



Valdosta- Lowndes LMPO Committee Meetings December 2020
Due to COVID-19 restrictions, these meetings are via video/tele conference as follows:

Citizens Advisory Committee: Tuesday, December 1, 2020; 3:00 p.m.

Via video conference:

<https://sgrc.my.webex.com/sgrc.my/j.php?MTID=m32bf21a784e691f05b71500612bc679d>

Via Phone: 1-510-338-9438

Meeting number (access code): 126 291 7739

Meeting password: 1725

Technical Advisory Committee: Wednesday, December 2, 2020; 9:00 a.m.

Via video conference:

<https://sgrc.my.webex.com/sgrc.my/j.php?MTID=mdb4c1948fea3d4a5d209589f8e575923>

Via Phone: 1-510-338-9438

Meeting number (access code): 126 837 4566

Meeting password: 1725

Policy Committee: Wednesday, September 2, 2020; 10:30 a.m.

Via video conference:

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/chull0>

Online meeting ID: chull0

Via Phone: 1-978-990-5465

Meeting number (access code): 866156#

Meeting password: NA

These meetings are open to the public.

It is the Mission of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization to encourage reliable funding of a safe and efficient, regional transportation system that includes public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, highways, railroads, and airports for the movement of goods and people.

Protocol for Video and Phone Conference Meetings:

Share your video if feasible, it helps us know who is talking.

Mute your mic/phone when not speaking.

State your name when making a motion or second.

Unmute your mic/phone to make motions/seconds; to participate in discussions; and to vote.

We will complete a formal Roll Call for all Committee members and guests when the meeting begins.

VLMPO Committee Meetings Agenda

Citizen's Advisory Committee: Tuesday, December 1, 2020; 3:00p

Technical Advisory Committee: Wednesday, December 2, 2020; 9:00a

Policy Committee: Wednesday, December 2, 2020; 10:30a

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| I. | Call to Order | Chair |
| II. | Introductions/Roll Call | Chair |
| | A. Review of Committee Attendance (all committees) | |
| III. | Approval of Minutes- September 1 (CAC); September 2 (TAC) (PC) | Chair |
| IV. | New Business- (CAC, TAC, PC) | |
| | A. TAC: Election of Officers | Chair |
| | B. Resolution FY2021-2 - FTA 5303 Metro Planning Application
Action: Recommendation/Vote for Approval | Megan Fowler |
| | C. Resolution FY2021-3 – FY2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program
Action: Recommendation/Vote for Approval | Amy Martin |
| | D. FY2022 UPWP and Budget Discussion
Action: Presentation/Discussion Only | Amy Martin |
| V. | Staff Update | Corey Hull |
| | A. New SGRC Building | |
| | B. MPO Certification Review | |
| | C. Participation Plan Update | |
| VI. | Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment | Chair |
| VII. | Next Meeting Date | Chair |
| | A. CAC; Tuesday, March 2, 2021; 3:00 PM; Location TBD | |
| | B. TAC; Wednesday, March 3, 2021; 9:00 AM; Location TBD | |
| | C. PC; Wednesday, March 3, 2021; 10:30 AM; Location TBD | |
| VIII. | Adjournment | Chair |

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**FY2020 VLMPO
Citizen's Advisory Committee Membership**

Name	Appointed By	Position
1. Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County	Chair
2. Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County	Vice-Chair
3. Mary Jane Yorke	City of Lake Park	Secretary
4. Vanessa Flucas	City of Valdosta	Member
5. William Branham	City of Valdosta	Member
6. Jim Parker	City of Valdosta	Member
7. Marshall Ingram	City of Hahira	Member
8. Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton	Member
9. Stan Crance	VL Industrial Authority	Member
10. Chris Hamilton	VLCCTA	Member
11. Michael Cooper	Downtown Development Authority	Member
12. Myrna Ballard	VL Chamber of Commerce	Member
13. Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authority	Member
14. Ray Sable	Valdosta State University	Member
15. Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes	Member
16. Dr. William Cason	Valdosta Board of Education	Member
17. Shannon McConico	Wiregrass Technical College	Member
18. Wes Taylor	Lowndes Board of Education	Member
19. Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County	Member
20. Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County	Member
21. Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County	Member
22. Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta	Member
23. Vacant	City of Dasher	Member

The CAC serves as a public information and involvement committee that represents a cross section of the community in diversity and interests.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 3:00pm the last month of each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

For more information please contact Corey Hull, MPO Coordinator at 229-333-5277 or at chull@sgrc.us.

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**FY2021 VLMPO
Transportation Advisory Committee Membership**

Voting Members:

Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County, Engineer	Chairman
Patrick Collins	City of Valdosta, Engineer	Vice-Chairman
Van Mason	GDOT District 4, Engineer	Member
Tyler Graham*	GDOT, Transportation Planner	Member

Non-Voting Members:

Jeff Hill	Lowndes County Schools
Ricky Thomas	Valdosta City Schools, Trans. Director
Alan Worley	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate
Andrew Edwards	FHWA – GA Division
Danny Weeks	Lowndes County Emergency Mgmt. Dir.

* Vivian Canizares or Tom McQueen is an alternate

The TAC is a technical committee of professionals advising the policy committee on technical matters relating to transportation plans and programs. The TAC is made up of city and county engineers, GDOT District engineers, GDOT planners, local school board representatives, bike and pedestrian advocates, and emergency response officials.

The Technical Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 9:00am each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

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**FY2021 VLMPO
Policy Committee Membership**

Voting Members:

1.	Mark Barber	City of Valdosta, Manager	Chair
2.	Paige Dukes	Lowndes County, Manager	Vice Chair
3.	Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County, Chairman	Member - Lowndes
4.	G.R. Holton	City of Dasher, Mayor	Member – Annual Small Cities
5.	Bruce Cain	City of Hahira, Mayor	Member – Bi-Annual Small Cities
6.	Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta, Mayor	Member - Valdosta
7.	Lisa Cribb	SGRC, Executive Director	Member - SGRC
8.	Russell McMurry*	GDOT, Commissioner	Member - GDOT
9.	Ronnie Gaskins	Berrien County, Chairman	Member – Annual Small Counties
10.	Alex Lee	Lanier County, Chairman	Member – Bi-Annual Small Counties

Non-Voting Members:

Moises Marrero	FHWA – GA Division, Administrator
Yvette Taylor	FTA Region IV, Administrator

All members are permitted to send a temporary or permanent proxy representative

*Tom McQueen is representative, Vivian Canizares is an alternate

The Policy Committee is the regional forum for cooperative decision-making by principal local elected officials, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and other planning partners.

The Policy Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30am each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

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Updated 11/17/20

Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Attendance					
Name	Oranization	Sep-20	Dec-20	Mar-21	Jun-21
Policy Committee					
Alex Lee	Lanier County				
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County	Y			
G. R. Holton	City of Dasher				
Ronnie Gaskins	Berrien County				
Paige Dukes	Lowndes County	Y			
Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta	Y			
Bruce Cain	City of Hahira	Y			
Lisa Cribb	Southern Georgia RC	Y			
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta	Y			
Tom McQueen	GDOT	Y			
Moises Marrero	FHWA - Georgia				
Yvette Taylor	FTA - Region 4				
Technical Advisory Committee					
Tyler Graham	GDOT Atlanta	Y			
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County	Y			
Patrick Collins	City of Valdosta	Y			
Van Mason	GDOT Tifton	Y			
Alan Worley	Bicycle Advocate				
Danny Weeks	Lowndes County 911				
Jeff Hill	Lowndes Schools				
Ricky Thomas	Valdosta Schools				
Tamara Christion	FHWA- GA	Y			
Citizen's Advisory Committee					
Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton				
Chris Hamilton	VLCCTA				
Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County	Y			
Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County	Y			
Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta	Y			
Dr. William Cason	Valdosta City Schools				
Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County				
Marshall Ingram	City of Hahira				
Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authroity	Y			
Jim Parker	City of Valdosta				
Mary Jane Yorke	City of Lake Park	Y			
Michael Cooper	CVDA	Y			
Myrna Ballard	VLCOC	Y			
Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County				
Ray Sable	VSU	Y			
Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County	Y			
Shannon McConico	WGTC	Y			
Stan Crance	VLDA				
Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes				
Vacant	City of Dasher				
Vanassa Flucas	City of Valdosta				
Wes Taylor	Lowndes County Schools				
William Branham	City of Valdosta	Y			



Minutes
Citizens Advisory Committee
September 1, 2020
3:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County
Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County
Mary Jane York	City of Lake Park
William Branham	City of Valdosta
Michael Cooper	DDA
Myrna Ballard	VLCOC
Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authority
Ray Sable	VSU
Shannon McConico	Wiregrass
Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County
Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta
Others Present	
Sandra Tooley	City Of Valdosta
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
Rachel Strom	SGRC



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Skrine called the virtual meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

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

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Skrine asked the committee members to review the June 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Ms. Hodges made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. McConico made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. PC Elections (Vice-Chair Vacancy)

Action: Elect Vice Chair

Does Not Apply to the CAC.

B. Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Resolution FY2021-1

Action: Recommendation/Adopt

Ms. Martin notified the committee that the final public comment period for the Vision2045 MTP had been completed and that staff had received a few comments from the public and a few comments from GDOT. She stated that all comments have been addressed through email correspondence as well as updates to the plan. Mr. Martin explained to the committee that in order for the plan to be adopted that there needs to be a motion and a vote for the document to be recommended to the TAC. Mr. Branham made a motion to recommend the document be approved and moved forward to the TAC. Mr. Galloway made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

C. Discussion of Community Groups for Staff Participation

Mr. Hull presented the committee with a list of potential organizations that the MPO could partner with. He stated that this was a starter list and would like the committee to recommend any other organizations that we MPO staff could develop long term relationships with to perform outreach initiatives. Mr. Skrine stated that Emergency Services should be included on the list, such as Fire Department, Police, EMS, EMA. Ms. Tooley stated that AARP may need to be on the list to help with engaging senior citizens. Ms. Hodges stated that retired teacher/educators and government organizations should be added as well as the Valdosta Area Ministerial Association as well as WAALS. Ms. Yorke suggested that the YMCA, the Boy and Girl Scouts Organizations, United Way, and the Sierra Club. Mr. Hull notified the committee that if they had anymore organizations that they think of later please notify MPO staff so that they can be added.



D. TAC – Discussion- Planning Studies Scopes of Work

Mr. Hull notified the committee that as a part of the transportation planning process, many other ideas and concerns came up; however, these ideas did not fit particularly as a project. The ideas were taken and put into a list of potential studies that can be completed at a later date. Mr. Hull read the potential study topics to the committee. Mr. Skrine asked what are railroad quiet zones. Mr. Hull responded that railroad quiet zones are areas where infrastructure are in place to keep any car from crossing and if the infrastructure is there the train will not have to blow its horn. Ms. Hodges asked what is wayfinding. Mr. Hull responded that it is a common branded signage system. Ms. Hodges stated that the VLPRA has a survey out.

E. COVID-19 Traffic Impacts in Valdosta and Lowndes County

Mr. Godwin first explained that the data was pulled from RITIS and NPMRDS. Mr. Godwin showed the committee the roads in Lowndes County. He explained that a person can go back in time to look at the data for a specific day and time. Mr. Godwin explained that there was a very huge difference in travel during March, with much lower traffic due to the COVID lockdown. Mr. Godwin also showed the committee the travel date for hurricanes Hermine, Irma, and Michael noting that hurricane Irma caused the most congestion on the highways in the VLMPO area.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. New Staff Introductions

Mr. Hull explained that Megan Fowler is the new Transit/Mobility Coordinator and that she could not be on the call today due to Transit Webinars that she needed to attend.

B. 21-24 TIP Update

Ms. Martin explained the Transportation Improvement Program plan update has started. She continued that the TIP is a short-range plan that helps to manage and ensure implementation of the MTP. Ms. Martin notified the committee that an informal kickoff meeting was held with GDOT to go over the project costs, schedules, and any changes.

C. Transportation Vulnerability and Resiliency Report

Mr. Godwin notified the committee of the Vulnerability and Resiliency Report is being developed simultaneously with the Lowndes County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The report will give more specific information about the potential of natural hazards on the transportation infrastructure using a tool developed by FHWA. Mr. Godwin stated that there will be some good coordination between the report and the hazard mitigation plan. Mr. Godwin also notified the committee that the next hazard mitigation meeting will be held on September 16, 2020 at 10 am at the Lowndes County EMA center.

D. Public Transit Updates

Mr. Hull gave brief update on public transit. He stated that the City of Valdosta has received proposals for the Urban Public Transit System. There is a committee that will review those proposals and give recommendation on the various transit providers. They are still in the review process.



E. Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Assessment

Mr. Hull explained that staff will be working on a Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Assessment that follows the National Association of MPO's framework. This will assess the communities preparedness for smart infrastructure and CAV communications. Mr. Hull stated that the assessment will be ready later this fiscal year for the committees review. Mr. Branham asked if staff has looked into Macon's awarding of a grant to purchase two electric buses.

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

Ms. Hodges stated that the complete streets webinar was really good and that more on the topic could be shared with this committee. Mr. Godwin explained what Complete Streets are to the committee. Ms. Tooley asked if the implementation of the transit system resolution from the UPWP would be similar to the transit ridership study. Mr. Hull asked if Ms. Tooley was referring to the minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Tooley responded that that was correct. Mr. Hull explained that the discussion was concerning consultants to implement transit in Valdosta, but currently nothing has been done with bringing someone on board at this time. Ms. Hodges asked about the City of Valdosta's committee to review transit system proposals. Mr. Hull stated that they are just reviewing right now. Ms. Hodges asked if there will be public input at some time during the process. Mr. Hull responded that he would defer to the City of Valdosta. Ms. Tooley responded that citizens will be informed and have a chance to give comments and input.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 3:00 PM at the New SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Milligan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Branham made a motion in the second. The meeting was adjourned.



Minutes
Technical Advisory Committee
September 1, 2020
3:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
Pat Collins	City of Valdosta
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Van Mason	GDOT
Tyler-Graham	GDOT
Others Present	
Sandra Tooley	City of Valdosta
Vivian- Delgadillo Canizares	GDOT
Jason Willingham	GDOT
Tamara Christian	FHWA
Matt Martin	City of Valdosta
Ariel Godwin	SGRC
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
Rachel Strom	SGRC



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Fletcher called the virtual meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

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

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fletcher asked the committee members to review the June 3, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Collins made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. PC Elections (Vice-Chair Vacancy)

Action: Elect Vice Chair

Does Not Apply to the TAC.

B. Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Resolution FY2021-1

Action: Recommendation/Adopt

Ms. Martin notified the committee that the final public comment period for the Vision2045 MTP had been completed and that staff had received a few comments from the public and a few comments from GDOT. She stated that all comments have been addressed through email correspondence as well as updates to the plan. Ms. Martin explained to the committee that in order for the plan to be adopted that there needs to be a motion and a vote for the document to be recommended to the PC. Ms. Martin notified the committee that the CAC recommended the MTP for approval yesterday with no discussion. Mr. Collins asked what changes had been made within the plan. Ms. Martin responded that there was an addition of a section covering freight traffic and generators, and that the funding resources were completely separate in the final document. Mr. Collins made a motion to move the document forward as presented. Mr. Fletcher made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

C. Discussion of Community Groups for Staff Participation

Mr. Hull presented the committee with a list of potential organizations that the MPO could partner with. Mr. Hull noted that there were maybe a dozen additional groups that were added by the CAC. He stated that this was a starter list and would like the committee to recommend any other organizations that we MPO staff could develop long term relationships with to perform outreach initiatives. Mr. Hull stated that this process would be long-term but will provide the MPO with potential diverse partnerships. Mr. Collins asked if it was appropriate to add any civic groups. Mr. Hull replied yes, they would be appropriate.

D. TAC – Discussion- Planning Studies Scopes of Work

Mr. Hull notified the committee that as a part of the transportation planning process for the 2045 MTP, many other projects came up. These topics were put into a list of potential studies that can be completed



at a later date that could result in future projects in our transportation plans or local/state governments to take up. Mr. Hull stated that to begin the process to move some of these projects forward for consideration, is for staff to develop a scope of work for them. Continuing if we want them to proceed, then we can apply for GDOT Metropolitan Planning funding by following the six steps on the handout. Mr. Hull asked the committee if there were two or three of the list of projects that the committee would like to place at the top of the list. Mr. Fletcher stated that he would like to discuss the Gateway Improvement Plan and Implementation Study. Mr. Collins stated that he supports the idea of this. Mr. Collins stated that it would be nice to have a gateway similar to those when crossing over into Florida. Mr. Mason stated that GDOT has planted vegetation at the Florida line and it looks better than it has looked. Mr. Collins asked Corey about studying traffic around Lowndes Highschool and busing issues at Exit 16 and Exit 18. We wanted to look at some type of operational planning improvements being done. We purposely put intersection money into TSPLOST for the intersections at Gornto and St. Augustine and Norman and St. Augustine. Those projects should follow whatever this plan should be. Mr. Collins asked Mr. Hull to explain the Park Avenue Study. Mr. Hull stated that Park Avenue was initially listed as a 3 lane as well as a road widening project closer to Ashley Street. We discussed this and felt that these improvements were not the best solutions and having a study done will consider the schools and other issues of this roadway. Mr. Collins stated that FEMA is in the process of redoing the City of Valdosta's flood areas. The area from Jaycee Shack out to the high school is in the floodway. Mr. Graham asked Mr. Hull if he knew which project they plan on pursuing. Mr. Hull responded that the discussion was to determine this. Ms. Canizares shared with the committee the GDOT Gateway Grant information.

E. COVID-19 Traffic Impacts in Valdosta and Lowndes County

Mr. Godwin explained to the committee that the traffic data was pulled from RITIS and NPMRDS. Mr. Godwin showed the committee the roads from the VLMPO area. He explained that a person can go back in time to look at the data for a specific day and time. Mr. Godwin explained that there was a very huge difference in travel during March, with much lower traffic due to the COVID lockdown. Mr. Godwin also showed the committee the travel data for hurricanes Hermine, Irma, and Michael noting that hurricane Irma caused the most congestion on the highways in the VLMPO area.

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Mr. Hull explained that Megan Fowler is the new Transit/Mobility Coordinator and that she could not be on the call today due to GDOT Transit Meetings that she needed to attend.



B. 21-24 TIP Update

Ms. Martin explained the Transportation Improvement Program plan update has started. She continued that the TIP is a short-range plan that helps to manage and ensure implementation of the MTP. Ms. Martin notified the committee that an informal kickoff meeting was held with GDOT to go over the project costs, schedules, and any changes.

C. Transportation Vulnerability and Resiliency Report

Mr. Godwin notified the committee of the Vulnerability and Resiliency Report is being developed simultaneously with the Lowndes County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The report will give more specific information about the potential of natural hazards on the transportation infrastructure using a tool developed by FHWA. Mr. Godwin stated that there will be some good coordination between the report and the hazard mitigation plan. Mr. Godwin also notified the committee that the next hazard mitigation meeting will be held on September 16, 2020 at 10 am at the Lowndes County EMA center.

D. Public Transit Updates

Mr. Hull gave brief update on public transit. He stated that the City of Valdosta sent out an RFQ for an Urban Transit System and have received proposals. They are continuing to go through the steps.

E. Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Assessment

Mr. Hull explained that staff will be working on a Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Assessment that follows the National Association of MPO's framework. This will assess the communities preparedness for smart infrastructure and CAV communications. Mr. Hull stated that the assessment will be ready later this fiscal year for the committees review. Mr. Hull stated that the assessment will highlight things that local governments can do to prepare for these technological changes.

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

Mr. Fletcher asked Mr. Mason about Howell Road at Inner Perimeter. Mr. Fletcher stated that a wreck happened involving a 17-year-old girl and many people are calling concerning the intersection. Mr. Mason stated that they are looking at short-term and long-term solutions for the intersection. He continued that they are still looking into it and just haven't decided what safety improvement to place there. Mr. Mason stated that the location may not warrant a signal. Mr. Fletcher stated that there is a signal at Howell Road and Hwy 94. Mr. Mason responded that there may have been different requirements than the other intersection since the signal has been there for years. Mr. Mason stated that signals are the most restrictive traffic control device we have and generally signalized intersections are your highest crash locations. This means that we are increasing the chances of accidents if they are placed in areas that do not warrant a signal. We will take all of the information into account and decide what the location is best suited for. Mr. Collins stated that a roundabout may be an option. Mr. Mason stated that we will put it through ICE and see what fits best. Mr. Fletcher stated that the fatality that happened has many people calling and I am advocating any safety measure that can be put into place there. Mr. Collins notified the committee that the City of Valdosta did get a Smart Cities Grant from Ga. Tech. Ms. Canizares notified the committee that they can also apply for TAP funds to help with infrastructure improvements.



Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the New SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.



Minutes
Technical Advisory Committee
September 1, 2020
3:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
Bruce Cain	City of Hahira
Paige Dukes	Lowndes County
Others Present	
Jonathan Sumner	City of Hahira
JD Dillard	Lowndes County
Tyler Graham	GDOT
Ariel Godwin	SGRC
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
Rachel Strom	SGRC



Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Barber called the virtual meeting to order at 10:36 AM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

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

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Barber asked the committee members to review the June 3, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Matheson made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. PC Elections (Vice-Chair Vacancy)

Action: Elect Vice Chair

Mr. Slaughter nominated Ms. Dukes to fill the remainder of Mr. Pritchard’s term as Vice-Chair. Ms. Dukes was appointed Vice-Chair by acclamation.

B. Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Resolution FY2021-1

Action: Recommendation/Adopt

Ms. Martin notified the committee that the final public comment period for the Vision2045 MTP had been completed and that staff had received a few comments from the public and a few comments from GDOT. Ms. Martin notified the committee that there was an addition of a section covering freight traffic and generators and that the FHWA/State and Local/TIA funding sources were completely separate in the final document. She stated that all comments have been addressed through email correspondence as well as updates to the plan. Mr. Martin explained to the committee that in order for the plan to be adopted that there needs to be a motion and a vote. Ms. Martin notified the committee that the CAC recommended the MTP for approval yesterday with no discussion and the TAC approved the document as well without discussion. Mr. Matheson made a motion to adopt the document. Mr. Slaughter made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

C. Discussion of Community Groups for Staff Participation

Mr. Hull presented the committee with a list of potential organizations that the MPO could partner with to increase community outreach. Mr. Hull noted that there were maybe a dozen additional groups that were added by the CAC and TAC. He continued that the overall goal is for MPO staff to develop long term relationships with to perform outreach initiatives.

D. TAC – Discussion- Planning Studies Scopes of Work

Mr. Hull gave a brief update on the discussions that the CAC and TAC had about the various projects in the planning studies list.



E. COVID-19 Traffic Impacts in Valdosta and Lowndes County

Mr. Godwin explained to the committee that the traffic data was pulled from RITIS and NPMRDS. Mr. Godwin showed the committee the road segments from Lowndes County. He explained that a person can go back in time to look at the data for a specific day and time. Mr. Godwin explained that there was a very huge difference in travel during March, with much lower traffic due to the COVID-19 lockdown. Mr. Godwin also showed the committee the travel data for hurricanes Hermine, Irma, and Michael noting that hurricane Irma caused the most congestion on the highways in the VLMPO area. Mr. Barber stated that this is great data to use and he has potential ideas for the data.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

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Mr. Hull explained that Megan Fowler is the new Transit/Mobility Coordinator and that she could not be on the call today due to GDOT Transit Meetings that she needed to attend.

B. 21-24 TIP Update

Ms. Martin explained the Transportation Improvement Program plan update has started. She continued that the TIP is a short-range plan that helps to manage and ensure implementation of the MTP. Ms. Martin notified the committee that an informal kickoff meeting was held with GDOT to go over the project costs, schedules, and any changes. She informed the committee that the partner review period will begin September 15, 2020 and end October 15, 2020.

C. Transportation Vulnerability and Resiliency Report

Mr. Godwin notified the committee of the Vulnerability and Resiliency Report is being developed simultaneously with the Lowndes County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The report will give more specific information about the potential of natural hazards on the transportation infrastructure using a tool developed by FHWA. Mr. Godwin stated that there will be some good coordination between the report and the hazard mitigation plan. Mr. Godwin also notified the committee that the next hazard mitigation meeting will be held on September 16, 2020 at 10 am at the Lowndes County EMA center.

D. Public Transit Updates

Mr. Hull gave brief update on public transit. He stated that the City of Valdosta sent out an RFQ for an Urban Transit System and have received proposals and have assigned a committee to review these proposals. Mr. Barber stated that they are really working well with the GDOT on this project. He continued that the original date of implementation October 1, 2020 will not happen but the implementation date will not be too far behind that.

E. Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Assessment

Mr. Hull explained that staff will be working on a Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Assessment that follows the National Association of MPO's framework. This will assess the communities preparedness for smart infrastructure and CAV communications. Mr. Hull stated that the assessment will be ready later this fiscal year for the committees review. Mr. Hull stated that the assessment will highlight things that local governments can do to prepare for these technological changes.



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

No comments.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 10:30 AM at the New SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Ms. Cribb made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Matheson made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the meeting was adjourned.

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, and Georgia Department of Transportation, for a grant under Title 49 U.S.C., Section 5303.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the US Department of Transportation and the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation are authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon Applicant, including the provision of the local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, it is required by the United States Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Federal Transit Act, the applicant gives an assurance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the United States Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that Minority Business Enterprise (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Women's Business Enterprise) be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority business shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts and purchase orders when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts, or consultant and other services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY _____,
hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant",

1. That the Designated Official _____, hereinafter referred to as the "Official," is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of _____ with the Georgia Department of Transportation, to aid in the financing of a technical study grant pursuant to Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act to implement specific items of the FY _____ Unified Planning Work Program.
2. That the Official is authorized to execute and file such application and assurances or any other document required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Transportation effectuating the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. That the Official is authorized to execute and file all other standard assurances or any other document required by the Georgia Department of Transportation or the U.S. Department of Transportation in connection with the application for public transportation assistance.
4. That the Official is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of the Applicant with the Georgia Department of Transportation.
5. That the Official is authorized to set forth and execute Minority Business Enterprise, DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) and WBE (Women Business Enterprise) policies and procedures in connection with the project's procurement needs as applicable.

6. That the applicant while making application to or receiving grants from the Federal Transit Administration will comply with FTA Circular 8100.1D, FTA Certifications and Assurances for Federal Assistance 2019 as listed in this grant application and General Operating Guidelines as illustrated in the *Georgia State Management Plan*.
7. That the applicant has or will have available the required non-federal funds to meet local share requirements for this grant application.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Authorized Official

Type Name and Title

Signed, sealed and delivered this ____ day of _____, 2020 in the presence of

Witness

Notary Public/Notary Seal

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting _____ of _____ certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting held on _____, 2020.

Name of Certifying/Attesting Officer

Title of Certifying/Attesting Officer

(Place Seal Here)

RESOLUTION FY2021-3
VALDOSTA-LOWNDES
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION TO Adopt the FY2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

WHEREAS, in accordance with the U.S. Bureau of the Census officially designated Urbanized Area Boundaries established May 1, 2002, and updated on November 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission has been designated by the Governor of Georgia as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Valdosta Urbanized Area in accordance with Federal requirements of Title 23, Section 134 of the United States Code to have a Cooperative, Comprehensive and Continuous transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the MPO conducts federally-required transportation planning activities that will improve the transportation system and help coordinate the area's future growth within the area bounded, at minimum, by the existing Urbanized Area plus the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is required through 23 CFR 450 to develop a four year horizon Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), that shall reflect the investment priorities established in the current metropolitan transportation plan; that the public has had a reasonable opportunity for comment on the proposed TIP, that the TIP shall make progress toward achieving performance targets. And;

WHEREAS, the MPO is required by 23 CFR 450.334 to publish an annual listing of obligated projects that is included in the TIP, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization's Policy Committee adopts the FY21-24 Transportation Improvement Program as follows:

See attached.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee at a regular meeting held on December 2, 2020.

Mark Barber, City Manager, City of Valdosta
Chair, Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization



**Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization
2021 Meeting Schedule**

Citizen's Advisory Committee

March 2, 2021 at 3:00 PM
June 1, 2021 at 3:00 PM
August 31, 2021 at 3:00 PM
November 30, 2021 at 3:00 PM

Technical Advisory Committee

March 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM
June 2, 2021 at 9:00 AM
September 1, 2021 at 9:00 AM
December 1, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Policy Committee

March 3, 2021 at 10:30 AM
June 2, 2021 at 10:30 AM
September 1, 2021 at 10:30 AM
December 1, 2021 at 10:30 AM

All meetings to be held at SGRC office (unless noted otherwise):
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