Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

Minutes Citizens Advisory Committee March 1, 2016 3:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
Steve Barnes	Leadership Lowndes
Myrna Ballard	VL Chamber
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Ray Sable	VSU
Keith Sandlin	City of Lake Park
Col. Clarence Parker	VL Airport Authority
Dr. Saeger	City of Valdosta
Jim Parker	City of Valdosta
Stan Crance	VLDA
Mike Cooper	ASA-CVDA
Tim Riddle	VLCCCTA
Tessa Carder	City of Dasher
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

Mr. Branham called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Agenda Item #2 - Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review of Committee Attendance

Mr. Branham asked those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Branham asked for approval of the minutes from December 1, 2015. Mr. Sandlin made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Saeger made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the minutes were approved as written.

Agenda Item #4-New Business

A. 2040 Transportation Vision Plan Amendment #1-Resolution FY2016-5 Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull explained that the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan had been amended and that there was an amendment process. The amending of this document was for both the 2040 TVP and the TIP. Mr. Hull reviewed the amendments with the committee. There are three projects that will be removed from the plan and three projects that will be amended. On the Transportation project list, anything in red or anything that is crossed out will be amended. The three projects being removed are, first Jerry Jones/ Eager Rd. from Country Club to Oak, the second project is Jerry Jones from Gornto to Country Club, and the third project is Jerry Jones from Gornto to Mcree. However, we are adding one big project for the entire Jerry Jones corridor from Baytree Rd. to Oak St. This will be funded with 100% state funds with the exception of purchasing right of way. The next part of the amendment is Lake Park/ Bellville Rd. This project is being amended to add funding to it for a scoping phase. The fourth part of the amendment the Oak St. Ext. from 5 points to Breckenridge has not made progress in 10 years so it has to start over; therefore, the dollar amounts changed. Mr. Hull reviewed the public comments for the proposed amendments. Ms. Ballard made a motion to recommend approval of the 2040 TVP amendment with the recommendation that bike lanes be considered in the new Jerry Jones project. Mr. Crance seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

B. FY15-18 TIP Amendment #2 – Resolution FY2016-6 Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull explained that projects that were amended in the TP needed to be amended in the TIP as well, but calls for a separate action. The details are the same. Mr. Hull reviewed the resolution and the revenue sheet. Mr. Hull explained that the funds listed in the FY15 budget have already been spent. The revenue sheet will not change drastically. The sixth project down Jerry Jones and Eager Rd. from Baytree to Oak, needs to be amended into the FY2016 TIP. Also the project Lake Park/ Belville Rd. for FY2016. These projects are being amended in the TIP program since they are being amended in the TVP. The public comment period ran simultaneously, so the comments will also be attached to this document. Mr. Riddle made a motion to recommend approval of the FY15-18 TIP Amendment. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

C. Application for Additional PL Funds in FY17- Resolution FY2016-7 Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull explained that all Georgia MPO's are subject to new funding rules. MPO's will no longer have carryover funds, but will have to apply for the excess funds. The resolution states that this process is being presented to the committees and that if the request for funds for a project is granted, the local governments commit a local match. We currently have one proposal for funds from the city of Valdosta. Mr. Saeger made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution FY2016-7, the application for additional PL funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parker. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

D. FY2017 UPWP and Budget Adoption- Resolution FY2016-8

Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull explained that he had to correct the budget page and provided the new document to the committee. Mr. Hull explained the FY2017 UPWP and Budget to the committee. Mr. Sandlin made a motion to recommend approval of the FY2017 UPWP and Budget. Mr. Riddle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

E. Submit letter to GDOT to Fence 5307 funds for Valdosta Urbanized Area Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull notified the committee that for the last four or five years, the MPO has been sending a letter to GDOT to hold the 5307 funds for the Valdosta Urbanized Area and that it was time to send the letter again. Mr. Barnes made a motion to recommend submitting the letter to GDOT. Mr. Riddle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

F. Presentation on Overcoming Public Participation Apathy Report Community Transportation Association of America

Ms. Lorenz was not present at the meeting. The report will be given at a later time.

Agenda Item #5 – Staff Update

A. Truck Traffic Study

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the Truck Traffic Study is underway, it is currently in the recommendation stage. The study should be completed by mid-summer.

B. Transit Implementation Study

Mr. Hull notified the committee that we have business cards and a survey out right now and would like for the community to take the transit survey so that there is a lot of input. The Transit Implementation study should be completed by mid-summer.

C. Valdosta State University Health/ Transportation Study

Mr. Hull made the committee aware that Jesse Lane, a master's student in the Sociology dept. at VSU, is working on this study and will be done by summer.

D. Participation Plan Update

Mr. Hull notified the committee that there are a few vacancies on the committee that he would like to see filled and asked everyone to mention this to those in the community. Mr. Hull asked the committee to fill out and return the meeting day and time survey. Also, Mr. Hull said that for next meeting agendas will be electronic only to try and save money on printing and postage.

E. DHS Pilot Shuttle Program

Mr. Hull explained the shuttle data to the committee. He also noted that there is an upward trend of shuttle riders. A discussion ensued concerning ridership.

F. Safe Routes to School/Teens in the Driver Seat

Ms. Martin notified the committee of free programs available to the schools in the region and asked that committee members pass the information along to others in the community who may be interested.

G. Fast Act

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the FAST Act is another surface transportation law. There are new requirements that we must coordinate with Greyhound and how they provide transportation in our community, as well as commuter van pool providers. Our capital investments have to include strategies to reduce vulnerability to natural disasters. Coordinate more with public ports.

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

None

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Tuesday, June 7, 2016; 3:00 pm at SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Crance made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.