

**Minutes
Policy Committee
March 6, 2019
10:30 AM**

Members Present	Organization
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Tom McQueen	GDOT
James Maxwell	Brooks County
John Gayle	Valdosta
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
JD Dillard	SGRC
William Eastin	GDOT-TIA
Matthew Risher	GDOT
Vivian Delgadillo (on phone)	GDOT
Christy Lovett	GDOT
Brent Mosely	GDOT

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. Gayle made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. FY2020 UPWP Adoption Resolution FY2019-3

Action: Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull explained to the committee that the UPWP Budget is in the agenda packet and the entire document went out previously via email. He continued, the UPWP helps guide out planning efforts going forward. We will have a certification review next year by GDOT and FHWA. Mr. Hull explained the various projects that staff will be working on in FY2020. The bulk of the work in the budget is the 2045 LRTP Update. Mr. Hull went over comments from FHWA and GDOT with the committee: staff was asked to clarify the MPO region and the SGRC region to show that no MPO funding can be used in the RC region. Mr. Hull stated that staff clarified that no complete streets policies have been requested so far. Staff was asked to remove future anticipated funding amounts. Staff was asked to remove the planning emphasis areas. Mr. Gayle made a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Pritchard made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

B. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Public Survey Draft

Action: Discussion

Mr. Hull explained that the survey was a draft for the committees review. The survey was created to gather input from the public for the 2045 Transportation Plan. Mr. Slaughter stated for clarification, this is a draft but the final survey will be sent out later. Mr. Hull responded, yes. Ms. Cribb asked if the survey would need to be approved by the PC before it goes out. Mr. Hull responded no.

C. TAC: Endorse 2045 Socioeconomic Data

Action: Vote for Approval

Does not apply to PC.

D. TAC: Complete Streets Policy

Action: Discussion

Does not apply to PC.

E. PC: Policy Committee Officer Nomination Committee

Action: Discussion

Mr. Slaughter explained the reason for the Officer Nomination Committee. Mr. Slaughter named the committee. He appointed Ms. Cribb as the nominating committee.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. TIA Update

Mr. Eastin reviewed the TIA handout with the committee. He explained the breakdown of collected revenues and TIA projects. Mr. Eastin also went over the projects for the Valdosta/Lowndes County area. Mr. Eastin stated that to date TIA has collected \$17.7 million dollars. Mr. Eastin reviewed the use of discretionary funding with the committee. Mr. Eastin stated that Brooks County has five sidewalk projects on the TIA list. Mr. Maxwell asked about Lester Road widening project, because he was approached by the Assistant Superintendent of the school. Mr. Mosely stated that Tony and he were trying to reach out to the county to decide if GDOT will deliver the project or if the county will. Mr. Slaughter asked for clarification that submitted projects cannot be changed. Mr. Franks stated that it is a little wiggle room there. Mr. Gayle asked if the Airport Control Tower can be moved up to be delivered sooner. Mr. Mosely stated that if Mr. Galloway can get his engineering done in the next 3 months then we can move the project forward. Mr. Fletcher stated that Lowndes County wanted to look and see if the Hightower Road and Cooper Road project could be moved to a sooner date. Mr. Hull stated that the CRP will need an official letter requesting band changes. We have already received letters from two communities.

B. Legislative Update

Mr. Dillard explained HB 511 and the new department titled GMobile. This will consolidate the multiple services under one department and assign a total of nine mobility zones across the state. This would also enable a funding mechanism that will repeal sales tax on sales tax, limousines, or ride sharing companies with a flat tax. Mr. Dillard stated that it has until Thursday night at midnight to pass and could impact our Regional Plan. Ms. Cribb clarified that the House has not voted on it. Mr. Dillard replied, yes. Mr. Hull asked Mr. Dillard to describe the potential implications to an Urban Public Transit System and what this legislation might mean to that. Mr. Dillard responded that this could change the funding aspect for funding purposes, meaning that the amount of local match required may change. Mr. Slaughter asked if HB 511 was going to move transit funding from under GDOT? Mr. Dillard responded yes. A discussion ensued concerning what departments would fall under the new department. Ms. Cribb stated that the consolidation of transit under one department might be a good thing to reduce redundancy and streamline funding.

C. Regional Plan

Mr. Dillard stated that the possible passing of HB 511 may impact the regional plan.

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

Mr. Maxwell stated that there was an issue in Brooks County due to residents buying tags in Lowndes County when they should be buying their tags in Brooks County. Mr. Maxwell stated that Brooks County wants to become a part of the MPO but we do not want to lose money due to residents having a Lowndes County address. Mr. Slaughter stated that Mr. Maxwell should get with the Tax Commissioners from both Brooks and Lowndes Counties to work that issue out.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 10:30 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Pritchard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Maxwell made a motion in the second. The meeting was adjourned.