

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Slaughter called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Slaughter asked those present to state their names and affiliation with the committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes/ TIA Briefing

Ms. Cribb made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Barber made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. Resolution FY2019-4 Amend the 2040 Vision Plan and FY18-21 TIP

Action: Vote for Approval

Mr. Dillard explained that the project list for the FY18-21 TIP was recently updated in the areas of funding amounts, funding sources, and let years. Mr. Dillard stated that the amendment needed an approval from the Policy Committee. Ms. Cribb made a motion to approve the amendment to the 2040 Vision Plan and the FY18-21 TIP. Mr. Gayle made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

B. PC: Nominations Committee Report

Action: Election of Officers

Ms. Cribb notified the committee that the nominations committee nominated Mark Barber for Chairman and Joe Pritchard for Vice-Chairman of the Policy Committee. Mr. Gayle closed nominations. The vote was unanimous for each nominee and their respective position. The motion carried.

C. TAC: Endorse 2045 Socioeconomic Data

Action: Vote for Approval

Does not apply to PC.

D. TAC: Complete Streets Policy

Action: Discussion

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the Technical Committee was still reviewing the draft.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. Strategic Plan

Mr. Hull stated that our FY2020, staff and partners proposed to do a strategic plan for the MPO. This plan is different from the Long-Range Transportation Plan. The strategic plan is something that is focused on bringing the three committees of the MPO together. Looks at creating overarching vision and goals that the committees want to put forward in our Long-Range Transportation Plan and also in our other documents and how we are carrying out those other plans and seeking out recommendations. One of the recommendations that the Citizen's Advisory Committee made was they really want to have one annual meeting of three committees together. They feel that they are left out of the process sometimes and out of some of the discussions. The CAC would like to have at least one annual meeting where all three committees meet jointly. That was just one of the things that came out the discussion yesterday. We are hoping to do this on September 4th, 2019 the time is tentative and I am still trying to secure a final location but it will be all three committees meeting together. The meeting may last for a three-hour period. We would have a brief business meeting then break for a facilitated exercise. Mr. Hull continued that they had an agreement with one of the planners from the SGRC to do the facilitation.

B. FY19 Crash Report

Mr. Godwin stated that he has been working on graphing the crash report which covers the previous five years 2014-2018. It goes through the goals of the strategic state highway safety plan as well as reviewing the FHWA performance measures. There are not too many overarching new trends to see but there are a few things worthy of note. The VMT in the MPO area are about 1.29% of the state wide VMT and by large the number of various types of crashes begin in the MPO area are give or take 1.29% of the state-wide figure +/- a few depths of a percentage. Crashes are a similar proportion to our population. So, there is nothing that particular stands out. He did get some comments from the CAC yesterday asking he to go a little deeper in some other factors related to crashes that may be interesting, so he going to do that. There were 10 pedestrian fatalities in those five jurors six of them were along 84 in the rural area outside the city of Valdosta and two were on I-75. There was one bicyclist fatality. The pedestrian and bicyclist crashes tend to be concentrated more in the central urban area. The collector roads remain to be the most dangerous per mile travel. The interstate remains with the lowest crash rate. Then Mr. Godwin opens the floor for any specific factors that they to see examined in the crash report compared to the one last year. Mr. Slaughter asked what how many crashes happened in a 5-year time frame. Mr. Godwin responded 73.

C. 2045 Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Martin reminded the committee of the previous meeting where staff sought the committees input on the 2045 LRTP update public survey that was going to be released to the public. She notified the committee that their input was appreciated and incorporated into the survey. The survey was active from April 10, 2019 to May 10, 2019. Ms. Martin read off a few questions that were on the survey. She explained a trend that was observed but was not typical of respondents. Ms. Martin sated that most respondents answered implementing urban mobile planning service was a number one priority. Second, was improving pedestrian infrastructure. The survey received about 200 comments as well. Ms. Martin asked moving forward did the committee have suggestions of who else should be included in the survey or discussion should the trend for bicycle and pedestrian accommodations continue. Ms. Martin continued that the survey is not representative of the entire MPO area but is representative of those who partook in the survey; however, in previous surveys the percentage of respondents choosing bicycle and pedestrian accommodations were not this high when listed as an option. Mr. Tanner stated that what they find in other communities across the state is typically that the bike/ped community tends to be more vocal than the general population. Ms. Cribb asked who received the survey. Ms. Martin responded that the survey was targeted to the MPO area and was conducted via Facebook Advertising, listed on our website, and sent out to the committee's. Mr. Wisenbaker stated that it may be a appropriate to send the survey to the Chamber's Transportation Committee.

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

There were no comments made.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 10:30 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Ms. Cribb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gayle made a motion in the second. The meeting was adjourned.