

**Minutes
Policy Committee
September 6, 2017
10:30 AM**

Members Present	Organization
John Gayle	City of Valdosta
Jason Davenport (proxy for Joe Pritchard)	Lowndes County
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Justin DeVane	Brooks County
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Larry Hanson	City of Valdosta
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
Brent Thomas	GDOT
William Eastin	GDOT
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Claudia Thompson	GDOT
John Dillard	SGRC
Blaine Nobles	SGRC

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Hanson called the meeting to order at 10:57 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Hanson stated that the committee will not make introductions in order to save time.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hanson asked the committee members to review the June 7, 2017 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Gayle and seconded by Mr. DeVane to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. FY18-21 TIP Adoption – Resolution 2018-1

Mr. Hull explained that the TIP is the short-term work program covering the next four years of projects in the community. Mr. Hull asked Mr. Dillard to explain the TIP amendment process and the TIP public comment period. Mr. Dillard explained that the public comment period was from August 1- 31, 2017. During that time, we had four individuals come by to view the TIP draft document. There were many comments and a few questions. The most prevalent were concerning the financial changes to the projects. Mr. Dillard gave a brief overview of the TIP projects to the committee. Mr. Gayle asked why the Jerry Jones project has been delayed. Mr. Hanson stated that the city is working with GDOT project engineer Christy Lovett because they are having to purchase more ROW. Mr. Dillard continued to the lump sum projects list and the 2040 projects list. Mr. Hanson asked if there was a timeline on for the 5 points project. Mr. Hull responded that the project is still in early design, early concept phase. A motion was made by Mr. DeVane and seconded by Ms. Cribb to approve the resolution. Mr. Hanson opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Davenport asked if there were any questions from the CAC or TAC. Mr. Hull responded that both committees had general questions. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

B. 2040 TVP Amendment – Resolution 2018-2

Mr. Dillard explained that the 2040 TVP amendment is due to the TIP adoption cost updates. Mr. Hull explained that the projects highlighted in red have had changes made and are reflected in the TIP. A motion was made by Mr. Gayle and seconded by Mr. DeVane to approve the resolution. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

C. Discretionary PL Funds Application – Resolution 2018-3

Mr. Hull explained to the committee that the VLMPO would like to apply for \$20,000 discretionary funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation to update our 2045 Socioeconomic Data Study. The data will be used to help with the 2045 Transportation Vision Plan update. We have been working together with our local partners to make sure we can get good data for transportation and other development purposes in the community. The VBOE has expressed interest in this data as well as other local planning partners. The total cost of the study is \$20,000, \$16,000 will be covered by Federal funds, there is a \$4,000 match, consisting of 50% from Lowndes and 50% from Valdosta. Mr. Davenport asked if this study was included in last years budget. Mr. Hull responded yes. A motion was made by Mr.

Davenport and seconded by Mr. Gayle to approve the resolution. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. Project Status Update

Mr. Hull explained the updates to the GDOT projects handout. Many of the projects have fallen behind schedule but GDOT is working to get them back on schedule.

B. AMPO Conference in Savannah

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the AMPO conference is October 16th -20th and that staff will attend. Mr. Hull also notified the committee that the MPO does have funds to cover the conference expenses of an elected official and staff member.

C. NADO Award and Presentation

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the regional commission and the MPO received a national innovation award for the “Complete Streets Suitability Analysis” for the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County. The report was written by Andrew Smith.

D. Additional PL Study Ideas

Mr. Hull stated that there are many things to look at for the I-75 Corridor Land Use Study and a scope is being drafted that will address different impacts and aspects of the corridor. This project will be for FY19. Mr. Hanson asked what will be the main focus for this study along this corridor. Mr. Hull responded that we are trying to maximize the adjoining transportation corridors and land use. Mr. Davenport responded that we are trying to make the scope match the complexity of each interchange. Mr. Hanson stated that maybe we should consider the timing of this study so we do not spend money for something that may dramatically change.

E. 2040 TVP Amendment – February 22, 2018

Mr. Hull explained that the future 2040 TVP amendment will cover safety performance measures for our region. MAP 21 and the FAST Act require MPO’s to implement performance measures. The first round of performance measures are safety measures will address reducing fatalities in our region as well as curbing other transportation related fatalities. The amendment will need to be approved by February 22, 2018 at a called Policy Committee meeting.

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

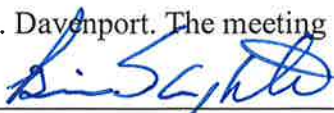
Mr. Hanson opened the floor for public comment. There were no additional comments.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 10:30 am at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. DeVane made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Davenport. The meeting was adjourned.



Bill Slaughter, Chairman, Lowndes County
Chair, Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization