

**Minutes  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
March 3, 2020  
3:00 PM**

| <b>Members Present</b> | <b>Organization</b> |
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| Bill Branham           | City of Valdosta    |
| Jimmy Blanton          | City of Hahira      |
| Carroll Griffin        | Remerton            |
| Clayton Milligan       | LEA                 |
| Ray Sable              | VSU                 |
| Myrna Ballard          | Valdosta Chamber    |
| Kathy Hodges           | Valdosta            |
| Danny Saturday         | MIDS Transit        |
| Chris Hamilton         | VLCCCTA             |
| Mary Jane Yorke        | City of Lake Park   |
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| <b>Others Present</b>  |                     |
| Corey Hull             | SGRC                |
| Amy Martin             | SGRC                |
| JD Dillard             | SGRC                |
| Alan Worley            | Moody AFB           |
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### **Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Milligan called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

### **Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call**

#### **A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)**

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

### **Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Milligan asked the committee members to review the December 3, 2019 meeting minutes. Ms. Ballard made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Branham made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

### **Agenda Item #4– New Business**

#### **A. FY2021 UPWP and Budget - Resolution FY2020-6**

##### **Action: Recommendation/Vote for Approval**

Mr. Hull directed the committee to the FY2021 UPWP Budget sheet in the agenda packet. Mr. Hull explained that the budget UPWP total is based on Federal allocations, which total \$226,000. Mr. Hull asked if anyone has questions as they review the document. Mr. Branham asked if there were any changes with the public transit system narrative in the document. Mr. Hull stated that the language has remained primarily the same. Mr. Hull stated that he will need a motion and a vote for recommendation to the TAC. Mr. Branham made a motion to recommend the FY2021 UPWP to the TAC. Mr. Griffin made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

#### **B. VLMPO Strategic Plan – Resolution FY2020-7**

##### **Action: Recommendation/Vote for Approval**

Mr. Hull reminded the committee of the VLMPO joint committee meeting that was held last September. He continued that there was a workshop at meeting was to allow the committees to participate in a SWOT analysis for the MPO and discuss the strengths, weakness, etc. of how the MPO plans and the information that is within the planning documents. This information was used to put together a strategic plan to address the various concerns of the committees. Mr. Hull went through the document citing examples of how MPO staff plans to address the issues that were noted at the workshop. Many of the goals in the strategic plan will be used in the 2045 MTP. Mr. Branham asked if Mr. Hull could give the committee a summary of the session that Mr. Hull attended to discuss CAV's. Mr. Hull stated there was a discussion around what cities need to do to prepare for autonomous vehicles. He continued that there will need to be IT infrastructure for automated vehicles and those costs are not being budgeted for. Local governments will need to figure out how they will pay for this infrastructure. Mr. Branham stated that I-75 is an Alternative Fuel Corridor and how can we better utilize that designation in this area. Mr. Hull answered that one recommendation is to change building codes to install electrical charging outlets when building homes or business; as well as placing charging stations at local restaurants and shopping centers. Ms. Yorke asked how much would it costs to put in charging stations. Mr. Hull responded that he would look up some information concerning costs. Mr. Hull notified the committee that recently Secretary Purdue of Department of Agriculture stated that they will be changing the 37,000 USDA vehicles to bio-diesel. There will be grant programs for this so we can be on the lookout for that information. Mr.

Milligan stated that most of the new hotels are putting in charging stations and costs are much cheaper to install during construction than retrofitting.

### **Agenda Item #5– Staff Update**

#### **A. SGRC Handout**

Mr. Hull referred the staff to the Transportation and Environment Handout. He explained that this handout was to give a brief overview of the work that the staff of the Transportation and Environmental Department do on a monthly basis not just for the MPO area but for the 18 counties that the SGRC covers.

#### **B. 2045 Transportation Plan Update**

Ms. Martin explained to the committee that the update to the transportation plan was continuing with the recent completion of the financial plan document and staff has estimated about 1.9 billion dollars to be used for transportation improvements over the next 25 years.

#### **C. Public Transit Updates**

Mr. Dillard provided the committee with an update on public transit. The city of Valdosta is filing out a 5307 application and looking at an October 1, 2020 implementation date. They have been meeting with transit providers and we are continuing to assist them with the grant application process. Mr. Branham asked if they have found out which technologies are best. Mr. Dillard responded that it will be up to the city to decide which one they want to implement.

#### **D. TIP Amendment Sheet**

Mr. Hull notified the committee that staff received a request to amend the 18-21 Transportation Improvement Program and the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan. The amendment will be an administrative modification and will not require a public comment period. The amendment is to move the construction date for Exit 11 to the year 2021; however, it will be let this fall. There is a small increase in the cost of construction and a small decrease for utility costs. Also, the Old Quitman Road bridge at the CSX Railroad has also had a small decrease in the ROW acquisition costs.

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

Ms. Yorke asked if there were standards to rate sidewalk safety. There are areas where sidewalks are 3 feet wide and others are 6 feet wide, some have roots upturning the concrete. Mr. Hull responded that sidewalk requirements have changed over time. Many of the issues such as roots impacting the sidewalk, are maintenance issues.

### **Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 3, 2020 at 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.

### **Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

Ms. Hodges made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Braham made a motion in the second. The meeting was adjourned.