

**Minutes
Citizen's Advisory Committee
Tuesday, March 3, 2015
3:00 pm**

Members Present	Organization
Steve Barnes	Leadership Lowndes
Ed Rawls	Lowndes
Tim Riddle	Convention Center
Bill Tucker	Valdosta
Dick Saeger	Valdosta
Charlie Clark	Lowndes
Ray Sable	VSU
Bill Branham	Valdosta
Leggett Lovan	CoC
Harriet Crum	Hahira
Todd Smoot	Lowndes
Carroll Griffin	Remerton
Wes Taylor	LCBOE
Clarence Parker	VLD Airport
Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County
Angela Crance	Wiregrass
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Art Hughes	Citizen
Danny Saturday	MIDS

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Ms. Crance called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Ms. Crance asked those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Ms. Crance asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Clark, and seconded by Mr. Branham.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

TAC and PC Only

Agenda Item #5– New Business

A. TAC Only

B. FY2016 UPWP and Budget Resolution 2015-5

Mr. Hull presented the significant changes to the FY2016 UPWP from past years, reviewing several of the work element pages in detail. After his presentation concluded, a discussion ensued about a proposed truck traffic study and a proposed urban transit study. CAC recommendations are included as a part of the minutes on a separate page. A motion was made by Mr. Lovan and seconded by Mr. Rawls to recommend adoption to the Policy Committee. Motion carried.

C.FTA 5303 Application Resolution 2015-7

Mr. Hull presented information on this application that is typically used for the day-to-day activities of the MPO especially as they relate to public transit, both rural and urban. Mr. Hull noted that this is an annual resolution adopted by the Policy Committee to apply for these funds and is a formality in the process. Mr. Hull noted that in FY2016 over \$60,000 in 5303 funds will be allocated to the MPO, there is a 10% state match and a 10% local match required. In FY2016 the funds are proposed to be spent on MPO administration and general transit planning activities. Mr. Riddle made a motion to recommend adoption to the PC a second was made by Mr. Griffin, motion carried.

D. Update to VLMPO Participation Plan – Resolution 2015-6

Mr. Hull presented an overview of the changes made to the Participation Plan. He said that the Plan had been available for public comment for its required 45 days, however no public comments were received and no one attended the Public Open House that was held for the Plan. Mr. Branham made a motion to recommend adoption to the PC, the motion was seconded by Mr. Barnes, motion carried.

E. PL Carryover Comment Letter to GDOT

Mr. Hull presented information about proposed changes to the allocation and availability of carryover PL funds in the UPWP beginning in FY2017. He reviewed some of the staff concerns and asked the Policy Committee for permission to send a letter to GDOT with comments on the proposed changes. A motion was made by Mr. Barnes to recommend sending the letter to the PC, it was seconded by Mr. Branham and the motion carried.

F. CAC Election of Officers

Ms. Crance reminded the members that at the June meeting an election of officers will be held.

Agenda Item #6– Staff Update

A. 2040 Transportation Vision Plan Update

Mr. Hull informed the committee that the LRTP was on schedule after being behind schedule a few months back.

B. GAMPO Conference Update

Mr. Hull updated the committee on the upcoming GAMPO Conference to be held at the Rainwater Conference Center in Valdosta on October 29-30.

C. Agenda Review

Mr. Hull asked for feedback on the new agenda format, it was agreed that paper copies should no longer be distributed.

D. Project Status Updates

Mr. Hull presented a handout for informational purposes on the status of current projects in the region.

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

Ms. Crum asked staff to follow-up on the status of school traffic backing up at Sallas Mahone School on Lake Laurie Drive. She also asked about the status of a traffic signal at US 41 N and Grove Point Road.

Mr. Hull said that he would follow-up on these items.

Mr. Rawls asked about the location of the new Valdosta High School.

Mr. Hughes a citizen from Quitman, GA, asked about getting representation from Brooks County on the CAC. Mr. Hull said that he would forward this request onto the Policy Committee.

Mr. Branham commented that the US Navy will have 50% of tis bus fleet using renewable energy by 2030.

Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Ms. Crance noted the next meeting date as May 19 at 9am. A joint meeting with the TAC.

Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Crance at 4:09 p.m.

CAC Comments

Truck Traffic Study

- Impacts on downtown businesses
- Cars are still a large number as well
- Still have to make deliveries
- Concerns about disability friendly
 - Speaking signals
 - Infrastructure other things in the way of pedestrians
- VLD has outgrown the small town atmosphere with large industries, we need to plan in this sense
- Concern about people crossing streets (first Baptist church)
- Study done in mid 80s, talking about the same thing
- Consider passing a trucks in right-lane only ordinance in the city
- Consider passing a no jake-brake ordinance in the city

Transit Study

- Public say they want it, but they do not want/know how to pay for it.
- Pilot programs?
- Consideration of door-to-door service rather than all routes
- Taxi and current transit ridership statistics
- Consider the indirect offsets (access to jobs, education, meaning a reduction in other public costs – welfare, etc.)
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TAC Comments

- MIDS commitment
 - Sandra Tooley → trial period, size of valdosta needs a transit system
 - update old study – with new assumptions
 - financial + otherwise
 - make an informed decision
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