

**Minutes
Policy Committee
September 4, 2013
10:30 AM**

Members Present	Organization
Mike Fletcher (Joe Pritchard proxy)	Lowndes County
Jason Davenport (Bill Slaughter proxy)	Lowndes County
Justin DeVane (S.L. Jones proxy)	Brooks County
John Gayle	Valdosta
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Larry Hanson	Valdosta
John Leonard	SGRC
GR Holton	Dasher
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Shane Pridgen	GDOT
Lesa Walker (via phone)	GDOT

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Davenport asked those present to introduce themselves. Mr. Davenport asked the members to review the attendance of the Policy Committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Davenport asked for a review of the minutes. Mr. Davenport noted that there is one correction on Item 5, Part A, it should be 'presented two'. Mr. Gayle made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, it was seconded by Mr. Fletcher, motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

None.

Agenda Item #5– New Business

A. FY14-17 Transportation Improvement Program – Resolution FY2014-1

Mr. Hull presented the results of the public comment period on the TIP. He noted that the response was the most the VLMPO has had for a TIP ever. He noted that many of the responses were not related directly to the TIP project but rather to the issue of riding bicycles on sidewalks in Valdosta. Mr. Hull noted that the TAC discussed the City of Valdosta review current state and local laws regarding bicycles on sidewalks. Mr. Hull the review the projects in the TIP and other comments received.

Mr. Davenport asked if the Brooks County projects were included in the TIP. Mr. Hull noted that the projects are shown for informational purposes on clearly separated pages in the TIP.

Mr. Davenport asked if the administrative cost update to the 2035 TP was something that needed to be added to the agenda. Mr. Hull said that it was a part of the same resolution adopting the TIP, so it is not a separate agenda item.

Mr. Davenport noted that the CAC and TAC both recommended approval of the TIP to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Leonard made a motion to approve the TIP as presented, it was seconded by Mr. Gayle. The motion carried unanimously.

B. FY2013 VLMPO Annual Report Presentation

Mr. Hull presented information and highlights from the FY2013 Annual Report. A brief discussion was held about information that was presented about employment in Lowndes County.

Agenda Item #5 – Staff Update

Mr. Hull recommended that the Policy Committee hold a joint meeting with the CAC and TAC on October 29 at 1p, regarding a presentation from consultants regarding the 2040 Socioeconomic Data Study.

Mr. Hull also reported on the last joint meeting of the TAC and CAC in August, regarding the 2040 Transportation Plan development.

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

None.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Davenport adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.