

**Minutes  
Technical Advisory Committee  
March 6, 2019  
9:00 AM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Pat Collins	City of Valdosta
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Tim Warren	GDOT
Matthew Risher	GDOT
Tom McQueen	GDOT
<b>Others Present</b>	
Matthew Risher	GDOT
Christy Lovett	GDOT
Brent Mosely	GDOT
William Eastin	GDOT
Vivian Canizares	GDOT
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Sandra Tooley	City of Valdosta
Tamara Christion	FHWA
Corey Hull	SGRC
JD Dillard	SGRC

**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 January 24, 2019 called meeting minutes. Mr. Collins made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

### **Agenda Item #4– New Business**

#### **A. FY2020 UPWP Adoption Resolution FY2019-3: Vote for Approval**

Mr. Hull reviewed the UPWP with the committee. He stated that there will be a Strategic Plan completed by staff as well as a certification review performed later this year. He continued that staff will develop a full scope of work for the unfunded projects in the 2040 LRTP in preparation for the 2045 LRTP Update. We will be developing an Environmental database as well as Neighborhood Plans. Mr. Hull notified the committee that GDOT is working on a study for rerouting truck traffic around Valdosta, and we will continue our discussions concerning public transportation. Mr. Hull went over the comments from GDOT and FHWA. Mr. Hull stated that staff was advised to remove planning emphasis items as they are no longer required. The MTP is just Valdosta, Berrien, Brooks, and Lanier Counties, and staff was advised to clarify that region was referring to the MPO region. Clarified items on Downtown Truck Traffic Study. In the future unfunded business plan projects, we have several projects listed and five years of anticipated future funding, we were advised to remove the future funding table. We corrected line item funding codes for FTA. Mr. McQueen stated that be sure that the neighborhood plans that you mentioned says transportation related. Mr. Hull responded yes, it specifically says transportation related. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to approve the UPWP resolution. Mr. Collins 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 directed the committee to the Transportation Survey handout. Mr. Hull stated that staff would like the committee to review the survey and provide any comments or feedback by Tuesday.

#### **C. TAC: Endorse 2045 Socioeconomic Data**

##### **Action: Vote for Approval**

Mr. Hull explained to the committee that the 2045 Socioeconomic Data Study was complete, has been reviewed by our partners and has no further comments. Mr. Hull notified the committee that the data will need to be endorsed by the TAC. Mr. Collins made a motion to endorse the data. Mr. Fletcher made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

#### **D. TAC: Complete Streets Policy**

##### **Action: Discussion**

Mr. Fletcher explained to the committee that he and Mr. Collins would like to go over the policy before voting on it. Mr. Fletcher stated that he would like for Mr. Collins, Tim, and Tom, having a conference call to go over the Draft Policy. Mr. Hull asked if it would help for staff to send a reminder. Mr. Fletcher responded yes.

#### **E. PC: Policy Committee Officer Nominating Committee**

##### **Action: Nominate Committee**

Does not Apply to TAC.

## **Agenda Item #5 – Staff Update**

### **A. TIA Update**

Mr. Eastin of the GDOT TIA office gave a brief overview of the TIA projects and how much TIA revenue has been collected since TIA's inception. Mr. Eastin broke out the Band one projects for Lowndes County and gave the timeline for those projects. He continued that the Southern Ga region has collected \$17.7 million dollars. Mr. Fletcher asked if we have collected the projected \$513 million will the tax stop. Mr. Eastin responded yes. Mr. Fletcher asked if we collect it in year 8 will we be able to begin the process for the next TIA. Mr. Eastin responded yes. Mr. Fletcher asked if whatever funds are left in the 75% pot of money will go back out to the region. Mr. Eastin stated yes. Mr. Eastin reminded the committee of the allowable uses for discretionary funding. Mr. Fletcher asked when the next TIA meeting will be held. Mr. Hull responded that it will be on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Berrien County.

### **B. Legislative Update**

Mr. Dillard notified the committee of the upcoming legislative decisions concerning transit. He stated that HB 930 enabled the commission to look at transit across the state. They are currently looking at small urban and rural transit areas. HB 511 broke out 9 transit regions and created a division titled GMobile, which all transit agencies will fall under. They are looking to replace the sales tax with a flat excise tax that is estimated to bring in 30 to 60 million dollars per year. There are also tax credits for employer based transit benefits. The program will target economically distressed communities, Lowndes County does not fall into this defined category. This bill would need to pass out of the House by 5pm tomorrow night. This could have significant implications on a urban system and the regional system, these implications are the excise tax; this may change the conversation concerning funding a public transit system.

### **C. Regional Transit Plan**

Mr. Dillard explained to the committee that we are currently developing a plan to see what the break out for budgets and possible match options may look like.

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

A discussion ensued concerning the work being done on the exits in Valdosta/Lowndes County.

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

The next meeting will be June, 5, 2019, 9:00 AM at the SGRC office.

## **Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

Mr. Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the meeting was adjourned by acclamation.