

#### Minutes Citizens Advisory Committee May 31, 2022 3:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton
Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County
Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta
Marshall Ingram	City of Hahira
Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Phil Hubbard (Virtual)	Lowndes County
Anetra Riley (Virtual)	City of Valdosta
Tyler Willett (Proxy, Virtual)	MIDs Inc.
Additional Persons Present	Organization
Corey Hull	SGRC
Sandra Tooley (Virtual)	City of Valdosta
Megan Parker	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC



### Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Milligan called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

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

## A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

Mr. Milligan went through the committee member roster to verify whether or not each member was present.

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

Mr. Milligan asked the committee members to review the March 1, 2022, meeting minutes. Mr. Branham made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Skrine made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

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

### A. FY2021-2024 TIP Amendment – Resolution FY22-6

#### **Action: Recommend / Adopt**

Ms. Martin explained that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act created a new funding program, the Carbon Reduction Program, that allocates additional funding to MPO's to reduce carbon emissions. Ms. Martin explained that the TIP was amended to include this additional funding source. Ms. Martin reviewed the documents with the committee and notified them that a motion and a vote would be needed to pass the resolution up to the TAC. Mr. Branham made a motion to approve and recommend the TIP amendment. Mr. Ingram seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

## B. <u>VLMPO Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy – Resolution FY22-7</u>

# Action: Recommend / Adopt

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the Electric Vehicle Strategy went through a 30-day public comment period. He continued that during that comment period he did receive three comments, to which he responded and the strategy was updated to address the comments. Mr. Hull notified the committee that a motion and vote would be needed to recommend and pass the resolution up to the TAC. Mr. Ingram made a motion to approve and recommend the EV Strategy to the TAC for approval. Mr. Branham made a motion in the second, the vote was unanimous, the motion carried.

## C. Low Impact Development Policy – Resolution FY22-8

## Action: Recommend / Adopt

Ms. Parker explained to the committee that the Low Impact Development Policy models closely to the Complete Streets Policy that was passed a few years ago. Ms. Parker explained that the main goals of the policy are to address Federal priorities and plan for storm water improvements. Ms. Parker explained that this is a good opportunity to address water quality and water quantity. This policy will help guide future projects that have the possibility to impact storm water quality. She continued that a motion and a vote would be needed to recommend the



policy to the TAC for approval. Ms. Hodges made a motion to approve and recommend the policy. Mr. Skrine made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

## D. Val Del Corridor Study Scope Follow Up

Ms. Martin explained to the committee that Lowndes County was looking to have a transportation and land use study completed for Val Del Road due to the exponential growth that is occurring along the corridor. She continued that the scope that is before them is still in draft form and would appreciate feedback from the committee. She also pointed out to the committee that the AADT within the scope may not be accurate although the data was pulled from the GDOT TADA website. Mr. Milligan stated that his engineering firm had just completed an intersection study for Val Del Road and North Valdosta Road that included traffic counts. Ms. Martin asked Mr. Milligan if he would share the study with her and he responded yes. Ms. Martin asked the committee to send any further comments to her soon as Lowndes County would like to submit an application for planning funds in September pending the MPO committees' approval.

#### E. (TAC) June MPO Project Updates

Mr. Hull directed the committee to the MPO projects handout in the packet. He stated that these updates are for the TAC but that the committee could review the projects on the handout and ask any questions that they may have.

#### F. Presentation: Implementing EV Charging Infrastructure

Mr. Hull notified the committee that Mr. Colson Rivers would be giving a presentation to the TAC and PC tomorrow over implementing Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure if any of the CAC members would like to attend.

#### <u>Agenda Item #5 – Staff Updates</u> <u>Action: Discussion Only</u>

#### A. Hahira Area Transportation / Land Use Study

Mr. Hull stated that the study kicked off about a month ago and that Transport Studio is the consulting agency that was awarded the contract. Mr. Hull notified the committee that the scope changed some due to ongoing projects in the City of Hahira.

#### B. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Plan Grant Application

Mr. Hull notified the committee that he recently attended a webinar for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) that covered an Action Plan Grant. The grant can cover various projects to address safer access for pedestrians and cyclists; however, in order to apply for grant funds a county must already have a Safety Action Plan in place. He continued, if they do not have one that the federal government will pay for 80% of the cost for local communities to write the plan.



### C. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Mr. Hull explains that the SGRC will have the final scope of work for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan ready to present in September.

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

No additional comments

## Agenda Item #8 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 6, 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.

#### <u>Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment</u>

Mr. Ingram made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Branham seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.