

**Minutes**  
**Policy Committee – Called Meeting**  
**7/9/2014**  
**10:30 am**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Bruce Cain	Hahira
John Leonard	SGRC
John Gayle	Valdosta
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Jason Davenport	Lowndes County
Larry Hanson	Valdosta
Anne Marie Day (via phone)	FHWA
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Joe Sheffield	GDOT
<b>Others Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Corey Hull	SGRC
Todd Miller	SGRC
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Shane Pridgen	GDOT
Jonathan Sumner	Hahira
Deborah Hobney	MIDs, Inc.
Krystal Harris (via phone)	GDOT
Aries Little (via phone)	GDOT

### **Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:31

### **Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call**

Mr. Davenport asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and to state their affiliation with the committee.

### **Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Davenport asked for the approval of the minutes from the June 4, 2014 meeting, a motion was made by Mayor Gayle, and a second was made by Mr. Fletcher, motion carried.

### **Agenda Item #4– Old Business**

#### *A. Functional Classification Map Endorse Changes – Resolution 2015-01*

Mr. Hull referenced the Functional Classification Map on the tables and in the handouts, as well as the Resolution and Re-Classification Justification Sheet. Mr. Hull described a minor change made to the Resolution and the format of the Justification Sheets. Mr. Hull also described the spreadsheet and its format. Mr. Davenport clarified Mr. Hull's description of the table and columns. Mr. Hansen inquired how conflicting recommendations between staff and GDOT would be resolved, and what the benefits of one classification versus another are. Mr. Hull, Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Thomas clarified the differences between Major and Minor Collectors and Major and Minor Arterials, and the implications of the different designations. Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Hull and Mr. Hansen discussed how the County's classifications mesh with the proposed recommendations. Mr. Davenport asked for a motion. A motion was made by Mr. Fletcher to approve the resolution endorsing the proposed functional classification changes, and a second was made by Mayor Gayle, motion carried.

### **Agenda Item #5– New Business**

#### *A. FY15-18 Transportation Improvement Program – Resolution 2015-02*

Mr. Hull described the FY15-18 TIP and the changes that were made since the last meeting. Mr. Hull described several of the comments from GDOT, the public and other planning partners, and how the comments were addressed.

Mr. McQueen pointed out a minor error on the year for the Jerry Jones project line item. Mr. Davenport asked about the timing of the TIP, and Mr. Hull described the timing. Mr. Sumner asked about a project description, and Mr. Hull clarified that the description was based on planned improvements, not actual on the ground conditions. Mr. Davenport clarified that the document is ready for adoption. Mr. Hull indicated that it was.

Mr. Hanson made a motion to approve the FY15-18 Transportation Improvement Program as presented, with the conditions listed below, and Mr. Gayle seconded the motion. Mr. Hanson, Mr. Hull, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Thomas, Mr. McQueen, Ms. Day and Mr. Fletcher discussed the conditions. Mr. Hanson agreed to a minor modification to condition #1.



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~~An amount reduced or removed from the Forrest Street widening project shall be re-allocated to the Terry Jones and Oak Street Extension projects, where the projects are eligible for re-allocation.~~

- 2) The study to be performed by GDOT in the fall of 2014 on the Exit 18 project will be completed and presented to the MPO by June 2015.
- 3) The Oak Street Extension project engineering shall be completed by June 2015.
- 4) The Five Points roundabout study shall commence to address the deficient level of service with a progress report to the MPO by June 2015.
- 5) No project in the adopted TIP shall be altered or eliminated without discussion with the MPO and the jurisdiction in which the project is located.

The motion carried.

### *B. Discussion of truck by-pass options for downtown Valdosta*

Mr. Hull described the ongoing issue and referenced the copy of the City's resolution to request the GDOT permanently designate the temporary truck bypass around the Hill Avenue overpass construction project. Mr. Hull turned the discussion over to Mr. Hanson and Mayor Gayle. Mayor Gayle and Mr. Hanson described the reason for, and nature of, the City's request, and asked for MPO endorsement and support for their request. Mr. Davenport clarified the City's request of the GDOT and the City's resolution. Mr. Hanson confirmed that the City is requesting the MPO express support and endorsement for their request to the GDOT. Mr. Fletcher described the bypass route and some of the history of the discussion about a bypass. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to authorize the MPO Board to write a letter of support and endorsement for the City's request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Leonard. Mr. McQueen abstained. Motion carried.

### **Agenda Item #5– Staff Update**

Mr. Hull summarized staff updates regarding the kickoff of the public involvement process for the long range transportation plan with an initial meeting at the City of Hahira. Mr. Hull also mentioned the recent completion of the draft Road Safety Audit for Patterson Street by the GDOT, and that GDOT is awaiting any comments. Mr. Hull provided a handout with a list of all open houses, public meetings, workshops and other events that are currently scheduled for August and September. Mr. Hull also referenced the Senior Resources Maps that were recently developed and printed by staff.

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

No public comments were provided, and privilege of the floor was not taken by any members. Mr. Davenport thanked Ms. Hobney for attending. Mr. Hull indicated the next meeting would focus on public transportation, and that GDOT Intermodal Department staff will be in attendance at that meeting. Mr. McQueen expressed appreciation for the MPO and its efficiency.

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

A. Policy Committee

- a. Wednesday, September 3, 2014; Time: 10:30 am, at SGRC Office (Topic: Public Transit)

**Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

Mr. Davenport asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Fletcher, it was seconded by Mr. Davenport, motion carried.