

**Minutes
Policy Committee
March 4, 2020
10:30 AM**

Members Present	Organization
Bill Slaughter	City of Valdosta
Scott James Matheson	City of Valdosta
Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
K. Sandlin	City of Lake Park
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
JD Dillard	SGRC

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Barber called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

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 December 4, 2019 meeting minutes. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Fletcher 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 page 15 of the FY2021 UPWP Budget sheet in the agenda packet. Mr. Hull explained that the summary report of the budget is on page 28. He continued that the total budget adds up to \$226, 443.40. Mr. Hull stated that the CAC nor the TAC had any comments concerning the document. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to pass the document on to the Policy Committee for adoption. Mr. Matheson 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 the workshop that was held after the 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. Mr. Hull stated that the CAC did have a few questions about autonomous vehicles and the recommendation was for staff to complete a connected and autonomous vehicle assessment of the community over the next fiscal year. Mr. Hull explained that the comments that are in the Strategic Plan will be implemented into the goals of the Long-Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the VLMPO Strategic Plan. Mr. Matheson made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

C. Appoint Bicycle/ Pedestrian Representative to TAC

Action: Recommend/Adopt

Mr. Hull explained that there were two citizens that have expressed interest for the Bicycle/Pedestrian representative position. Mr. Worley and Ms. Ireland. Mr. Worley was able to attend the TAC meeting but Ms. Ireland was not due to a previously scheduled meeting. This representative will be responsible for advising the TAC on bicycle and pedestrian recommendations. According to the Bylaws the PC will need to vote to appoint the representative. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to appoint Mr. Worley as the TAC bicycle/pedestrian representative. Mr. Matheson made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous the motion carried.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. SGRC Handout

Mr. Hull referred the committee 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 which was sent out to the committee for review and received comments back. We have updated the document to address concerns and staff has estimated about 1.9 billion dollars to be used for transportation improvements over the next 25 years. We will be sending out emails over the next few weeks to continue talks about potential projects. Once that is completed we will be inputting that information into the plan and sending a draft to you all. Ms. Cribb asked when the draft plan was going to be sent out. Ms. Martin responded that staff hopes to have the draft version of the plan sent out by the end of the month.

C. Public Transit Updates

Mr. Dillard stated that staff is assisting Valdosta with filling out a 5307 application and looking at an October 1, 2020 implementation date. GDOT just released the memorandum stating that its feasible for a July 1 target date but the city is anticipating an October 1 target date. They have been meeting with transit providers and we are continuing to assist them with the grant application process. Mr. Barber stated that the application is continuing and that the finance department will review the estimates and after that the application will be sent to GDOT for their review so we are getting closer. At the summit next Friday, we will have a very detailed discussion about it.

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 from fiscal year 2020 to fiscal year 2021. 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 is being moved into fiscal year 2021 as well. This project also had a small decrease in the ROW acquisition costs. Mr. Slaughter asked if Old Quitman Road would be completed in fiscal year 2021? Mr. Hull stated that it is ROW acquisition only, construction is still further out. Mr. Slaughter stated maybe he can talk to GDOT about completing the project sooner.

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

Ms. Cribb gave an update on the construction of the new SGRC building.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 4, 2020 at 10:30 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Matheson made a motion in the second. The meeting was adjourned.