Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

Minutes
Citizens Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, Policy Committee
(Joint Meeting)
February 22, 2018
10:00 AM

CAC Members Present	**Organization**
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Ray Sable	Valdosta State University
Bob Wilbers	City of Lake Park
Vanessa Flucas	City of Valdosta
Alvin Payton	Wiregrass
Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County
Myrna Ballard	Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber
Dick Saeger	City of Valdosta
Clayton Milligan	LEA
TAC Members Present	
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Pat Collins	City of Valdosta
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Tim Warren	GDOT
PC Members Present	
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta
Alex Lee	Lanier BOC
John Gayle	City of Valdosta
Jonathan Sumner	City of Hahira
Justin Devane	Brooks County
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Matt Martin	City of Valdosta
William Eastin	GDOT
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Danny Saturday	MIDS Inc
Christy Lovett	GDOT
Ann Marie-Day – via phone	FHWA

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order
Mr. Slaughter called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call
Mr. Slaughter asked those present to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes
Mr. Slaughter asked the committee members to review the December 5, 2017 meeting minutes for the CAC, TAC, and PC respectively. Mr. Hull stated that Mr. Wilbers requested a change to his statement under the performance measures section to include "distracted driving as a cause of vehicle crashes." Ms. Ballard made a motion to approve the CAC minutes and Mr. Branham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried. Mr. Collins made a motion to approve the TAC minutes and Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried. Mr. DeVane made a motion to approve the PC minutes and Mr. Gayle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business (CAC, TAC, PC)

A. Safety Performance Measure Amendments to 2040 TVP & FY18-21 TIP Resolution 2018-6
Action: Recommendation / Vote for Approval
Mr. Hull asked everyone to turn their attention to the Safety Performance Measures Amendments within the packet. Mr. Hull notified the committees that the safety performance measures are a part of a national movement to lower the number of crashes in each state. The state has already adopted targets and Mr. Hull explained that staff recommends that the VLMPO adopt the state targets as well. Mr. Collins asked what were the options concerning the targets. Mr. Hull explained that the VLMPO will always have the ability to adopt their own targets. Mr. Collins made a motion approve Resolution 2018-6. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

B. Adopt FY 2019 UPWP & Budget- Resolution 2018-7
Action: Recommendation / Vote for Approval
Mr. Hull explained that the UPWP primarily stays the same. He continued going over the federal allocation on the budget sheet is slightly different but not significant. There is a slightly different area for special studies, such as the RFP that is being currently reviewed, the 2045 Socioeconomic Study, also funds for an additional proposal for a Regional Connectivity Study. The regional connectivity study is one that is coming up later but adding it in the UPWP will keep us from having to go back and do a do a budget amendment. Mr. Hull explained that the FTA has asked that staff put a cap on how much funds are used for admin. Mr. McQueen asked if the $20,000 in the UPWP budget summary was already in hand or what we are going after. He suggested that if they are separate, then maybe have two separate line items one of which shows the funds that are already awarded. Mr. Hull replied that he could change the layout. Mr. Payton asked why the staff education funds differed in the UPWP. Mr. Hull replied that he would have to look at the spreadsheet and double-check the numbers and formula. Mr. Payton asked what organizational and community events were being participated in with the outreach funds? Mr. Hull replied that staff attend various events throughout the year to educate and assist the community in transportation initiatives. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to approve the FY 2019 UPWP Budget Resolution. Mr. Branham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

C. Application for Discretionary PL Funds, Regional Connectivity Study Resolution 2018-8
Action: Recommendation / Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull explained that the Georgia Metropolitan Planning Org. has the ability to apply for additional funds to do consultant led studies that will benefit the community. Many of these plans will be focused on future growth of the area. The Regional Connectivity Study will focus on making connections throughout the region as this area continues to grow and help us to determine the best transportation initiatives/planning to address the findings. The Georgia Association of MPO's review board will be reviewing this proposal, we will submit it at the end of March. This is a larger study so the timeframe will be longer. There are several opportunities along the way that will allow us to accept or refuse the funds if it is something that we no longer decide to do. Mr. Branham asked how far out of an area will the study cover. Mr. Fletcher replied that the study was requested by the county and that the thorough fares coming into Lowndes County from Lakeland, Brooks County, the Interstate, etc. is what we need to look at. Valdosta- Lowndes County are the economic drivers in this region and we need to know how to expand roads such as North Valdosta Rd. We would like to look at all the roads coming into Lowndes County. Mr. Payton made a motion to approve the Regional Connectivity Study Resolution 2018-8. Mr. DeVane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

D. Nominating Committee for Policy Committee Officers

Mr. Hull stated that the committees could consider or seek volunteers. Mr. Slaughter stated that he would like to continue to serve as the chair of the PC, Mr. Barber continue as Vice-Chair and all other members continue as listed.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. VLMPO MOU/ Ray City

Mr. Hull notified the committee that there is a tentative date of May 17, 2018 for two items that are coming up this year that will require the MOU to be amended. The first is a memorandum to address how the community and the state will address safety and other performance measures. The second item is the city of Ray City annexed a small portion of Lanier County and will become a part of the MPO.

B. Legislative Updates

Mr. Hull explained transit funding and regional transit governance infrastructure in Atlanta, Ga. This came out of the Georgia House Commission on Transit, Governance and Funding. They are addressing only transit issues in a 13 Atlanta area. This is a continuing discussion in Ga legislature.

C. Public Transit Updates

Mr. Hull explained that the Policy Committee asked about expanding the existing Lowndes County transportation service to address urban transit issues in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. We have requested data for this, we are still analyzing it and will have a report in the future.

D. Socioeconomic Data Study

Mr. Hull explained that staff have received three proposals from firms and several members are reviewing the proposals and a decision will be made within the next 30 days. Mr. Payton asked Mr. Hull to briefly explain the Socioeconomic Study. Mr. Hull explained that the study will tell where growth is going to occur based on socioeconomic trends. We have been able to use it in ways other than transportation such as comprehensive planning, land-use planning, etc. We have structured it in a way to

be allowed to use for multiple purposes. Mr. McQueen asked what projects should GDOT be looking into. Ms. Ballard stated that we should let the legislators know that HB 170 funds should be protected. Mr. Hull explained the current stage of the TSPLOST process.

Agenda Item #6 – Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment

Mr. Collins gave a brief overview of the City of Valdosta's TSPLOST projects. Mr. Fletcher also gave a brief overview of the Lowndes County TSPLOST projects. Mr. Gayle explained to the committee that the TSPLOST could be really good for our region.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

A. CAC; Tuesday, March 6, 2018 @ 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.
B. (Tentative date) CAC, TAC, PC; Thursday, May 17, 2018 @ 10:00 AM at TBD.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Flucas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the meeting was adjourned.