Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

Minutes Policy Committee September 5, 2012 10:30 AM

Members Present	Organization
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Jason Davenport	Lowndes County (Ashley Paulk Proxy)
Lisa Cribb	SGRC (John Leonard Proxy)
John Gayle	Valdosta
Larry Hanson	Valdosta
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Brent Thomans	GDOT
Ray Genter	
Bill Thomson	
Terance Cawley	
Bill Brown	

Staff Note: The audio recording for this meeting did not record correctly and is not available.

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

Mr. Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:34.

Agenda Item #2 - Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Davenport asked those present to introduce themselves and thanked the citizens in attendance.

Agenda Item #3 - Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr Davenport asked the committee to review the minutes from the June 6, 2012 meeting. A few typos were noted. Mr. Gayle made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections noted; it was seconded by Mr. Hanson, the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4— Old Business

None.

Agenda Item #5 - Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment

Mr. Davenport asked Mr. Hull to review the New Business items.

- A. FY2013 Unified Planning Work Program Budget Amendment Resolution FY2013-1 Mr. Hull presented the budget revision for FY2013, explaining the procedures for using carryover funds from FY2012. After a brief discussion Mr. Hanson made a motion to approve the Amendment to the UPWP as presented, it was seconded by Mr. Gayle, the motion carried unanimously.
- B. Policy on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program Activities Resolution FY2013-2 Mr. Hull presented the final version of the DBE Program Plan and discussed the comments and feedback received from various parties over the past several months as the document was prepared. Ms. Cribb motioned to approve the DBE Program Plan as presented; it was seconded by Mr. Hanson, the motion carried unanimously.
- C. Update to Public Participation Plan Resolution FY2013-3
 Mr. Hull reviewed the PPP update that had been made available for public comment for a period of 45 days as required by federal law. He noted that one comment was received and it was not germane to the topic of public participation, it instead referred to bike paths in Valdosta. Mr. Hull noted that this comment is accepted and will be forwarded on to the City of Valdosta for further consideration. Mr. Gayle made a motion to approve the PPP; it was seconded by Mr. Hanson, the motion carried unanimously.
- D. Presentation on FY2012 Annual Report Mr. Hull presented information on the Annual Report from FY2012.
- E. Presentation and Update on Valdosta Urbanized Area Boundary Delineation

Mr. Hull reviewed the procedures for updated this Valdosta Urban Area Boundaries based on the 2010 Census data. A brief discussion occurred about the details of the process that will take place over the next year.

F. Presentation on MAP-21 Provisions - Corey Hull
Mr. Hull talked briefly about the changes coming to MPOs and transportation planning and policy
in general, based on the new federal transportation policy law, MAP-21.

Agenda Item #6- Staff Update

A. TSPLOST Update

Mr. Hull told those present that since the defeat of the TSPLOST in the Southern Georgia Region all local communities now have a required 30% match of their LMIG funds. He noted that there are rumors of changing the law in the legislature in the next session, but until then the law stands as it is and the region can re-vote on the TSPLOST again in 2014.

B. Project Updates - see attached

Mr. Hull reviewed the project list and noted that several projects are moving along quickly. Mr. Hanson asked if the MPO could be involved in arranging a meeting with GDOT and the contractors on the Hwy 84 Overpass project so that detours can be arranged and we can have an engaged public outreach process with this large project coming in the next few months. The staff agreed to set-up meetings with GDOT to discuss public outreach regarding this project.

Mr. McQueen noted that the official dates for projects are listed in the TIP and those reflected on the Project Update sheet are moving targets and change from month to month.

C. Citizen's Advisory Committee Attendance
Mr. Hull noted that the attendance at the CAC meetings has been very good recently, he thanked
the Policy Committee for the recent appointments to this advisory committee of engaged citizens.

Agenda Item #7- Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment

One member of the public in attendance thanked the Policy Committee for allowing them to participate in the meeting and be a part of the process.

Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Davenport noted that the next meeting date is December 5, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Item #9 - Adjournment

Mr. Gayle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Mr. Hanson, the motion carried unanimously.

Jason Davenport, Planner, Lowndes County

Chair, Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization