



**Minutes**  
**Policy Committee**  
**September 7, 2022**  
**10:30 AM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta
Jason Willingham (Proxy, Virtual)	GDOT
Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta
Paige Dukes	Lowndes County
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Tom Caiafa (Proxy, Virtual)	GDOT
Robert Griner (Via Phone)	Berrien County
<b>Additional Persons Present</b>	
Amy Martin	SGRC
Sandra Tooley	City of Valdosta
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Elizabeth Backe	SGRC
Kim Hobbs	SGRC
Vivian Miller-Cody	City of Valdosta
Ricky Stokes	Valdosta Toyota



**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 went through the committee member roster to verify whether or not each member was present.

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

Ms. Dukes asked the committee members to review the June 1, 2022, meeting minutes. Ms. Hobbs noted that the date for the minutes needed to be corrected to the date of the last PC meeting. Mr. Matheson made a motion to approve the minutes with the date correction. Mr. Barber made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

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

**A. PL Funds Application / Val Del Corridor – Resolution FY23-1**

**Action: Recommend / Approve**

Ms. Martin explained to the committee that the Lowndes County PL funds application is for a transportation and land use study for Val Del Road. She continued that the study scope has been before the committees three or four times for review and is now ready to be submitted per approval from the committees. Ms. Martin notified the committee that the CAC approved the application with no additional questions; however, Mr. Fletcher from the TAC, notified the committee that Lowndes County would like to rescind the application as they have decided to move forward with the study at their expense to ensure that it is completed prior to the potential second round of the Southern Georgia Regional Transportation Investment Act. The TAC took a vote and rescinded the application now a motion and vote are needed from the PC. Mr. Matheson made a motion to rescind the PL funds application. Mr. Barber made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

**B. PL Funds Application / 2050 MTP – Resolution FY23-2**

**Action: Recommend / Approve**

Ms. Martin notified the committee that the VLMPO 2050 MTP PL funds application was completed and ready to be presented before the GAMPO board. She stated that the scope of work for the application has gone before the committee 3 or 4 times for review and is now ready to be submitted per approval from the committee. Mr. Barber made to approve and submit the application. Mr. Matheson made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

**C. FY2024 5303 Grant Funding Application – Resolution FY23-3**

**Action: Recommend / Adopt**

Ms. Martin presented the committee with the FTA 5303 Transit Grant application. She notified them that the application is usually presented to them by the Rural Transit Manager, Megan Fowler, however; due to reorganization, the FTA 5303 grant application would be presented by



her annually going forward. She explained that the FTA 5303 grant funds would be to help with planning projects for the rural and urban transit systems in the VLMPO area. Mr. Barber made a motion to approve and recommend the application to the PC for submittal. Mr. Matheson made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

**D. (TAC) September MPO Project Updates - GDOT**

N/A

**Agenda Item #5 – Staff Updates**

**Action: Discussion Only**

**A. Planning & Transportation / SGRC Staff Updates**

Ms. Backe notified the committee that the organizational structure has changed due to Corey Hull's departure, she continued that the Transportation Department has now merged with the Planning Department and that she is now the Planning and Transportation Director. She also notified the committee that Kimberly Hobbs is now the Deputy Director of Local Government Services.

**B. Hahira Area Transportation / Land Use Study**

Ms. Backe notified the committee that the Hahira Transportation and Land Use Study was going well and there would be upcoming days of public participation to gain further input from the community about issues and recommended solutions.

**C. Regional Plan / TIA**

Ms. Backe notified the committee that the Regional Plan was going to kick-off later that month and the first meeting would be held at the SGRC Waycross office and the second meeting would be in December at the SGRC Valdosta office. Ms. Backe updated the committee on the status of TIA and the most recent TIA Citizens Review Panel meeting.

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

Mr. Branham stated that he was working toward putting together a public-private partnership around electric vehicle implementation. Mr. Branham introduced Ricky Stokes, the General Manager of Valdosta Toyota, to the Policy Committee. Mr. Stokes spoke on electric vehicle implementation and how the community can prepare for this shift through electric vehicle infrastructure.

**Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.

**Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.