Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

Minutes Citizen's Advisory Committee March 4, 2014 3:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
Vic Douglass (proxy for Ray Sable)	VSU
Bill Tucker	Valdosta
Ed Rawls	Lowndes County
Ken Sherrill	Lake Park
Tim Riddle	CVB
Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County
Carroll Griffin	Remerton
Steve Barnes	Leadership Lowndes
Todd Smoot	Lowndes County
Stephanie Joachim	VBOE
Bill Branham	Valdosta
Clarence Parker	Airport Authority
Megan Duke	VLCIA
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm.

Agenda Item #2 - Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Griffin asked those present to introduce themselves and to state their affiliation with the CAC. Mr. Hull noted the CAC attendance record has been updated to reflect corrected information.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Griffin asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Sherrill, and seconded by Mr. Barnes, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

None.

Agenda Item #5- New Business

A. FY2015 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Hull presented the draft FY15 UPWP for the committee to discuss. Mr. Hull noted the budget was included in the packet. He noted UPWP is the budget and outline of staff responsibilities over the coming year. Mr. Hull briefly reviewed each of the work elements and the budget line items. He carefully described the procedures for carryover funds and how they are included in the budget.

Mr. Rawls asked to clarify the items listed on page 3 of the UPWP, particularly item #6. Mr. Hull noted these items are federal planning factors that the MPO must consider every year. Item #6 addresses the fact MPOs must consider all modes of transportation and how people and goods move in our communities.

A motion was made by Mr. Riddle and seconded by Ms. Douglass to recommend approval to the Policy Committee, motion carried.

B. Valdosta/VSU Traffic Safety Study

Mr. Hull presented some brief information on a request for the City of Valdosta and Valdosta State University regarding a traffic safety study to be conducted around campus to address pedestrian safety concerns. Mr. Hull described the way in which the MPO might go about doing this along with partners like VSU, GDOT and Valdosta. He noted there were too many question right now to give a lot of details, and that the Policy Committee had final decisions over this type of project.

A discussion ensued for several minutes about general pedestrian safety and concerns of the committee.

Agenda Item #5- Staff Update

A. Public Participation Survey

Mr. Hull provided an overview of a survey staff conducted of those people who participated in MPO public participation activities in the last year.

B. Project Status Report

Mr. Hull presented information about the status up projects throughout the region.

Mr. Branham asked about the projects along the MLK corridor. He asked when this project might be completed and how it coordinates with other projects in the area.

C. Public Speaking – CCV Outreach

Mr. Hull reminded members to provide him with public speaking opportunities about transportation and the Common Community Vision.

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

Mr. Parker asked about truck traffic going through Valdosta. Mr. Hull responded that no specific projects have been planned or undertaken at this time, and it is an ongoing discussion with local governments, and some of the early solutions are very expensive.

<u>Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time</u> It was noted the next meeting date and time will be on June 3 at 3p.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Sherrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, ti was seconded, the motion carried.