



**Minutes**  
**Technical Advisory Committee**  
**January 24, 2018**  
**9:00 AM**

| <b>Members Present</b> | <b>Organization</b> |
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| Pat Collins            | City of Valdosta    |
| Mike Fletcher          | Lowndes County      |
| Tim Warren             | GDOT                |
| Tom McQueen            | GDOT                |
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| <b>Others Present</b>  |                     |
| Matthew Risher         | GDOT                |
| Vivian                 | GDOT                |
| Dennis Carter          | GDOT                |
| Corey Hull             | SGRC                |
| August Huckleberry     | SGRC                |
| Amy Martin             | SGRC                |
| Khafra Mills           | SGRC                |
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**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call**

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 September 5, 2018 meeting minutes.

Mr. Collins made a motion to approve the minutes as written and update the attendance sheet.

Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

## **Agenda Item #4– New Business**

### **A. Election of Officers Action: Vote for Approval**

Mr. Fletcher asked if anyone had any nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair of the TAC committee. Hearing no response, Mr. Fletcher stated that he and Mr. Collins had no issue with keeping the positions of Chair Vice-Chair, if there were no nominations on the committee. The motion carried by acclamation.

### **B. Complete Streets Policy**

#### **Action: Discussion**

Mr. Hull directed the committee to the Complete Streets policy. Mr. Hull stated that the draft policy was created at the request of the Policy Committee. Mr. Hull said that PC and CAC did not send in any comments due to the TAC wanting to thoroughly review the draft. Mr. Fletcher stated due to meetings and the holidays that they have not had a chance to go through it but will aim to try and get it done by March.

### **C. FY20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

#### **Action: Discussion**

Mr. Hull directed the committee to the one page budget document in the agenda. Mr. Hull asked that the committee look at the document and send in comments by February 15, 2019 so that it can be an action item on March's agenda. Mr. Fletcher asked if anyone has any comments. Mr. McQueen asked if staff had enough money to do the TIP update. He asked staff to keep in the back of their minds that the funding amount may change due to two big things on their plate, the Long Range Plan in FY20 and the TIP update. Mr. Hull responded that he would double check the TIP funding and make sure that there is enough between the two.

### **D. Parking Study Presentation**

#### **Action: Discussion**

Mr. Hull briefly explained the parking study. He stated that the Parking Study is a three phase study and this portion is the first phase of the study and we have included the talking points in the agenda packet. Mr. Collins asked if reverse angled parking was being considered in the study. Mr. Hull responded, yes, this is a best practice that is noted in the Parking Study.

### **E. 2045 TVP Update Timeline, Definitions, SE Data, Plan Outline**

#### **Action: Discussion**

Ms. Martin explained to the committee that the 2045 LRTP has kicked off and the timeline documents were in the agenda packet, and the SE Data has been emailed to committee members. Ms. Martin directed the committee to the “Questions for the 2045 MTP” handout. Ms. Martin explained that staff would like to go over the questions with the committee to get an idea of what the committee would like to see in the 2045 LRTP and due to lack of time would like to review numbers 1,2,5,7 and can come back to the other questions if there is time. Mr. Fletcher read the first question. Mr. Hull further explained that the question was to make sure that staff is getting input on what projects the community would like to pay more attention to. Mr. Fletcher stated definitely all NHS routes and all Arterials, also there are state roads that are listed as arterials. Mr. McQueen asked staff if there was already a network to start with. Mr. Hull responded yes. Mr. McQueen asked what routes are on the network? Mr. Hull responded that all will be on a dashboard. Mr. McQueen stated that everything that is functional classified are eligible for federal funds. Mr. McQueen also stated that if there is a project that is not functionally classified on the final list or if the project is on an unfunded list funding the project through TIA may be a

viable option. Mr. McQueen stated that Mr. Fletcher asked Mr. McQueen if staff should use the data that is already collected. Mr. Risher stated that it is good to have a separate list of unfunded projects as well showing a demonstrated need. Mr. Fletcher asked Mr. McQueen if he recommended using the data that is already in the model to begin with. Mr. McQueen responded yes. Mr. Risher stated that there have been instances where the model will list a road as having deficiencies, and further analysis will show a side road not included in the network caused the deficiency. Mr. Fletcher stated that collectors can be included on a need basis.

Mr. Fletcher read question number two. Mr. Hull stated that all of the topics will be addressed to some degree but which Mr. Fletcher stated new roads and capacity. Mr. Collins stated urban public transit system. Mr. McQueen stated that this is the one document that addresses maintenance as well as operations.

Mr. Fletcher read questions number five. Mr. Fletcher asked if MIDS was included in the discussions. Mr. Hull stated that they are a potential bidder in transit so they are kind of at an arms length. Mr. Collins stated that

Mr. Fletcher stated that representatives from the schools would be beneficial to the discussion, they are already on the list but no one shows up. Mr. Risher stated that first responders should be included in the discussion. Mr. McQueen stated that transit could potentially overshadow the document so be sure not to create a document where the public thinks that the LRTP is a public transit plan.

Mr. Fletcher read question number seven. Mr. Fletcher stated that this area is blessed to have the TSPLOST and going forward after this funding is spent on projects, we would like to have a blueprint for future projects should TSPLOST pass again. Mr. McQueen stated absolutely, that HOG are focusing on their next list of projects for TIA. Mr. Collins asked how railroads are addressed in the LRTP and how they affect the network, impact the quality of life, and mobility. Mr. Collins stated that railroads are potentially a regional problem as well.

Mr. Fletcher had to attend another meeting; Mr. Collins stepped in to administer the meeting.

Mr. Collins read question number three. Mr. Collins stated that the City will have many capabilities connected to traffic signal optimization. He continued that the face of transportation is changing and how does that impact the future of transportation. Is there a new direction that transportation is going than the traditional practices? Mr. Hull stated that Gwinnett County is doing a connected vehicle plan. Is that something that we could consider? Although it may be separately. Mr. Collins asked who has their ear to the ground concerning the movement of transportation. Many communities are going to the cloud. These are things that I hope the study will look at. Mr. Risher stated that from a process stand point one of the great opportunities is that the model will reveal needs and having a demonstrated need within the LRTP will open it up for additional funding to use innovative strategies. Mr. Hull stated that there are many potential projects that were identified in the Traffic Signal Optimization Study that will be put into the LRTP to be reviewed, that does not mean that they will be chosen. Mr. Collins stated that innovative strategies for maintenance should be identified, an example is that employees in the TMC do not have to go out to the site to correct certain issues, this will help us to identify better ways to keep the network managed.

Mr. Collins read question number six. Mr. Collins asked what guidance you all received. Mr. Hull stated that Federal Highway has asked for a more detailed chapter concerning freight trends in the VLMPO area. Mr. Hull stated that staff is looking to send out a survey to the local private sector stakeholders to get additional information about the freight that is coming through here. Mr. Risher suggested that an overnight truck parking survey would be beneficial, including freight generators and freight receivers; how are they getting from I-75 to point B. Mr. Martin stated that this question wrapped up the LRTP discussion.

#### **Agenda Item #5 – Staff Update**

Mr. Hull stated that the calendar meeting dates are located in the packet. The meeting today cancels out the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting so we will not have that meeting. The meetings with an asterisk on the list are set with the LRTP timeline so that we can be sure to meet deadlines for the LRTP update.

#### **B. Crash Report Update**

Ms. Martin explained that the crash report was updated to include the rate of crashes at each intersection. We also included the projects that were identified in other studies or if the intersection will be having improvements done. Ms. Martin explained that ranking the intersections by rate of crashes can help in the prioritization of projects within the LRTP process.

#### **C. Participation Plan Update**

Mr. Hull explained to the committee that the GDOT Intermodal Department asked that we review our Participation Plan; they recommended that we make a few changes. We have sent the document to them for review and we are expecting a June adoption for the updated Participation Plan.

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

Mr. Collins opened up the floor for public comment. Ms. Tooley asked if staff will look at new trends and data concerning truck parking and the routes that they are taking. Also look at areas where there is open land and trucks parking in these areas will probably increase. Mr. McQueen stated that Ms. Tooley's take on truck parking is absolutely correct and he hears it everywhere across the country. Trucking has changed, they used to have log books but now it is electronic counters that tell them when they need to get off the road. Mr. Hull stated that Florida has moved to electronic parking inventories, even in the rural areas and they are also parking along I-75.

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

The next meeting will be March, 6, 2019, 9:00 AM at the SGRC office.

#### **Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.