

**Minutes  
Policy Committee  
September 3, 2014  
10:30 AM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Tom McQueen	GDOT
John Gayle	Valdosta
Bruce Cain	Hahira
John Leonard	SGRC
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Larry Hanson	Valdosta
Jason Davenport	Lowndes County
Alex Lee	Lanier County
<b>Others Present</b>	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Shane Pridgen	GDOT
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Roy Tucker	GDOT
Antoine Hawkins	GDOT
Debbie Hobdy	MIDS Inc
Jonathon Sumner	Hahira
Todd Miller	SGRC
Aries Little	GDOT (via phone)
Krystal Harris	GDOT (via phone)

**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:31 am.

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

Mr. Davenport asked those present in the room and on the phone to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committee.

Mr. Hull reviewed the attendance reports of the MPO Committees. Mr. Hull noted that the parties who have not attended on the Technical Committee have been contacted by email and phone. He said that Mr Weeks attended the meeting on July 9, but the appointment from the Lowndes County Board of Education has not responded to emails or phone calls.

Mr Hull noted there were also several members of the CAC that had resigned in the last month, and that he would be following up with the appropriate organizations to appoint new members.

**Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Davenport asked the members to review the minutes from the July 9, 2014 meeting, he asked if there were any corrections or additions. Mr. Gayle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #4– New Business**

A. GDOT Public Transit Implementation in Valdosta Discussion – GDOT Office of Intermodal Programs

Mr. Hull introduced Roy Tucker and Antoine Hawkins from GDOT for a presentation on the possible future of an urban transit system in the Valdosta Urbanized Area.

Mr. Tucker spoke about the basic needs of an urban transit system and provided some resources for potential partners to look into. Mr. Tucker spoke about ways to reduce the operations cost match to local governments for a transit system and offered the assistance of the GDOT Intermodal programs office for studying and researching a future transit system in Valdosta.

A discussion occurred between the committee members and Mr. Tucker. At the end of the discussion it was decided that the Policy Committee should revisit the idea of conducting another transit implementation study in the coming years.

**Agenda Item #5– Staff Update**

Mr. Hull reminded the committee that he had sent out the annual report by email and encouraged the committee to review it.

Mr Hull briefly updated the committee on the status of the 2040 Transportation vision Plan, he noted the CAC and TAC will be meeting in October to review the public comments received thus far and begin to discuss project selection and prioritization processes.

Mr. Hull informed the committee that the MPO will be required to update its Public Participation Plan this winter and to stay tuned for more information regarding this process.

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

Mr. Hanson informed the committee that GDOT had rejected the request to make permanent the truck detour through downtown Valdosta.


A discussion ensued about the recent GA Legislature Study Committee hearing on transportation funding. Mr. Hanson asked if the GA Assoc. of MPOs would be willing to take a stand on this matter. Mr. Hull said he would follow-up with them.

**Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time**

Mr. Davenport noted the next meeting date in December.

**Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Hanson, the motion carried unanimously.

  
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Jason Davenport, Chair, VLMPO Policy Committee