

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. Crance motioned to approve the minutes from June 1, 2015. Mrs. Crum seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the minutes were approved as written.

Agenda Item #4-New Business

A. Review Comments for the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan

Action: Recommendation/ Direction to Staff

Mr. Hull addressed the committee about public comments made concerning the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan. He stated that there were many comments during the public comment period July 7th – August 7, 2015, in which, he has already provided responses to; however, there were a few high-level comments and responses from the document that he would like to review with the committee. Mr. Hull started with comment #10 from the list, He stated that a formal recommendation should be issued to the local governments on how Complete Streets, Intersection Improvement and Active, Healthy Lifestyles policies should be implemented. Moving on to comment #12, he stated that this comment has been satisfied by adding paragraphs to better illustrate the relationship between the Aspirational Goals and the Eight Planning Factors, as well as an updated table to reflect these changes. Mr. Hull continued to comment #13, which he stated was satisfied by softening “shall complete” to “should” or “will consider” making the Implementation Strategies less obligatory to PC members. For items #4a and 4b, Mr. Hull explained that they are both subject to the Ga. Dept. of Transportation Design Policy Manual so roundabouts have to be considered for all intersection improvements on a state highway and all of the intersections listed in the plan happen to be on state highways. GDOT complete streets policy is also applicable to this because any project that is federally funded will have to follow the Complete Streets Policy, which states that the project has to be designed for all roadway users. Mr. Hull spoke on the projects, he stated that GDOT notified him half-way through the public comment period that the Forrest Street Project needed to be re-scoped. His recommendation for handling this is to approve the project as is, develop a new scope, and in the appropriate time amend the Transportation Plan for a new Forrest Street Project. He stated for Lake Park Bellville Road and Old 41 North that funding was not available based on anticipated Splost revenues, but the project can be considered though. Mr. Hull stated that McMillian Rd. is an east west corridor for the northern part of the county and that the level of service by year 2040 is in the D, E, & F, category so we recommend that we perform further study/ analysis in this area in years to come. The last comment that Mr. Hull reviewed is #14, a comment from FHWA. Mr. Hull stated in response to the comment, we have modified the table, located in the handout, to better highlight our goals and objectives and better illustrate how our goals are transportation related. Mr. Branham asked have there been any developments as far as the federal government concerning the bypass going around the city and the Transit study. Mr. Hull responded that the Transit Study and Truck Traffic Study has an RFP’s out, we are asking a consultant for their recommendations on the bypass. Mr. Sandlin asked if the Lake Park Bellville Rd. project was being postponed because of funding. Mr. Hull responded that he does not believe that the project falls out further but he has to check his timeline sheet

to be sure. Mr. Sandlin asked Mr. Hull had he heard anything about Roadway. Mr. Hull responded that he has not. Mr. Sandlin stated that there is a lot of traffic on that road.

B. 2040 Transportation Vision Plan Adoption – Resolution FY2016-1

Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull explained that the Resolution FY2016-1 was in the packet that was mailed out; however, they are being provided with a new version of the resolution that has been changed based on GDOT's recommendation. Mr. Hull explained that he removed the last paragraph in reference to the adoption of policies because they are adopted already within the transportation plan. GDOT felt that it was duplicative and misleading to adopt it twice. Mr. Hull explained that the committee has to vote for a recommendation of the approval of the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan to the Policy Committee. Mrs. Crance made a motion to recommend the approval of the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan to the Policy Committee and Mr. Sable seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

C. FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program – Resolution FY2016-2

Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull explained that based on an adoption of the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan, we had to amend the Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Hull notified the committee that the TIP is tied to the old Transportation Plan and must be updated to be tied to the new Transportation Plan, as well as be consistent in its projects with the Long Range Plan. He continued, the dollar amounts must be the same because the TP has new cost estimates for projects. Mr. Hull notified the committee that in the packets they received in the mail are the TIP amended projects, and that two projects will be added - Old Quitman Rd Bridge and Howell Rd Bridge, which are 100% locally funded. Mr. Hull mentioned the Forrest St. cost estimate update, but clarified that the previous comment still applies. Mr. Hull stated that Jerry Jones is being removed from the tier 1 list and reprogrammed as was in the TP. It will be an added travel lanes project on Jerry Jones from Gornto to Country Club. Mr. Hull explained that the two following pages in the handout were revenue estimates for TIP and the new tier 1 project list will be inserted into the document. Mr. Hull explained to the committee that the committee needed a motion and a second to recommend approval of these changes to the Policy Committee for the projects to move forward. Mrs. Crum asked Mr. Hull to repeat where the changes to Jerry Jones would occur. Mr. Hull explained the project again. Mr. Barnes made a motion to recommend approval of changes to the TIP to the Policy Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saeger. The vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

D. Certification Review Report

Action: Discussion Only

Mr. Hull explained that in March, FHWA and GDOT came in for a meeting to review the MPO's performance. Mr. Hull explained that the written report from that meeting is the Certification Review Report. He explained that the full report is available if the committee would like it but he has summarized it to the one page handout that they have. He explains what the FHWA and GDOT see as strengths of the MPO. Most recommendations that FHWA and GDOT made are related to implementing best practices in the participation plan and public outreach particularly around environmental justice and minority populations. The staff will work on this over the next year. The reference to memorandum of understanding does not specifically define the roles and responsibilities of our TAC or CAC, they feel that it would be better practice to do that. The MPO should put a process in place to be sure that it is not discriminating. Mrs. Crum let Mr. Hull that she was not familiar with the acronyms in the Certification

Review Report. Mr. Hull explained. Mr. Branham asked were there any specifics that Mr. Hull could give the committee on minorities and EJ populations. Mr. Hull responded that GDOT gave recommendations as to what to change or implement to better engage EJ populations and those covered by the participation plan.

E. Georgia Association of MPO's (GAMPO)

Action: Discussion Only

Mr. Hull explained that we are hosting the annual GAMPO meeting and that the MPO has budgeted for members to attend at no cost to them if they would like to attend. Mrs. Crum asked what is the schedule of the event. Mr. Hull responded with the times and dates.

Agenda Item #5 – Staff Update

A. Semi-Annual Project Update

Mr. Hull notified the committee of project status updates: He stated three projects are going to a letting. Signal upgrade project along Patterson St. will be let in September by GDOT; the MLK corridor transportation enhancement project will be let in September; the Clay Rd – US 84 East intersection improvement will be let for construction in October. He notified the committee that the Five Points construction is an ongoing discussion with local governments. For Oak St. there was a high-level engineering study done, where GDOT stated that they do not believe a roundabout will work but they want their study area to be expanded. Mr. Hull explained that the local governments wanted to see Five Points as a higher priority and the listing order has been changed to reflect this. Mr. Hull also notified the committee that SGRC has received a free Technical Assistance Grant from the Community Transportation Association of America, they will be here in October to review and recommend how we can better interact with our environmental justice populations and general participation apathy. Mr. Hull notified the committee that the Truck Traffic Study and Transit Study were out for bid, and that once received he would be contacting members from the committee to participate in the bid review committees. Mr. Hull told the committee that he is working on a pilot transit program in Valdosta. He stated that the pilot would provide hard numbers on what a public transit system may look like.

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

Mr. Saeger asked Mr. Hull to explain to him the components of the Five Points discussion and the need to raise the priority. Mr. Hull explained that Five Points is a visibly congested area and that the local officials could be receiving calls from the public asking for something to be done about it. Mr. Saeger asked whether or not it included future use of the land? Mr. Hull responded that he specifically talking about the roadway. Mrs. Ballard requested the scope of work and RFP's for the two transportation studies. Mr. Hull let the committee know that the documents are on the website and he would send everyone a link.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Tuesday, December 1, 2015; 3:00 pm at SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mrs. Crum made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Rawls seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.