



Minutes
Policy Committee
June 1, 2022
10:30 AM

Members Present	Organization
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta
Radney Simpson	GDOT
Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
Johnathan Sumner	City of Hahira
Paige Dukes	Lowndes County
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Tom Caiafa (Proxy)	GDOT
Additional Persons Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Megan Parker	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
Sandra Tooley	City of Valdosta
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Jason Willingham	GDOT
Jalen Ford	GDOT



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Ms. Dukes called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

Ms. Dukes asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Dukes asked the committee members to review the March 2, 2022, meeting minutes. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Matheson made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

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

A. FY2021-2024 TIP Amendment – Resolution FY22-6

Action: Recommend / Adopt

Ms. Martin explained that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act created a new funding program, the Carbon Reduction Program, that allocates additional funding to MPO's to reduce carbon emissions. Ms. Martin explained that the TIP was amended to include this additional funding source. Ms. Martin reviewed the documents with the committee and notified them that a motion and a vote would be needed to approve the TIP resolution. She continued that the CAC and TAC approved the resolution without any discussion. Mr. Matheson made a motion to adopt the TIP amendment. Mr. Slaughter seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

B. VLMPO Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy – Resolution FY22-7

Action: Recommend / Adopt

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the Electric Vehicle Strategy went through a 30-day public comment period. He continued that during that comment period he did receive three comments, to which he responded and the strategy was updated to address the comments. Mr. Hull notified the committee that a motion and vote would be needed to recommend and pass the resolution up to the PC. Mr. Matheson made a motion to adopt the EV Strategy. Mr. Slaughter made a motion in the second, the vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

C. Low Impact Development Strategy – Resolution FY22-8

Action: Recommend / Adopt

Ms. Parker explained to the committee that the Low Impact Development Policy models closely to the Complete Streets Policy that was passed a few years ago. Ms. Parker explained that the main goals of the policy are to address Federal priorities and plan for storm water improvements. Ms. Parker explained that this is a good opportunity to address water quality and water quantity. This



policy will help guide future projects that have the possibility to impact storm water quality. She continued that a motion and a vote would be needed to recommend the policy to the PC for approval. She notified the committee that the CAC had approved and recommended the strategy without discussion. Mr. Caiafa asked if the permeable pavement section of the policy was geared towards parking lots and local streets and whether or not GDOT is being held to the strategy. Corey responded that it is more appropriate for parking lots not state routes or local roads. Mr. Caiafa thanked Corey for clarifying. Mr. Matheson made a motion to adopt the policy. Mr. Slaughter made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

D. Val Del Corridor Study Scope Follow Up

Ms. Martin explained to the committee that Lowndes County was looking to have a transportation and land use study completed for Val Del Road due to the exponential growth that is occurring along the corridor. She continued that the scope that is before them is still in draft form and would appreciate feedback from the committee. She also pointed out to the committee that the AADT within the scope may not be accurate although the data was pulled from the GDOT TADA website. She notified the committee that Mr. Milligan, a member of the CAC, stated that his engineering firm had just completed an intersection study for Val Del Road and North Valdosta Road that included traffic counts and that he would share it with the MPO. Ms. Martin asked the committee to send any further comments to her soon as Lowndes County would like to submit an application for planning funds in September pending the MPO committees' approval. Ms. Dukes responded that the previous draft scope was reviewed by multiple departments within the county and that she would follow up for any additional comments.

E. (TAC) June MPO Project Updates

Corey gave a brief update of the current projects to the Policy Committee.

F. Presentation: Implementing EV Charging Infrastructure

Mr. Rivers, a representative of Indigo Energy, presented various implementation strategies for EV charging infrastructure. Mr. Rivers also provided information about various EV chargers that can be installed in local communities as well as a case study where EV charging stations were used for economic development.

Agenda Item #5 – Staff Updates

Action: Discussion Only

A. Hahira Area Transportation / Land Use Study

Mr. Hull stated that the study kicked off about a month ago and that Transport Studio is the consulting agency that was awarded the contract. Mr. Hull notified the committee that the scope changed some due to ongoing projects in the City of Hahira.

B. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan Grant Application



Mr. Hull notified the committee that he recently attended a webinar for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) that covered an Action Plan Grant. The grant can cover various projects to address safer access for pedestrians and cyclists; however, in order to apply for grant funds a county must already have a Safety Action Plan in place. He continued, if they do not have one that the federal government will pay for 80% of the cost for local communities to write the plan.

C. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

Mr. Hull explains that the SGRC will have a final scope of work ready to present in September, in order to apply for PL funds to allow consultant support to complete the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

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

No additional comments.

Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 10:30 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.