

Valdosta – Lowndes



Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Minutes
TCC
June 8, 2010
10:30am**

Members Present	Organization
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County Engineer
Brent Thomas	GDOT District 4 Engineer
Von Shipman	City of Valdosta Engineer
Tim Kassa	GDOT
Others Present	
Martin Roesch	Valdosta City Schools
Cindy Vandyke	GDOT
Ann-Marie Day	FHWA
Kelley Whitson	FHWA
Whitney Biggers	SGRC
Corey Hull	SGRC VLMPO
David Morgan	SGRC

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mike Fletcher called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mike Fletcher asked everyone to introduce themselves and give their affiliation with the TCC.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2010

Brent Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes and Tim Kassa seconded the motion. It was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 – Old Business

There was no Old Business to Discuss.

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

A. FY2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program - Adoption:

Corey discussed the FY2011-2014 TIP and explained all of the information that was included in everyone's packets. He went over the public comments, the GDOT review meeting, and updates from those comments and meeting. Corey also mentioned an update to the project cost for Jerry Jones in the City of Valdosta. Corey asked for support of the TIP to be approved

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by the Policy Committee. Tim Kassa made a motion, and Mike Fletcher seconded. The motioned was approved unanimously.

B. 2035 Transportation Plan Draft Document Discussion:

Corey talked about the 2035 TP and went over the new lists. Corey stated the Policy Committee needs to make a decision soon even if GDOT has not made a recommendation. Tim Kassa asked where the cost estimates came from, and Corey responded that they were disaggregated and included inflation. Tim also asked about some of the project names and suggested they be more specific.

Von Shipman mentioned the I-75 projects and commented that from the City's perspective Exit 18 should be #1 on the list because it is a major traffic generator where safety is an issue. Von went on to say that Exit 2 should be #2 on the list because it has a terrible line of sight issue, and Exit 11 should be #3 because it is a major truck destination.

Mike Fletcher stated that from the County's perspective Exit 2 should be #1 on the list because of the rapid growth and desperate need for upgrades. Mike went on to rank Exit 11 at #2 because of sight issues, Exit 22 at #3, Exit 29 at #4, and Exit 18 at #5.

Both Von and Mike agreed that Exit 5 and Loch Laurel Road were the lowest priorities. Von mentioned a letter from GDOT about the St. Augustine Road/Twin Street project that will add weight to the Exit 18 project. He mentioned congestion on the off ramp at Exit 18 that needs to be fixed. Von mentioned that dual turn lanes for the ramp could help but that James Road will be realigned completely soon which may mitigate some of the traffic.

Corey asked what criteria should be looked at in prioritizing the I-75 projects. Traffic counts, crash data, bridge age and width, companion projects, length of ramps, signalization, and sight distance were all suggested criteria. Corey mentioned that a follow-up meeting would be needed soon to prioritize the projects with the data that is collected. Mike suggested having a joint TCC and Policy meeting.

C. Q & A Session/Discussion on HB 277 Transportation Investment Act of 2010:

Corey discussed the highlights of HB 277 and gave everyone a copy of a PowerPoint presentation about the recently signed transportation bill.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

A. Transit Implementation Update:

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Corey gave an update on transit implementation and stated that the MPO is waiting to hear something from the City of Valdosta.

B. Limited English Proficiency Plan:

Corey stated that the Transportation website now has a translator.

C. GPA 2010 Fall Conference:

Corey mentioned that the GPA 2010 Fall Conference would be held in Valdosta September 29 thru October 1.

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

There were no comments.

Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Corey stated that another meeting would be scheduled during the week of June 21ST to prioritize the I-75 projects.

The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting will be held on **September 7, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.**

Agenda Item #9 - Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.