

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Pat Collins called the meeting of the TCC together at 10:10 am.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Collins asked the individuals in the room and on the phone to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Collins asked for any corrections to the minutes of the January 10, 2012 minutes. Mr. Thomas noted that Mike Fletcher was listed as being with GDOT not Lowndes County. The numbers in the minutes was off, item number should be number 9. A motion was made by Mr. Fletcher and it was seconded by Mr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

Mr. Hull followed up on the discussion from previous meetings about changing the meeting day and time of the TCC and PC meetings. After a discussion, it was decided to recommend to the Policy Committee that the TCC meeting should be on the first Wednesday of the last month of the quarter at 9:00 a.m. followed by the PC meeting at 10:30 a.m. beginning in June 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Fletcher, it was seconded by Mr. Thomas, the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

A. UPWP

Mr. Hull presented the final draft of the budget and UPWP that the committee had reviewed over the past several months. Mr. Hull noted that there is no reference to the TSPLOST vote, as the VLMPO is a federally funded agency and the FHWA does not want to confuse this state issue with the federal aid program; however staff will continue to respond and be aware of the ongoing issues with this proposed tax. Mr. Hull asked for questions and a vote to recommend the UPWP to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Collins, noted that a traffic corridor study for truck traffic in downtown Valdosta is not specifically listed in the UPWP. Mr. Hull said that specific projects were not included, but generic language for corridor studies and analysis were included.

A motion was made by Mr. Fletcher to recommend to the Policy Committee to approve the UPWP; it was seconded by Ms. Walker. The motion carried unanimously.

B. FTA 5303 Letter to Decline Funds

Mr. Hull described this letter that has been done for several years that declines funds that have been allocated for a public transportation system in Valdosta. The VLMPO has ‘first right of refusal’ to decline the use of these funds annually, but reserves the right to use future allocations. The funds are redistributed to other cities in Georgia under 200,000 in population. Mr. Hull asked if there were any questions and for a motion to recommend approval of sending this letter to the Policy Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Fletcher to recommend to the Policy Committee to send this letter to GDOT; it was seconded by Mr. Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

A. TIA Update

Mr. Hull shared with the committee the information the SGRC is handing out about the TSPLOST when the staff speaks at various civic clubs and other groups around the region. Mr. Hull asked the CAC to recommend groups to speak to and to talk to their friends, coworkers, acquaintances about the facts of the TSPLOST.

Mr. Fletcher asked if the local chamber is gearing up to support the survey. Mr. Hull noted that the chamber is currently conducting a survey of their membership to determine the stand they will take on the proposal.

B. Federal Legislative Updates

Mr. Hull commented on pending legislation before Congress that will impact the status of small MPOs like VLMPO. Current proposed bills abolish MPOs with a population under 200,000, with some 'grandfathering' clauses. Mr. Hull said that this is an issue he will continue to report to the CAC on as new information comes from Congress.

C. Metropolitan/Urban Area Updates

Mr. Hull also noted that in March the US Census Bureau will release new urban area population numbers for all cities in the nation. Mr. Hull noted that the Valdosta population will not get to 200,000; but the land area that is defined as urban in and around Lowndes County is expected to expand. Mr. Hull said he will keep the CAC updated on this new information when it is released.

D. Project Updates – see attached

Mr. Hull distributed to the CAC a status report of the projects ongoing in Lowndes County.

E. JLUS Updates – New Travel Demand Model

Mr. Hull described the new travel demand model the SGRC has developed to analyze and mitigate impacts on the mission of Moody AFB and vice-a-versa. He noted that more information and analysis will be forthcoming as the staff begins to use this model to analyze transportation and land use policies in the area of Moody AFB.

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

Mr. Collins noted that the City of Valdosta is hosting a Title VI, ADA and Section 3 training on March 15 and invited all to attend.

Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Collins noted that the next meeting date will be June 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. pending approval of the meeting date change by the Policy Committee.

Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Fletcher at 10:52 a.m. it was seconded by Mr. Thomas and carried unanimously.