

**Minutes
Policy Committee
July 12, 2011
1:30 pm**

Members Present	Organization
John Fretti	City of Valdosta, Mayor
Larry Hanson	City of Valdosta, Manager
Jason Davenport	Lowndes County Planner (Ashley Paulk Rep.)
John Leonard	SGRC
Walter Sandlin	City of Lake Park
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Michelle Caldwell	GDOT
Sam Baker	GDOT
Lesa Walker	GDOT

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Jason Davenport, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:36, noting that Mayor Fretti was running late.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Davenport asked all of the persons present to introduce themselves and to state their affiliation with the Policy Committee.

Mr. Hull described the Policy Committee attendance sheet showing the past attendance of the members.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fretti entered the room during the previous discussion and assumed the responsibilities of the Chairmanship from Mr. Davenport. Mr. Fretti asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes, being none, the minutes were approved by acclamation.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

Mr. Fretti noted there was no old business at this time.

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

Mr. Hull presented the information from the recent public comment period for the Draft FY12-15 TIP. He noted there was only one comment received, it was from GDOT. He reviewed the comments received noting that most of them were minor in nature. Mr. Hanson questioned an increase in the cost estimate for the Highway 84 Grade Separation from about \$121K to over \$800K in local funds. A discussion ensued on how where this estimate came from and how it had increased so quickly. It was decided that this cost increase should be left out of the TIP until further information can be provided. Mr. Hanson also asked how the Jerry Jones, from Gornto to Jadan Place can be changed to Gornto to Oak St (its true ending location). Mr. McQueen noted that this had been changed in the GDOT database, in-between the publication of the Draft TIP and this meeting. After a brief discussion it was agreed that this project description should be changed to reflect the information GDOT currently has on record. Mr. Fretti asked for a motion to adopt the TIP as presented, including the removal of the cost increase for Highway 84 and the change in termini of the Jerry Jones project. Mr. Hanson made a motion, Mr. Leonard seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

Mr. Hull presented the agenda for the Regional Transportation Roundtable Executive Committee meeting on July 25th and opened a discussion on the project selection process. Mr. Hanson voiced his concerns about the projects that had been selected and that he felt the City of Valdosta did not get enough of the money for the size of the City and the revenue contributions that come from the City. A discussion ensued on this topic. Mr. Hanson noted that the City of Valdosta would be sending representatives to the next meeting to make sure that the City of Valdosta concerns are heard by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Hull followed up on the comment received from our Public Participation Plan from Mr. Rose. He noted that the meeting with Mr. Rose and the VLMPO staff had been rescheduled but the resolution of the matter is moving forward and all parties are satisfied with the outcome.

Mr. Hull presented the Citizens' Advisory Committee attendance sheet and noted that Lowndes County recently had a vacancy that needs to be filled.

Mr. Hull asked any members present to recommend public engagement opportunities to the staff.

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

There was no public comment at this time.

Agenda Item #6 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Fretti noted that the next meeting date will be September 13, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #7 – Adjournment

Mr. Fretti adjourned the meeting at 2:07 pm.



Jason Davenport, Planner, Lowndes County

Chairman, Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee