

**Minutes
Technical Advisory Committee
December 4, 2019
9:00 AM**

Members Present	Organization
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Pat Collins	City Of Valdosta
Ricky Thomas	Valdosta City Schools
Matthew Risher (via phone)	GDOT
Tim Warren	GDOT
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
JD Dillard	SGRC
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Habte Kassa	GDOT
Vivian Miller-Cody	City of Valdosta

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:08 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 members to review the minutes from the September 4, 2019 joint meeting of the VLMPO committees. A motion was made by Mr. Risher and seconded by Mr. Fletcher to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. Technical Advisory Committee Elections

Note: Mr. Collins had not yet arrived. Mr. Fletcher noted that in Mr. Collins' absence that recommended the current committee officers remain. With no objections, Mr. Fletcher will remain the chair with Mr. Collins as vice-chair for 2020.

B. 2045 Travel Demand Model Resolution FY2020-3

Mr. Kassa with GDOT presented the 2015 Base Year and 2045 NO-Build Model results for use for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update. Mr. Collins joined the meeting during this presentation. Mr. Fletcher requested that GDOT review the traffic volume data for Val Del Road for the base year. Mr. Hull requested that GDOT review the 2015 level of service map to clarify if Alden Ave. really had an LOS of F. Ms. Cody requested that GDOT review the traffic volume data for Forrest Street. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to recommend approval of the travel demand model scenarios to the Policy Committee with the stipulation that they review the requests previously made, Mr. Collins seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 2045 Project Prioritization and Selection Methodology

Mr. Hull noted that the committee meeting was running over time and said that he would send this information to the TAC members for their review and comment after the meeting. He did note that the project scoring methodology had been revised since the last transportation plan to better address performance-based planning best practices.

D. VLMPO Participation Plan Update – Resolution FY2020-4

Mr. Hull presented the results of the Participation Plan update and public comment period. He noted one significant comment received from FHWA that highlighted the need to refine the Title VI (civil rights) complaint procedures to better reflect the VLMPO roles and responsibilities. This section will be updated. A motion was made by Mr. Collins to recommend approval of the Participation Plan to the Policy Committee; Mr. Fletcher seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

E. FY2021 FTA 5303 Application – Resolution FY2020-5

Mr. Hull presented the FY2021 budget and description of work activities for the Federal Transit Administration 5303 planning grant. He noted that much of the work would be the same as it has been in prior years but there would be a focus on implementation of urban transit in the

community. A motion was made by Mr. Fletcher to recommend approval of the 5303 application to the Policy Committee; Mr. Collins seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

F. FY2021 FTA 5307 Application – Resolution FY2020-6

Mr. Hull presented the FY2021 application for 5307 funds from the Federal Transit Administration. He noted there were two parts proposed for the application. The first was for the Southern Georgia Regional Commission to operate urban transit inside the Valdosta Urbanized Area on an interim basis to compliment the proposed rural transit service the SGRC is considering to operate in Lowndes County and 17 other rural counties. The second part of the application was an implementation planning effort to help a local government entity set-up a permanent solution to urban transit in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. He shared with them the comments from the CAC meeting the day before. A discussion ensued raising some doubt about available funding for transit and decisions that needed to be made by elected officials and not staff. A motion was made by Mr. Collins to recommend approval to the Policy Committee of the application. M Fletcher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

G. VLMPO Strategic Plan Report Draft

Mr. Hull presented the report of comments from the strategic plan workshop held in September. He noted that all comments had an idea or recommendation for improving the VLMPO processes or products. Mr. Hull asked the committee members to review the document and submit any comments they have. The comments will be compiled a final report presented at the March 2020 meeting.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program and Budget

Mr. Hull presented the UPWP budget page and asked the committee to review the entire documents that had been sent the week before by email. He noted that after a review period a formal comment period will be held for federal, state, and local partners prior to the anticipation adoption of the UPWP and budget in March 2020.

B. Innovative use of 2045 Socioeconomic Data

Mr. Hull shared with the TAC the recent use of the VLMPO Socioeconomic Data by a local engineering firm for the planning for water and sewer infrastructure improvements in Lowndes County. The data was used to estimate population growth in an area of the county and determine the size of water and sewer infrastructure needed for future growth. Committee members were reminded to use this data for planning purposes.

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

Mr. Thomas asked the City of Valdosta to look into areas at Park Avenue and Forrest Street and Jaycee Shack Road and Northside Drive where school bus drivers have problems with site distance and turning movements. Mr. Collins agreed to look into these areas.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Fletcher noted the next meet on March 4, 2020.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Fletcher to adjourn the meeting.at 10:22 a.m.