

**Minutes  
TCC Meeting  
September 14, 2010  
10:30 a.m.**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County Engineer
Kevin Tolliver	City of Valdosta Engineer
Tim Kassa	GDOT
Marco Trigueros	GDOT
Brent Thomas	GDOT
<b>Others Present</b>	
Whitney Biggers	SGRC
Corey Hull	SGRC VLMPO
Shane Pridgen	GDOT
Joe Sheffield	GDOT

**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Mike Fletcher called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

**Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call**

Mike Fletcher welcomed those present and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

**Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from July 1, 2010**

Mike Fletcher asked that the minutes reflect when a recommendation has been made by MPO Staff versus city and county staff. Mike then made a motion to approve the minutes. Tim Kassa seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item #4 – Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**Agenda Item #5 – New Business**

**A. TIP Amendment: Administrative Amendment #2, Public Transit**

Corey Hull explained that an administrative amendment was made to the Transportation Improvement Plan because the wrong year was listed. The year was changed from 2013 to 2014. Corey stated that no action was needed by the committee, but he wanted them to be aware of the amendment.

**B. UPWP FY11: UPWP Budget Amendment – Resolution FY2011-1**

Corey explained the FY2011 UPWP Budget Summary Report. He explained that \$53,223.42 was carried over from FY10. Corey also stated that \$114,262.81 was allocated for FY11. \$167,486.23 is the total amount for FY2011. Corey stated the local match would be \$41,871.56, meaning the city and county would each contribute a little over \$20,000. Corey also explained that \$10,000 was left in the plan to finish the transit study, although transit is no longer being pursued.

Mike made a motion to recommend the UPWP Budget Amendment to the Policy Committee for action. Tim Kassa seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

#### C. 2035 Transportation Plan – Resolution FY2011-2

Corey went over the 2035 TP project listing and public comments. Corey also explained there was a \$10M discrepancy in the budget. He stated that in order to balance the plan, the last project on the list (#48 Clay Rd.) was taken off of the project listing and put on the illustrative list. Corey also stated the county abandoned Kinderlou-Clyattville Road, therefore it was removed from the travel demand model.

Tim Kassa wanted to make sure that MPO Staff included all the breakdowns of where funding for projects come from. Corey said it was included in the plan.

Mike Fletcher stated that it did not make sense that Priority #16 would make operational improvements to Exit 18 and then Priority #18 would be a complete overhaul of the same exit. Mike also said it did not make sense that Priority #33 (Exits 22 & 29) had environmental documents that are almost complete, but Priority #18 (Exit 18) is not even close to being ready. Mike voiced concern that the Exit 18 project would hold up the Exits 22 & 29 projects. Mike wanted to flip flop Priority #33 with Priority #18 because the project is ready to begin. Tim Kassa stated it was up to the MPO to flip flop the projects if they wanted to do so. Tim stated with the current plan, the MPO is communicating to GDOT that Priority #18 is more important than Priority #33. Mike asked if 15 projects would be held up if the Exit 18 project was not ready to go. Corey stated the MPO would have to re-look at their priorities if that happened. Mike stated that he had a problem with spending \$1M on a project and then 2 priorities later spending an additional \$64M on the same project.

Tim Kassa made a motion that the plan be recommended on to the Policy Committee for action with all of the comments that MPO Staff received. Brent Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3/1 with Mike Fletcher voting against).

#### D. HB 277 Draft Criteria

Corey went over the Draft MPO Staff comments on the HB 277 regional project selection criteria. Corey mentioned that he received a comment several times that HB 277 should be changed to allow the Regional Roundtable flexibility over the life of the tax to reprioritize projects or select new projects that might arise. Mike Fletcher stated that he thinks the list should be established and

not changed. Mike stated that discretionary funds could be used for any projects that might arise. GDOT agreed. Corey also asked what the committee thought about the allocation ranges and having a minimal investment requirement. Mike stated that 5-10% might be too much, but maybe 2-8% would be more fitting. Mike also mentioned a comment that should be included. He stated that a representative should be allowed to fill the mayor and chairman's place if something came up and they could not make it to the regional roundtable meeting. Corey asked the committee what they thought about having a baseline definition of what should qualify as a regional project. Mike stated he thought it was a good idea overall, except for the AADT. He stated that a county like Echols could not compete with a county like Lowndes.

**Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update**

**A. Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee**

Corey stated the September meeting has been cancelled, and the meeting will be moved to October.

**B. GPA 2010 Fall Conference**

Corey stated the GPA 2010 Fall Conference would be held in Valdosta September 29 thru October 1.

**Agenda Item #7 – Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment**

Corey mentioned that the CAC requested to have an informative meeting concerning HB 277.

**Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time**

The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting will be held on **December 14, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at SGRC.**

**Agenda Item #9 - Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.