



Minutes
Technical Advisory Committee
March 2, 2022
9:00 AM

Members Present	Organization
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT
Pat Collins	City of Valdosta
Scott Chambers	GDOT
Others Present	Organization
Amy Martin	SGRC
Matt Martin	City of Valdosta
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Corey Hull	SGRC
Jason Willingham	GDOT
Cameron Chavarria	SGRC
Megan Parker	SGRC
Vivian Miller-Cody	City of Valdosta
Kelly Farchee	GDOT



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

Mr. Fletcher asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fletcher asked the committee members to review the December 1, 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 - Committee Recommendation/ Approval Required

A. FY2023 UPWP and Budget – Resolution FY2022-5

Action: Recommend / Adopt

Mrs. Martin explained the FY2023 UPWP and Budget – Resolution FY2022-5. Mrs. Martin explained that the document describes transportation planning activities to be accomplished are within FY2023. Mrs. Martin also explains that the document identifies VLMPO staff responsibilities by work tasks and anticipated funding. Mrs. Martin discussed that there were two significant changes for FY23. The first change for FY23 is the updating of the planning incidence area. The second change to FY23 is an additional line item added to the budget. The line item is labeled 3.3 Increase Safe/Accessible Transportation Options. Mrs. Martin asked if there were any questions. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to recommend the amendment to the PC. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

B. Draft Val Del Corridor Study Scope

Action: Discussion Only

Mrs. Martin that there is a need for a scope of work study to be done on Val Del road due to the growth in the area. Mrs. Martin explains that Lowndes County would like to have a transportation and land use corridor study performed. The study will help inform the MPO as well as Lowndes County on how to move forward with the rate of growth, as well as offering recommendations and solutions. Mrs. Martin asked the committee to review the document and submit any comments to her. Mr. Fletcher comments that Lowndes County is conducting a study at the intersection of N. Valdosta Rd. Mr. Fletcher explained that the study showed the need for dual 500ft left turns and a right lane, with one of those lanes (middle or right) beings a shared straight lane.

C. Low Impact Development Policy

Action: Discussion Only

Ms. Parker explains that the Low Impact Development Policy models closely to the Complete Streets Policy that was passed a few years ago. Ms. Parker explains the main goals of the policy which are to address Federal priorities and plan for storm water improvements. Ms. Parker explains 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.



D. (TAC) GDOT Project Updates

Action: Discussion only

Mr. Carter explains each project, giving current updates and what the next milestone for each project will be. No further discussion was had.

E. Transportation and Land Use Follow-up

Mr. Hull explains that the SGRC gave a presentation on this topic at the December meeting and that through the process he has found a few concepts that would be good to incorporate in the 2050 socioeconomic impact study. The concepts that were discussed are refining growth areas, exploring scenarios and what are different types of scenarios that may play out by 2050. Mr. Hull explains that the 2050 Transportation plan will be due in September 2025 and that it takes two years to develop that plan.

Agenda Item #5 – Staff Updates

Action: Discussion Only

A. Hahira Area Traffic Study

Mr. Hull stated that the SGRC recently received the contracts from GDOT and he is working on a draft with Transport Studio. Mr. Hull explains that Transport Studio was the consultant firm that was selected to complete the work for the City of Hahira. Project should begin in the next 30 days.

B. EV Strategy and Legislation

Mr. Hull stated that SGRC has been working on EV strategy and what the local communities can do to be ready when funding becomes available.

C. 2050 Socioeconomic Data Study

Mr. Hull explains that the SGRC will have a scope of work ready to present September

D. Valdosta On-Demand Public Participation Plan

Mr. Hull explains how Mr. Chavarria is working on getting that completed. Mr. Hull explains that this is a document that will guide the Valdosta On-Demand transit system and help the City of Valdosta on how they will include public input.

E. GDOT and Valdosta On-Demand Coordinated Human Services Plan

Mr. Hull notified the committee that GDOT has asked the SGRC to hold off on this plan because GDOT is conducting a statewide plan that will be finished by August 2022. GDOT will provide a significant amount of work towards the Coordinated Human Services Plan with their statewide plan.

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

Mr. Hull wanted to welcome Scott Chambers as the new District Engineer in Tifton. Mr. Hull also wanted to recognize Pat Collins as he is retiring and thank him for his service. Mr. Fletcher asked when they could look at functional classification of local ordinances? Mr. Hull explains that is happens once every 10 years and the last one was completed in 2015.



Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

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