

**Minutes
Policy Committee
March 8, 2011
1:30 pm**

Members Present	Organization
John Fretti	City of Valdosta, Mayor
Larry Hanson	City of Valdosta, Manager
Jason Davenport (for Ashley Paulk)	Lowndes County Planner (Ashley Paulk Rep.)
John Leonard	SGRC
Wayne Bullard	City of Hahira, Mayor
Tim Kassa	GDOT
Others Present	
Tom McQueen	GDOT Planning
Brent Thomas	GDOT Tifton
Jason Jordan	Tift County
Shane Pridgen	GDOT Tifton
Alison Stokes	Valdosta-LC Chamber
Roger Dill	Tift County
Reese Akins	The Services Co.
Erika Bennett	Valdosta Chamber
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Corey Hull	SGRC VLMPO
Michelle Caldwell	GDOT Planning
Marco Trigueros	GDOT Planning
Dike Ahamotu	Cambridge Systematics
Janice McKinnon	SGRC
Pat Collins	City of Valdosta, Engineer

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Jason Davenport, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Jason asked that all persons present introduce themselves and their affiliation with the Policy Committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Davenport asked for any changes or additions to the minutes as presented. None were presented. Mr. Davenport asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented, it was made by Larry Hanson and seconded by John Leonard, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

A. FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program, Resolution 2011-4.:Vote to Adopt FY2012 UPWP

Corey stated that the Unified Planning Work Program included the annual work tasks for the staff to complete in the annual budget and that all work elements were included in the packets. Corey informed the group of one change, which is located on page 17 as 2012403, this is a corridor study for addressing truck issues in downtown Valdosta, and at this time has zero funding across the board. Because of zero funding it is recommended to continue to explore funding sources and to consider obtaining consultant services to conduct a planning level alternatives analysis of suggested solutions to issues of truck traffic in downtown Valdosta. Corey also directed the member's attention to page 19, summary report of budget, showing the state is allowing zero money for Federal Transit Funding and Federal Highway Program. Corey then asked the Policy Committee for a motion to adopt the Unified Planning Work Program. Tim Kassa made the motion to adopt the Unified Planning Work Program; Larry Hanson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

B. Transportation Investment Act of 2010 (HB 277) Project List, Resolution 2011-4

Corey stated that in our 18 County region that all projects for all counties and cities are due by March 30, 2011 and that the Regional Commission is working with GDOT to collect these projects. No action or voter was required.

C. Draft Public Participation Plan, Presentation by Whitney Biggers

Corey told the committee that the updates to the PPP included a new LEP Plan, new Title VI Compliance Plan, new policies and performance measures, refined strategies and techniques. A Title VI coordinator has to be designated, Corey Hull, has been designated as the Title VI coordinator for the MPO. The forty-five (45) day comment period will be from April 15- May 31 and the date for an Open House will be announced at a later date. John Leonard made the motion to send document to Public Comment Period with John Fretti making the second, vote was unanimous.

D. Authorize Letter to GDOT to decline 5307 Transit Funds

A motion was made by Larry Hanson to authorize a letter to GDOT to decline 5307 Transit Funds and a second was made by John Fretti, vote was unanimous.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

- A. Transit Update : Corey stated that the final draft should be to the staff by March 15 and to be finished within the next 45 days.

Agenda Item #7: Privilege of the Floor

Discussion on general consensus around the state for Transportation Investment Act

Agenda Item #8- Next Meeting Date and Time

The next regularly scheduled Policy meeting will be held on **June 14, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at SGRC.**

Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment

John Leonard made a motion to adjourn and John Fretti made the second, vote was unanimous. There being no further business, Jason Davenport adjourned the meeting.



Jason Davenport, Planner, Lowndes County
Vice-Chair, Valdosta-Lowndes County Metropolitan Planning Organization