

**Minutes
TCC Meeting
January 11, 2011
10:30 a.m.**

Members Present	Organization
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County Engineer
Pat Collins	City of Valdosta Engineer
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Tim Kassa	GDOT (Phone)
Others Present	
Anne-Marie Day	FHWA (Phone)
Kevin Tolliver	City of Valdosta Assistant Engineer
Whitney Biggers	SGRC
Corey Hull	SGRC, VLMPO
Shane Pridgen	GDOT
Matt Martin	City of Valdosta

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mike Fletcher called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mike Fletcher welcomed those present and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2010

Brent Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Fletcher 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. Election of Officers (Chairman and Vice Chairman)

Pat Collins made a motion to elect Mike Fletcher as Chairman. The motion was seconded which was carried unanimously.

Mike Fletcher made a motion to elect Pat Collins as Vice Chairman. Brent Thomas seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

B. 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. Tim Kassa wanted to make it clear that the carryover could not be reflected on the final UPWP Summary Report. Corey stated that the summary budget sheet included draft numbers, including carryover that will show zero dollars, until the FY2011 books are closed and the carryover can be amended in. Mike Fletcher asked about the local match. Corey stated there is a 20% local match, meaning that the County and the City would be responsible for 10% each. Mike Fletcher asked how the \$39,315.70 local match for 2012 compared to 2011. Corey stated he would have to look at the exact numbers and get back with the committee (follow-up email is attached). Patrick Collins made a motion to recommend approval to the Policy Committee, and Tim Kassa seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 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 TCC in March in order to receive comments about the plan from the committee.

D. Items for Discussion

- a. FY2012 UPWP and Budget: See item "B" above. Corey reminded everyone that this was a draft only, and that 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's 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. Pat Collins asked if the plan included signage. Corey stated the plan would include signage and landscaping.
- e. Crash Report: Corey stated the MPO is currently working on the crash report with the GIS department.

Agenda Item #6 – Project Status Updates: City of Valdosta, Lowndes County, GDOT

Mike Fletcher stated that the County has been working on the Davidson Road Project, and they are in final plan review. Mike also made a correction to Page 41 of the meeting packet. The two project names should be, “N. Oak Ext., from Five points to Breckenridge and N. Oak Ext., from Breckenridge to Forrest St.”

Kevin Tolliver stated that the City acquired Right-of-Way on Tucker Road Bridge. Kevin also stated that he needed to get Pat Collins up to date on the Jerry Jones project.

Brent Thomas updated some of the project timeline dates on the project data sheets.

Agenda Item #7 – Staff Update

A. GAMPO Update

Corey stated that GAMPO was looking at Valdosta as a possible location for having their conference.

B. JLUS Update

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.

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

None

Agenda Item #9 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next regularly scheduled TCC meeting will be held on **March 8, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at SGRC.**

Agenda Item #10 - Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

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Good Morning,

At this week's meeting of the Valdosta-Lowndes metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Coordinating Committee I presented the draft FY2012 MPO Budget and Unified Planning Work Program. During this discussion a question was asked if the FY12 budget is less than previous years. In brief, yes, the MPO budget is less than in previous years; however, local support has increased due to reduced state contributions. Below is a further explanation of this.

Looking only at the MPO Federal Highway Program, in FY09 the MPO budget was \$141K, and we spent \$114K. In FY10 the MPO budget was \$212K, and we spent \$145K. In FY09 and FY10, the MPO also undertook the transit implementation studies, at a total cost of about \$170K, that is separate from the primary activities of the MPO. In FY09, local governments (City of Valdosta and Lowndes County) contributed \$11,275 each for all aspects of the MPO including transit. In FY10, local governments contributed \$12,241 each for all aspects of the MPO including transit.

In FY11, the MPO is not undertaking any major studies (like transit or long range plan development), and the MPO budget for the Federal Highway Program is \$209K. The Georgia Department of Transportation is no longer contributing funds to the MPO Federal Highway Program in FY11 either (previously GDOT paid 10% of the required 20% match of federal funds), this means that the local governments must pick-up the entire 20% match. This has doubled the local financial support of the MPO. The MPO FY11 budget is also supplemented with \$31K in FTA funds, for which there is a 10% match requirement. The local match in FY11 is budgeted at just under \$47K (note this is budget not actual expenditure, which historically is less).

In FY12, the draft MPO budget for the Federal Highway Program is \$196K. This is anticipated to be supplemented with \$31K in Federal Transit Funds. The local match in the draft MPO budget is anticipated to be \$45K. Again there is no state funding in the FY12 budget, if state funding does materialize it could reduce the local contribution by as much as 50%.

I hope this helps answer the question posed at the meeting about the MPO budget and the growing local support. This email will be inserted into the minutes of the last MPO TCC meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Corey