Transportation Study MOU to support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area; increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users; increase the ability of the transportation system to provide security for motorized and non-motorized users; increase the integration, accessibility and mobility options for people and freight; protect and enhance the environment, energy resources, and quality of life; promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local land use and growth patterns; promote efficient management and operation of the transportation system emphasizing preservation of the existing system, to

improve transportation system resiliency and reliability, to reduce (or mitigate) the stormwater impacts of surface transportation, and enhance travel and tourism.

Article III. Organization and Membership

1. The membership of the Policy Committee is as follows:

a. Voting Members

- i. Chairman, Lowndes County Board of Commissioners
- ii. Mayor, City of Valdosta
- iii. Bi-Annually Rotating Small Cities' Mayor (this position rotates on a Fiscal Year, July 1-June 30)
 1. City of Hahira (FY2017-18, FY2021-22, and so on)
 2. City of Lake Park (FY2019-20, FY2023-24, and so on)
- iv. Annually Rotating Small Cities' Mayor
 1. City of Dasher (FY2021, FY2024, and so on)
 2. City of Remerton (FY2019, FY2022, and so on)
 3. City of Ray City (FY2020, FY2023, and so on)
- v. Bi-Annually Rotating Small Counties Chairman (this position rotates on a Fiscal Year, July 1-June 30)
 1. Brooks County (FY2017-18, FY2023-24, and so on)
 2. Lanier County (FY2019-20, FY2025-26, and so on)
 3. Berrien County (FY2021-22, FY2027-28, and so on)
- vi. Annually Rotating Small Counties Chairman (this position rotates on a Fiscal Year, July 1-June 30)
 1. Berrien County (FY17, FY20, FY23, FY26, FY29, and so on)
 2. Lanier County (FY18, FY21, FY24, FY27, FY30, and so on)
 3. Brooks County (FY19, FY22, FY25, FY28, FY31, and so on)
- vii. Lowndes County Manager
- viii. City of Valdosta Manager
- ix. Southern Georgia Regional Commission Executive Director
- x. Georgia Department of Transportation Planning Director

b. Non-Voting members

- i. Georgia Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration (or representative)
- ii. Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration (or representative)

c. Proxy Representatives

- i. Each voting member may designate a proxy representative from their agency or local government.
 1. An official letter designating a permanent proxy shall be presented annually and kept on file with the Southern Georgia Regional Commission.
 2. County Chairs and Mayors may designate a staff member or another elected official to serve as proxy from their own Board of County Commissioners or City Councils. Local government staff designated

as proxy are not eligible to serve as the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee.

3. Staff members of local governments may designate another staff member from their own local government or agency.
4. Staff members who are also members of any standing VLMPO Committee may not serve as a proxy to any Policy Committee member.

Article IV. Election of Officers of the Policy Committee

1. The Policy Committee shall elect from among its voting members a Chairman and a Vice Chairman.
2. Elections shall take place on the last meeting of the fiscal year (July 1 -June 30) providing there is a majority of the voting members present. The term of office shall be for two years or until such time as new officers are elected.
3. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman shall be by a majority of the voting membership at a meeting where a quorum is present.
4. Should the Chairmanship become vacant in mid-term, the Vice Chairman shall become the Chairman; and a new Vice Chairman shall be elected. Should the Vice Chairman be unable to serve as Chairman, elections shall be held for both Chairman and Vice Chairman.
5. A Chairman and Vice Chairman may succeed himself/herself with no limitations to the number of terms.

Article V. Duties of the Chairman and Vice Chairman

1. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Policy Committee.
2. The Chairman shall authenticate, by his/her signature, the minutes and resolutions adopted by the Policy Committee.
3. The Chairman shall represent the Policy Committee at hearings, conferences, and other events as necessary.
4. The Chairman will appoint a nominating committee bi-annually to select a slate of officers to be presented at the last meeting of the fiscal year.
5. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall perform the duties of the Chairman.

Article VII. Meetings and Voting

1. The Policy Committee shall meet quarterly or as necessary to carry out responsibilities of the transportation planning process and maintain certification of the transportation planning process.
2. The presence in person of a simple majority of the Policy Committee voting membership at Policy Committee meetings shall constitute a quorum for official business transaction.
 - a. Participation in a meeting via telephone conference call, or two-way video communication device or other similar method which allows each member of the Policy Committee participating in the meeting to hear and speak to each other member participating in the meeting shall be permitted and considered as being present in person.

Article VIII. Rules of Order

1. The Policy Committee shall conduct business as prescribed in the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised unless prescribed otherwise by amendment to these Bylaws.

Article IX. Amendments to Bylaws

1. These by-laws may be amended by an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the full voting membership of the Policy Committee except as noted below:
 - a. Other appointments may be added or removed as voting or non-voting members as agreed upon by a two-thirds majority vote of the full voting membership of the Policy Committee.
2. A proposed bylaw change shall be presented for consideration at a regular Policy Committee meeting; however, voting shall be deferred until the regular meeting following the meeting at which the bylaw change was proposed.

Date of Amended Bylaw adoption: January 11, 2011; June 5, 2013; December 7, 2016; September 5, 2018; September 1, 2021

SIGNED:

Paige Dukes; Chairwoman, Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization

Counties	Project ID	Short Description	Project Manager Name	Concept Text	Funding Code	Proposed Program Year	June 2021 Status	Next Milestone
Lanier, Lowndes	0014485	SR 31 FROM SR 7/LOWNDES TO SR 135/LANIER	Blocker, Brent	PASSING LANES	ROW/CST HB170	ROW 2022 CST: 2023	Preliminary Design and Environmental activities on-going, Anticipate holding PFPR inspection July/August of 2021	Request PFPR
Lowndes	0015445	SR 7 BU FROM CS 188/NORTH OAK STREET TO SR 7 ALT	Dechko, Jonathan	ROUNDAABOUT	ROW/CST 2001	ROW-2021, CST - 2023	ROW Authorization received 5/20/21. Shifting Let to FY2023 to give ROW 15 months. Anticipate Final Design TO NTP in July 2021	PM Submit FFPR, anticipated 01/2022
Lowndes	0016898	SOUTH VALDOSTA TRUCK BYPASS	Cox, Jonathan	BYPASS	HB170	SCP Authorized	Scoping Phase	Concept development
Lowndes	0010297	I-75 @ SR 31 - PHASE II - TIA	Dempsey, Cherral Marie	INTERCH RECONST	ROW -Z001 CST - 2001/ TIA	ROW Authorized, CST 2021	Final Plans submitted to Construction Bidding Administration on 5/7/21. Project on schedule for Summer 2021 Let.	Let to Construction
Lowndes	0013987	LAKE PARK BELLVILLE ROAD FROM SR 7 TO I-75	Dempsey, Cherral Marie	Widening	ROW - HB170 CST - 41633	ROW - Authorized; CST 2021	Final Plans submitted to Construction Bidding Administration on 5/7/21. Remaining ROW acquisition is underway. Project on schedule for Summer 2021 Let.	Let to Construction
Lowndes	0015614	CR 136/OLD QUITMAN ROAD @ CSX #637487Y 6 MI W OF VALDOSTA	Gill, Victor	BR REPL	ROW - 40301/Z233 CST - Z233	ROW 2019/2021; CST - 2023	PFPR held 5/12/21. ROW 1625 submitted 6/4/21. CSX coordination ongoing.	FFPR
Lowndes	0014134	CS 1517/JERRY JONES DR/EAGER RD FROM BAYTREE RD TO OAK ST	Edwards, Cassius Octavius	ADD (MED 14)	ROW - LOC /02EEE CST - HB170	ROW 2019/2020; CST: 2022	FFPR scheduled for July 2021. On schedule for FY2022 Let.	FFPR
Berrien, Lanier, Lowndes	0016109	SR 122 @ SR 125	Lee, Patrice	ROUNDAABOUT	ROW - ZS30F CST - ZS30F	ROW - 2022, CST: 2023	Preliminary design on hold due to master contract expiring on 6/30/21. Remaining preliminary design activities will receive NTP anticipated 9/2021. PM request PFPR anticipated 3/2022. ENV resource ID complete 6/18/21. A3M for Ecology will be held 6/28/21.	PM request PFPR
Lowndes	0010295	I-75 @ SR 376 - Phase II	Will Sheehan	INTERCH RECONST	ROW/CST - Z232	ROW, UTL, CST: Outside of STIP	PTIP Underway	PTIP Presentation, date is TBD but likely in late 2021/early 2022 since SCP funds are FY2024
Lowndes	0010296	I-75 @ CR 783/LOCH LAUREL ROAD - Phase II	Will Sheehan	INTERCH RECONST	ROW/CST - Z232	ROW, UTL, CST: Outside of STIP	PTIP Underway	PTIP Presentation, date is TBD but likely in late 2021/early 2022 since SCP funds are FY2024
Lowndes	0010298	I-75 @ SR 133 - PHASE II	Johnson, Robert Lester	INTERCH RECONST	ROW - Z001 CST - Z001	ROW / CST: Outside of STIP	Concept Report under development for March 2022 submittal, Initial Concept team meeting held 3/31/2021	Concept Report submittal/Approval

LEGEND & Definitions

CE-Categorical Exclusion (environmental document)
TO-task order (contract)
NTP-Notice to Proceed
BL-Baseline
FFPR-Final Field Plan Review
PFPR-Preliminary Field Plan Review
PCRf-Project Change Request Form (revised schedule request)
USFWS - United States Fish & Wildlife Services
FHWA - Federal Highway Administration
LAP - Local Administered Project
A3M - Avoidance and Minimization, Measure Meeting
LET - Bid Opening
PIOH-Public Information Open House
ROW - Right of Way
CST - Construction

Funding Codes

Z001 - National Highway
TIA - Transportation Investment Act
HB170 - State Funded
Z233 - STBG Program Off-System Bridge
LOC - Local Funded
ZS30F - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
41633 - State Bonds
02EEE - LMIG (Local Maintenance Improvement Grant)
Z232 - STBG Program - Areas with

Hahira Area Traffic and Land Use Study Scope

The City of Hahira is facing transportation challenges in two primary areas, the area around North Lowndes Park and the area around the Hahira Elementary School.

- North Lowndes Park is undergoing a multi-phase expansion that includes 8 soccer fields and 8 softball fields in addition to other existing park amenities. This expansion has the opportunity to bring as many as 10,000 visitors per weekend to the park for travel league soccer and softball tournaments. This additional traffic will cause a strain on existing access roads as surrounding land is expected to develop to meet the needs of the audience attending events at the park. The surrounding land uses are anticipated to develop into restaurants, hotels, retail businesses, multi-family housing.

The City of Hahira seeks innovative solutions to provide additional transportation access to North Lowndes Park as well as an evaluation of existing land uses and recommendations for land use optimization for the area immediately south of North Lowndes Park and around I-75 Exit 29.

- General Study Area Boundaries:
 - West: Webb Road
 - North: Smith Road
 - South: Morven Road
 - East: Union Road and along SR 122/Main Street to Newsom Street
- Anticipated Stakeholders:
 - Local landowners/developers
 - City of Valdosta Planning and Zoning Department
 - Lowndes County Board of Commissioners (Engineering/Planning)
 - Valdosta-Lowndes County Parks and Recreation Authority
 - Valdosta-Lowndes Development Authority
 - Georgia Department of Transportation
- The Hahira Elementary School is located on the eastside of the City of Hahira at the end of Claudia Drive, a residential street. Due to continued growth in this immediate area more residential lots have recently been approved with more anticipated as Coleman Road NW (immediately outside the City is planned to be paved within the next 4-7 years). As the area population has grown, so to has the number of parents' dropping of their children at the Elementary School causing challenges with blocking streets in the surrounding neighborhoods.

The City of Hahira seeks innovative solutions to provide relief to congestion and safety issues caused by parent drop-offs by evaluating additional transportation access to the eastside of Hahira Elementary School as well as an evaluation of existing land uses and recommendations for land use optimization for the area immediately surrounding the Elementary School as additional residential development pressures are anticipated.

- General Study Area Boundaries:
 - West: Hagan Bridge Road
 - North: Coppage Road

- South: Coleman Road NW
- East: generally Drew Circle
- Anticipated Stakeholders:
 - Local landowners/developers
 - Hahira Elementary School
 - Lowndes County Board of Education
 - City of Valdosta Planning and Zoning Department
 - Lowndes County Board of Commissioners (Engineering/Planning)
 - Georgia Department of Transportation