



Minutes
Technical Advisory Committee
September 7, 2022
9:00 AM

Members Present	Organization
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Benjamin O’Dowd	City of Valdosta
Scott Chambers	GDOT
Jalen Ford	GDOT
Others Present	Organization
Robert Johnson	GDOT
Ricky Thomas	City of Valdosta
Sandra Tooley	City of Valdosta
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Jason Willingham	GDOT
Amy Martin	SGRC
Kim Hobbs	SGRC
Elizabeth Backe	SGRC



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

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fletcher 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 TAC meeting. Mr. O’Dowd made a motion to approve the minutes with the date correction. 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. 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. Mr. Fletcher 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 Region Transportation Investment Act. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to rescind the PL funds application. Mr. O’Dowd 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. O’Dowd made a motion to approve and recommend the application to the PC. 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. O’Dowd made



a motion to approve and recommend the application to the PC for submittal. Mr. Fletcher made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

D. (TAC) September MPO Project Updates - GDOT

Mr. Johnson reviewed the current status of projects in the VLMPO area with the TAC members.

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 so 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

No additional comments

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

Mr. O'Dowd made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.