

**Minutes
Policy Committee
April 27, 2011
1:30 pm**

Members Present	Organization
Larry Hanson	City of Valdosta, Manager
Jason Davenport	Lowndes County Planner (Ashley Paulk Rep.)
Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County, Manager
John Leonard	SGRC
Wayne Bullard	City of Hahira, Mayor
Tim Kassa (Phone)	GDOT
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC VLMPO
Whitney Biggers	SGRC
Marco Trigueros	GDOT via phone
Tyrhonda Edwards	GDOT

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Jason Davenport called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Davenport welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending. Persons in the room introduced themselves as well as those attending via phone.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

The March 8, 2011 minutes were approved unanimously by the members after a motion by Joe Pritchard and second from John Leonard with the following change that Von Shipman was not present, instead it should be Pat Collins and Mike Fletcher was listed twice.

Agenda Item #4 – Quarterly UPWP Status Report

Mr. Hull noted that this information had inadvertently been left out of the packet, but one would be sent via email. He noted that the 3rd Quarter was a little bit lower due to staff time being charged to other transportation related contracts, particularly working on the TIA.

Agenda Item #5– Old Business

None at this time.

Agenda Item #6 New Business

- A. Amend FY2012 UPWP – Resolution 2011-5

Mr. Hull described the reason for this amendment as requested by the GDOT Intermodal Office. He described the two reasons for this amendment. The first is to ensure that we are including public transit activities in the MPO Work Program as appropriate. He noted that the Intermodal Office asked the VLMPO to be more specific in calling out public transit in work elements 101, 102, 201, 401, 402 and 404. Making sure to include “public transit” or “all modes of transportation”. The second is the funding allocation provided by the annual 5303 Federal Transit Administration Planning Grant. This amendment includes a new allocation of this funding source across various work elements in \$1,000 increments, with the remaining funding allocated to work element 101. Mr. Hull described that the reason the funding allocation is so small is because GDOT has a hard time producing contracts in a timely manner and this allocation allows the MPO to better spend the funds if contracts are delivered six-months late like they were in the past. The small allocation allows the staff to charge time to those elements, but also allows all funding resources to be spent in a well managed manner. A wording change on work elements 401 to include “all modes of transportation projects” and 402 to include all public transportation providers, not specifically mentioning existing or proposed transit systems.

Tyrhonda noted that FTA needs to know where the dollars they provide are being used and to make sure that public transit is included. Tyrhonda asked if a new final copy would be sent out. She also asked in the ALI codes would be changed or corrected. Mr. Hull noted that these federal funding and planning codes would only be changed if there was an error, which at this time he believed to be correct.

Jason Davenport clarified that there was no increase in funds, just shifting money around and making work elements to include public transit planning.

Mr. Pritchard made a motion to approve the amendment as presented, Mr. Hanson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7 Staff Update

Mr. Hull noted that the transit consultant is wrapping up his work and should be done within one month. The last task is to produce final versions of all of the documents produced for the public transit implementation.

Mr. Hull noted that over 350 projects totaling more than \$2.7 billion were submitted from the 18 county region for the TIA Unconstrained List. The region is expected to receive about \$550 million. It is expected that GDOT will send the reviewed Unconstrained List to the Regional Executive Committee by June 1.

Mr. Hull noted that the MPO received the FY12-15 TIP project information from GDOT and that meetings would be set-up with the local engineers and GDOT to review the projects in the next month.

Agenda Item #8 – Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment

There were no comments.

Agenda Item #9 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next regularly scheduled Policy meeting will be held on **July 12, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at SGRC.**

Agenda Item #7 - Adjournment

There being no further business, John Fretti adjourned the meeting at 1:52 p.m.



Jason Davenport, Planner, Lowndes County
Vice-Chairman, Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization