

# Minutes Policy Committee June 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
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Andy Edwards	FHWA
Others Present	
Paige Dukes	Lowndes County
Vivian-Miller Cody	City of Valdosta
Ryan Walker	GDOT
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
JD Dillard	Lowndes County
Chris Herbert	VDT
Vivian- Delgadillo Canizares	GDOT

## Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Barber called the meeting to order at 10:33 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 March 3, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Cribb made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

### Agenda Item #4– New Business

<u>A. CAC Elections (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary)</u> <u>Action: Elect Officers for FY2021</u> N/A

### **B. FY21 UPWP Amendment (Transit) – Resolution FY2020-8** Action: Recommendation/Adopt

Mr. Hull explained that the UPWP amendment was specifically for transit. He reminded the members that all of the committees previously approved the FY 21 budget and work program as presented; however, with the City of Valdosta pursuing public transit operations, they put in their application for the possibility to hire a consultant next year to look at the implementation of public transit as they propose to implement it. This is an option for the City to do this, it is not mandatory but for us to amend this into our program allows for funding should they choose to do so. The funds would be 80% federal, 10% state, and 10% local match from the City of Valdosta. This is a requirement that the planning for this appears in the MPO's Planning Work Program. The total is \$200,000 dollars and we need to amend our work program and budget to reflect that. Ms. Cribb made a motion to approve the amendment. Mr. Slaughter made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

# Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

# A. 2045 Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Martin notified the committee of the current status of the 2045 MTP. She stated that the partner review period ended May 25th and thanked everyone for the comments that were sent in. Staff are updating the plan to address all comments. She continued that the public commit period will open on the 25th of June and close on the 25th of July and notified the members that they can participate in the public comment period as well. She continued that GDOT has also advised MPO staff to separate out TIA projects from State and Federally funded projects. Mr. Hull explained that staff is also seeking more input concerning one project on the draft constrained project list, Coleman Road Extension. Mr. Hull stated that Coleman Road has been in the running as a potential project for many years and is on the draft list this year; however, the project does not show significant improvement and no apparent relief of congestion as I-75 functions at an efficient state. Staff would like to know whether this project should be removed completely or listed on the illustrative project list for long-term consideration. Mr. Slaughter said that he does not really see any benefit in keeping this project on the list if there is no apparent improvement to the network and that we may want to consider Val Tech Road, which may need to be studied. Mr. Barber stated that he agrees with Mr. Slaughter. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to remove the

project from the plan. Mr. Matheson made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

### **B. Public Transit Updates**

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the City of Valdosta is pursuing a public transportation system. The last update that he received was that the RFP was going out for transit services within the next 30 days at most.

### **<u>C. Meeting Survey Update</u>**

We have received some very good feed-back so far. It looks like we will start sending text message reminders for the meetings. We will also be working on icebreakers where we can get to know one another better and encouraging each other that way. We will be working with the committee chair on the timing and informational presentations that members would like to see. Thank you for sending your comments, we received lots of great feedback.

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

None

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

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 2, 2020 at 10:30 AM at the SGRC office.

#### <u>Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment</u>

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