



Minutes
Policy Committee
December 1, 2021
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
Others Present	
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT
Tom Caiafa	GDOT
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Sandra Tooley	City of Valdosta
Whitney Shephard	Transport Studio
Vivian Miller-Cody	City of Valdosta
Corey Hull	SGRC
Elizabeth Backe	SGRC
James Horton	SGRC
Loretta Hylton	SGRC



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Ms. Dukes called the meeting to order at 10:31 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 September 1 and October 14, 2021, 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. FY2022 Budget Amendment Resolution FY2022-4

Mr. Hull explained that there are two items that are being amended in the budget. The MPO, in September applied for a \$160,000 in PL funds to complete a Hahira Traffic Study and that Hahira was funding \$40,000 for a total of \$200,000. He continued that the traffic study will look at two things; the access to the North Lowndes Recreation Park and the access to the Hahira Elementary School. The second amendment is that GDOT awarded us additional funds, so we have to make the budget match the contract so the budget was amended to reflect the budget. Mr. Hull stated that both the CAC and the TAC recommended the amendments for approval to the PC. Mr. Matheson made a motion to recommend the amendment to the PC. Mr. Slaughter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

B. GDOT MPO Project Updates

Mr. Hull gave a brief review of the GDOT project updates. He continued that both Mr. Collins and Mr. Fletcher had questions about some of the projects. He also stated that Mr. Fletcher will be following up with Mr. Johnson about the Old Quitman Road Bridge project so he will probably give you all an update later.

C. PC Bylaws Revision

Mr. Hull stated that the bylaws revision that is requested by GDOT is to change the title of the person that is representing GDOT from the Planning Commissioner to the Planning Director. Typically, this person has other staff, Mr. Simpson or Ms. Sathi to attend the meeting. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the revised PC Bylaws. Mr. Matheson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #5 – Discussion Only

A. Land Use and Transportation Linkages

Mr. Hull introduced Whitney Shephard. Ms. Shephard gave a presentation to the committee to better help them understand how land use informs transportation planning and vice-versa. Ms. Shephard explained how population and job growth increases property value, which increases the tax base (revenue), which in



turn provides the funding for increased public services to support the population and job growth. Ms. Shephard continued and went over the planning timeline of the documents and plans that inform the data that is input into the transportation planning process. This process informs character areas and zoning, which also determines growth and infrastructure patterns. Mr. Branham asked how does all of this fit into renewable technologies and mobility? Mr. Hull responded that it is connected and we need to think about it at a high level, but what we are trying to focus on today, that topic is secondary. Ms. Tooley stated that most of the area is concentrated on North Valdosta but I would like to look at some of the maps and presentation. Ms. Shephard stated that if she would like to look at the zoomed in maps that she can do that. Ms. Dukes stated that she was very interested in this presentation and she is excited to go back and share this information and if the presentation could be shared with the committee that would be great. Ms. Shephard responded that she will send it out. Mr. Hull stated that the Socioeconomic Data Study is available on the SGRC website if anyone would like to go and look at it.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

A. FY2023 UPWP

Mr. Hull stated that the draft UPWP was sent out and staff is looking for any comments and recommendations of projects that they would like to see completed.

B. CY2022 Performance Measures

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the performance targets will be adopted into the Vision2045 MTP as well as the FY21-24 TIP.

C. Hahira Traffic Study Update

Mr. Hull stated that the RFP would be released by the end of next week.

D. Federal Legislative Update – Infrastructure Bill

Mr. Hull notified the committee that they will be receiving an email update from him that contains a 15 page summary of the impacts of the infrastructure bill. He stated in general, over 5 years, that the funds for planning will increase by about 50%. He stated there are some policy changes for the coordination of transportation planning. The total amount that the MPO will receive will be determined as that information is released. There will be 9 million dollars, over five years, coming to Valdosta for Transit.

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

Mr. Hull notified the committee that an Electric Vehicle Implementation Strategy will be held tomorrow, December 1st at 1:30 pm, not at 3:30pm the agenda is wrong. Mr. Branham stated that the Clean Energy Coalition is worth looking into.

Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 2, 2021 at 10:30 am at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.