

**Minutes
Policy Committee
December 5, 2017
2:00 PM**

PC Members Present	Organization
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
John Gayle	City of Valdosta
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Jason Davenport	Lowndes County
Justin DeVane	Brooks County
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
John Dillard	SGRC
Sandra Tooley	Valdosta City Council
William Eastin	GDOT
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Slaughter called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Slaughter asked those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Slaughter asked the committee members to review the September 6th, 2017 meeting minutes. Mr. Gayle made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Mr. DeVane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4 – New Business

A. Policy Committee Election of New Vice-Chair

Mr. Slaughter opened the floor for nominations for the Vice-Chair seat. Mr. Gayle made a motion to nominate Mr. Barber to be the Vice-Chair of the Policy Committee. Mr. Slaughter seconded the motion. There were no other nominations, Mr. Slaughter closed the nominations. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

B. FY 19 FTA 5303 Grant Application – Resolution 2018-5

Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval

Mr. Dillard explained that the 5303 grant application is for transit planning. He continued that it is roughly receiving \$62,000 in federal funds. 80% from the federal, 10% from state, with the remaining 10% split between Lowndes, Valdosta, and the SGRC. Ms. Cribb stated that the resolution should be 2018-5. Mr. Hull responded this is correct, please refer to the resolution in the agenda. Mr. DeVane made a motion to approve the application. Mr. Gayle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

C. Discretionary PL Funds Application – Resolution 2018-4

Mr. Hull explained to the committee that a few items will be amended in the budget amendments. Mr. Hull explained that the first amended item will be \$20,000 dollars for special studies such as the upcoming Socioeconomic Study. The second amended item will be program administration, which is the duties of staff to carry out the MPO work over the fiscal year. In order to streamline our process, we are amending an estimated dollar amount from FY19 into the FY18 budget. The estimated amount is what we would be putting into each of these work elements for FTA funds. An example is for FY 18 we have not done any work on public transit planning yet because we do not have a contract. Our GDOT transit partners and FTA has stated that if we could show an estimated dollar amount in our prior year budget that may speed up the process. Mr. Davenport made a motion approve the application. Mr. DeVane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

D. Presentation on Performance Measures

Mr. Hull notified the committee that performance measures came into existence when MAP-21 was signed. He explained that there are seven national goals that deal with transportation: safety, infrastructure, congestion reduction, system reliability, freight movement, environmental sustainability, reduced project delivery. Not all of these measures will apply to our MPO. Safety is the first

performance measure and staff is recommending that we support the state data. Our due date is February 27, 2017 so the Policy Committee will have a called meeting on February 22, 2017 to approve the performance measures. My 27, 2018, the MOU will need to be amended to include performance measures and Ray City annexation. May 20, 2019, performance measures for pavement condition, travel time reliability, and truck traffic time reliability will be due. September 2, 2020 the TVP local targets will be due. Mr. Collins asked if the pavement and bridge conditions measurements will be set locally. Mr. Hull responded that they will be set nationally, we do not get to dictate those. Mr. Hull gave the committee the state safety targets. Mr. Hull stated that some of these will have an enforcement aspect. Mr. Hull also recommended to the committees that a more active role/partnerships with local first responders may help with efforts in this area. Mr. Hull stated that in mid-January we will have a 30 day public comment period, then the Policy Committee will be asked to adopt a resolution to amend the LRTP, amend the TIP, and a resolution to support the state safety targets.

E. Discussion of Next Steps for Public Transit

Mr. Hull asked for thoughts on possible funding solutions for public transit. We have looked at public private partnerships, many of these things will help offset the 50% cost but it will not cover it all. A sales tax or a property tax allocation to fund public transit. What source of revenue would the community want to see, these seem to be the two options.

F. Presentation of Complete Streets

Mr. Godwin presented the concept of developing and implementing a complete streets policy for the VLMPO area. Mr. Godwin asked for the committee to share any thoughts about complete streets.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. Transit Commission

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the Georgia House Transit Governance Funding Commission has been meeting since June and all MPO's in the state are non-voting ex-officio members. He continued that there have been many transit discussions and will be continuing to talk about public transit at the state level.

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

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next PC meeting will be Thursday, February 22, 2018 @ 10:00 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Gayle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. DeVane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the meeting was adjourned.