

**Minutes
TCC Special Called Meeting
July 1, 2010
10:00 a.m.**

Members Present	Organization
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County Engineer
Joe Sheffield	GDOT
Tim Kassa (Phone)	GDOT
Von Shipman	City of Valdosta Engineer
Others Present	
Whitney Biggers	SGRC
Corey Hull	SGRC VLMPO
Shane Pridgen	GDOT
Marco Trigueros (Phone)	GDOT

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mike Fletcher called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mike Fletcher introduced everyone and gave their affiliation with the TCC.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2010

After a correction was made, Joe Sheffield made a motion to accept the minutes and Mike Fletcher seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 – Old Business

A. 2035 Transportation Plan Draft Document Discussion and Prioritization of Projects:

Corey stated that the Policy Committee asked the TCC to re-evaluate their recommendation based on the corrected traffic counts and the new economic data. Corey explained the MPO staff's recommendation. Corey recommended putting the Exit 18 operational improvements in the #1 spot in 2015. Exit 2 was put in the #2 spot in 2015. The full Exit 18 project was put in the #3 spot in 2020 with a 2016 inflation rate applied in order to balance the budget. Exits 22 & 29 were put in the #4 spot in 2020, and Exit 11 was in the #4 spot in 2025. Exit 5 and Loch Laurel Road would remain as Illustrative projects. Other projects included in the MPO staff recommendation are listed on the 2035 Transportation Plan spreadsheet (attached to minutes).

Mike Fletcher stated that he did not agree with MPO Staff's Recommendation of letting Exit 18 go ahead of Exit 11. Von Shipman stated that the full Exit 18 project was imperative due to

safety issues. Von stated that Exit 18 is the most utilized exit in the area. Mike stated that the condition on Exit 11 is unacceptable and it should go before Exit 18.

Tim Kassa asked Corey what made the full Exit 18 project financially possible. Corey stated that some projects were knocked off of the project list.

Joe Sheffield stated that his recommendation would be Exit 2, 11, 22, 29, and then the Exit 18 operational improvements.

Tim Kassa agreed that Exit 2 should be the #1 priority. Tim stated that the Exit 18 problems could be solved with the dual left turn lanes.

Von Shipman stated that he wanted the full Exit 18 project to still be in the plan, not just on the illustrative list.

Mike Fletcher asked if Exit 2 could be ready by 2015. Joe Sheffield stated that it was possible, but not likely.

Tim Kassa explained that the prioritization of the projects was the most important part of the plan, not the exact year. Tim stated the year is mainly an administrative function used to calculate the inflation rate.

Von Shipman added that if some projects were pushed off of the plan in order to have the full Exit 18 project in the plan, it would be more of an incentive for citizens to vote for the Regional Transportation Tax.

Mike Fletcher made a motion that the Exit 18 operational improvements and Exit 2 go into 2015, Exit 11 and Exits 22 & 29 go into 2020, and that the full Exit 18 project, Exit 5, and Loch Laurel Road go into the Illustrative list. Mike's rationale for his motion was that in 5 years the plan can be revised if Exit 18 is still having problems after the operational improvements are made. Tim Kassa seconded the motion. The motion carried (3/1 with Von Shipman voting against).

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

Corey stated that if the full Exit 18 project went into the illustrative list it would free up local funds for other projects.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

None

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

There were no comments.

Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting will be held on **September 7, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. at SGRC.**

Agenda Item #9 - Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.