

Minutes Technical Advisory Committee September 2, 2021 9:00 AM

Members Present	Organization
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Van Mason	GDOT
Kaniz Sathi	GDOT
Others Present	
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Alan Worley	City of Valdosta
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC





Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Agenda Item #2 - Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

Mr. Fletcher asked those present to state their name and affiliation with the committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fletcher asked the committee members to review the June 2, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Worley made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Fletcher made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4- New Business - Committee Recommendation/ Approval Required

A. VLMPO Bylaws Update

Does not apply to the CAC.

Agenda Item #5 – Discussion Only

A. Strategic Plan Implementation

Ms. Martin stated that the Strategic Plan was the outcome of a joint VLMPO committee meeting focused on how the MPO can better serve the needs of the community and stakeholders. She explained to the committee that staff are working to implement many of the items that are listed in the plan and would like to know of any potential analysis and or ways to highlight transportation planning. Mr. Hull shared some of the comments from the CAC. Mr. Fletcher asked if staff had any recommendations. Mr. Hull stated that staff keeps a running list of ideas that can potentially be done. Mr. Hull shared ideas such as the Park Avenue Study and the Hahira Traffic Study. Mr. Fletcher stated that Val Del Road is an important project that they would like to see some data or analysis on such as a Val Del Road corridor study. Mr. Hull asked if there was any non-infrastructure data or trends analyses that they would like to see completed. Ms. Martin stated that it may be beneficial for staff to send out the list of ideas to the committee members and allow them to choose potential studies/analyses that would be of use to them.

B. GDOT Project Updates

Mr. Carter reviewed the current status of GDOT projects in the MPO area. Mr. Fletcher asked concerning Exit 11, were the bids not accepted? Mr. Carter responded that the bids were not accepted. Mr. Fletcher asked if Mr. Carter if he looked into why the local government staff were not being invited to the final field review. Mr. Carter stated that he did not, Robert was going to look into that but I will follow up. Mr. Hull asked what the anticipated construction completion date would be for PI number 013987. Mr. Carter responded that he is not sure, but if it has just been let it will be about 2 years.

C. Hahira Traffic Study Scope

Ms. Martin notified the committee that the line item is in the wrong spot and should be under the Recommendation for Approval so there will need to be a motion and a vote from the committee. Ms.



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Martin went over the scope of the study. Ms. Martin also notified the committee of comments from the CAC concerning potential solutions. Mr. Worley stated that this is the time to include multi-modal facilities within the study scope is that considered in the scope. Mr. Hull stated that the scope can definitely be updated to include the consideration of multi-modal infrastructure. Mr. Worley stated that many cyclist do start their trek at the Hahira Industrial Park and that it would good for future businesses that may locate along the area. Mr. Fletcher stated that within the general study area boundaries that Coppage Road West is on the TIA project list and will be completed next year and that Coleman Road Northwest will be completed in 2024-5. Ms. Martin stated that these projects would be included and considered in the study. Mr. Fletcher made a motion that the Hahira Traffic Study Scope be moved forward to the Policy Committee for approval. Mr. Mason seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

A. Federal Legislative Update – Infrastructure Bill

Mr. Hull notified the committee that staff is keeping an eye on the potential infrastructure bill and will notify committees what that means for MPO funding should it pass.

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

Mr. Hull introduced Cameron Chaverria, the new Transportation Planner to the committee.

Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 - Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.