



Minutes
Technical Advisory Committee
December 1, 2021
9:00 AM

Members Present	Organization
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Robert Johnson	GDOT
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT
Pat Collins	City of Valdosta
Others Present	Organization
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT
Matt Martin	City of Valdosta
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Corey Hull	SGRC
Jason Willingham	GDOT
Cameron Chavarria	SGRC
Sandra Tooley	City of Valdosta
Vivian Miller-Cody	City of Valdosta



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 September 1, 2021, meeting minutes.

Mr. Fletcher made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Kaniz 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. 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 we are looking for a recommendation of this amendment to the PC. Mr. Collins asked if the total was \$225,000 for this study, and has a solicitation went out. Mr. Hull stated that the solicitation will go out next week and the funds in the special studies row on the summary report was the amount that was awarded. Mr. Collins made a motion to recommend the amendment to the PC. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

B. GDOT MPO Project Updates

Mr. Johnson updated Mr. Fletcher on why the locals are not invited to the FPR. He stated that locals are not invited unless the project is sponsored by the locals or if they have funding invested in it. The locals are invited to the concept and field team meetings. Mr. Fletcher stated that he would give Mr. Johnson a call about a few concerns that he has. Mr. Johnson reviewed the project list, he stated that these are all GDOT projects that are being managed by the office of program and delivery and that it is not a list of all projects that are happening in the MPO area. Mr. Johnson went down the list. Mr. Collins asked about the let date for the roundabouts project at 5 points, he stated that he thought the let date was in 2022 not 2023. Mr. Johnson replied that from the information that he has received it seems like it will not be let until 2023, but I will follow up on that. Mr. Willingham stated that the funds are for fiscal year 2023 funding but the construction let date may be in late 2022. Ms. Cody asked if the study is completed. Mr. Hull clarified that Ms. Cody was asking if the study was going to identify a route as well as if the study was completed, which is not and is currently ongoing. Mr. Johnson stated that is correct. Mr. Fletcher stated that the Old Quitman Road Bridge replacement was supposed to be let in September or October 2022. Mr. Johnson stated that the let date will be shifted with the PCRFR – Project Change Request, so more than likely that is going to shift out but it is not listed as to when it will be let. Mr. Fletcher asked if the project



manager was Victor Gill. Mr. Johnson responded yes. Mr. Fletcher stated that he would follow up with him because the public will not be happy about it being pushed back. Mr. Willingham stated that ROW was approved recently and they are out trying to purchase ROW so that could be where the attention is coming from. Mr. Johnson stated that he will follow up. Mr. Mason asked if the projects that are outside of the STIP, will some of the projects be pulled in with the funding from the infrastructure bill. Mr. Johnson stated that is a possibility. Mr. Willingham stated that clarifying the PTIP process, the PTIP process is for GDOT staff to determine roles. The concept meetings are the major meetings where the decision making takes place.

C. PC Bylaws Revision

Does Not Apply to the TAC.

Agenda Item #5 – Discussion Only

A. Land Use and Transportation Linkages

Mr. Hull stated that this discussion will be around the 2045 Socioeconomic Data Study and will be held at 10:30 am and you all are welcome to join that presentation.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

A. FY2023 UPWP

Mr. Hull stated that Ms. Martin sent out the draft UPWP and MPO 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 coming to Valdosta for Transit. Mr. Fletcher asked when do you think they will start rolling out these grant funding programs. Mr. Hull stated that they were signed into law but there will need to be federal rule-making process. Ms. Cody asked for clarification if when they would be available. Mr. Hull stated that many are not available now but as they roll out he will send out notifications.



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. Collins thanked Mr. Mason for all that he has done for this district and stated that it was a pleasure working with him.

Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 2, 2021 at 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

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