

**Minutes
Policy Committee
3/11/14
2:00 pm**

Members Present	Organization
Justin DeVane	Brooks County
John Leonard	SGRC
John Gayle	Valdosta
G R Holton	Dasher
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Jason Davenport	Lowndes County
Larry Hanson	Valdosta
Tom McQueen (via phone)	GDOT
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Shane Pridgen	GDOT
Thressea Boyd	VSU
Russell Mast	VSU
Traycee Martin	VSU
Sandra Tooley	Valdosta

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Davenport called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

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 last meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Hanson, a second was made by Mr. Fletcher, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

None.

Agenda Item #5– New Business

A. FY15 UPWP

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.

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.

Mr. Hanson commented that this is the appropriate manner in which to address this issue through this process, improving safety for students and the public in general.

Mr. Mast commented that VSU supports this effort and said that VSU is looking forward to improving the safety of students on campus.

A discussion ensued about this issue.

C. Technical Advisory Committee Attendance and Membership

Mr. Hull presented options for revising the membership/voting privileges of the TAC members. A discussion ensued, with the following recommendations provided for staff to proceed with contacting all of the members of the TAC, following up with letters after the next meeting. Further discussion about expanding the committee will take place down the road.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. 5303 Grant Application Status

Mr. Hull noted this application is has still not been requested by GDOT and we are hoping to hear soon on the available funding.

B. 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.

C. Project Status Report

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

D. Transit Allocation

Mr. Hull announced that the 5307 allocations have been announced, this year for Valdosta, the allocation is above \$1 million. It will be up to the Policy Committee to decide if it wants to keep the money. A discussion ensued about the use of the funds by Lowndes County Transit or by VSU Transit. Corey will follow-up on some of these questions for the next meeting. A question was asked about where MIDS currently provides trips to, essentially, where are the riders coming from. It was discussed to make a map of this information.

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

Mr. Hanson said that the City has met with GDOT, and will be presenting a project change to Jerry Jones and other project in Valdosta.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

June 4 is the date of the next regular meeting.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

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



Jason Davenport, Chair, VLMPO Policy Committee