

**Minutes
Citizen's Advisory Committee
January 6, 2011
3:00 p.m.**

Members Present	Organization
Robert Jefferson	Moody AFB
Steve Barnes	Leadership Lowndes
Clarence S. Parker	Airport Authority
Ken Sherrill	City of Lake Park
Debbie Hobdy	MIDS
Michael Jetter	Convention & Visitors Bureau
Bryan Almand	City of Valdosta Representative
Charlie Clark	Lowndes County Representative
Angela Crance	Wiregrass Technical College
Caroll Griffin	City of Remerton Representative
Leggett Lovan	VL Chamber of Commerce
Others Present	
Corey Hull	VLMPO
Whitney Biggers	SGRC

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Robert Jefferson called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Robert Jefferson welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2010

Corey Hull explained a correction that he made to the minutes. There were two different Clay Road projects, so he clarified them in the minutes. Ken Sherrill made a motion to approve the minutes. Caroll Griffin seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 – Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

A. **FY2012 FTA 5303 MPO Planning Grant Application, Resolution 2011-3**

Corey Hull explained that the VLMPO annually applies for FTA 5303 funds and how these funds are used by the MPO for general MPO operations, and he asked for the committee's approval to apply for FY2012 funding. Debbie Hobdy made a motion to

recommend approval to the Policy Committee, and Steve Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Public Participation Plan Update-Special Presentation-Whitney Biggers

Whitney Biggers gave a special presentation on the Public Participation Plan Update. She stated that the new plan would also include a Limited English Proficiency Plan, and a Title VI Plan. Whitney stated that a draft of the plan would be brought before the CAC in March in order to receive comments about the plan from the committee.

Robert Jefferson mentioned that Angela Crance had an idea that CAC members could come up with five organizations that MPO Staff could give presentations to in order to get information out to a greater number of people. The committee agreed it was a good idea.

C. Items for Discussion

a. FY2012 UPWP and Budget: Corey gave an overview of the FY2012 UPWP and Budget. Corey stated the FY2012 Allocation will be about \$114,262.81. Corey stated there would be about \$43,000 carried over, and about \$31,250 in FTA 5303 funding. He explained that the total amount for FY2012 would be about \$227,828.51. Corey stated all final numbers will be voted on at the March meeting.

b. HB277: Corey went over the Regional Transportation Roundtable Roster. Corey explained that the Executive Committee Members would be working on putting together a project listing over the summer that would be voted on in 2012. Corey stated that updates about HB277 are posted to the MPO website.

c. Access Management: Corey stated he is currently working on a model ordinance with the city and county for Inner Perimeter Road.

d. Gateways Committee: Corey stated the committee is still working with the Chamber of Commerce on a plan to improve gateways in the community.

e. Freight Study: Corey went over the 2009 Freight Movement Study Follow-Up Report handout. Corey asked the CAC members to mark the top 5 issues they think the VLMPO should research.

f. Crash Report: Corey stated the MPO is currently working on the crash report with the GIS department.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

A. Website/Facebook Report

Corey stated the MPO Facebook page has about 45 friends, but on average about 150 people are looking at each post. Corey also went over the website traffic handouts. He stated that traffic has spiked due to people searching for information about HB277.

B. JLUS Update

Robert Jefferson stated the JLUS committee is about to get started on the implementation stage. Corey stated the MPO will have a role in the JLUS project regarding traffic around the base.

C. Census Update

Corey stated we will be updating our traffic analysis zones based on data received from the 2010 census.

D. Meeting Time and Day Survey

Corey gave out a survey to the CAC regarding their preference of meeting time and day. Robert Jefferson asked the members of the committee to return the survey as soon as possible so a new day and/or time could be selected.

Agenda Item #7 – Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment

Col. Parker asked if there were any potential rail projects coming in the near future. Corey stated that freight rail was being talked about quite a lot. As far as high-speed passenger rail goes, Corey stated the state is still pushing to get rail from Atlanta to Chattanooga, Atlanta to Macon, Atlanta to Savannah to Jacksonville, Atlanta to Athens, and Atlanta to Charlotte. Corey stated did not expect to hear of any potential passenger rail projects in the southern part of the state. However, he stated that Florida is very interested in passenger rail that would run from Jacksonville to New Orleans.

Col. Parker stated that everyone should be concerned with the unemployment numbers in our country. He stated that modern technology is making more and more workers unnecessary. He also stated that a lot of American companies are hiring workers at their plants in other countries, but not at their plants in America.

Robert Jefferson asked Corey how he could go about getting a road sign put up around Moody AFB. Corey stated he would coordinate with GDOT, the city, and the county about it.

Agenda Item #8 – Next Meeting Date and Time

The next Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting will be held on March 1, 2011 at 3 p.m. at the SGRC.

Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment

There being no further business, Robert Jefferson adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.