

**VLMPO Committee Meetings Common Agenda**

**Citizen's Advisory Committee:** Tuesday, June 6, 2017; 3:00 p.m.

**Technical Advisory Committee:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017; 9:00 a.m.

**Policy Committee:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017; 10:30 a.m.

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| I.    | Call to Order  | Chair      |
| II.   | Introductions/Roll Call  | Chair      |
|       | A. Review of Committee Attendance (all committees)   |            |
| III.  | Approval of Minutes- Mar. 7 (CAC); Mar. 8 (TAC); Mar. 8 (PC)   | Chair      |
| IV.   | New Business- (CAC, TAC, PC)   |            |
|       | A. Officer Elections (CAC and PC); (PC Report from nominations committee)<br>Action: Conduct Elections | Chair      |
|       | B. FY2018 Discretionary Planning Funds Application   | Corey Hull |
|       | i. Interstate 75 Land Use Study  |            |
|       | ii. Regional Connectivity Study  |            |
|       | iii. 2045 Socioeconomic Data Study   |            |
|       | Action: Discussion Only  |            |
|       | C. FY18-21 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Presentation                                       | JD Dillard |
|       | Action: Discussion Only  |            |
|       | D. MPO Role in Regional TSP/LOST   | Corey Hull |
|       | Action: Discussion Only  |            |
| V.    | Staff Update   | Staff      |
|       | A. MPO Performance Measures  |            |
|       | B. Transit Input Meetings  |            |
|       | C. AMPO Conference in Savannah   |            |
|       | D. CCV Local Governments Meetings  |            |
|       | E. Complete Streets Suitability Report   |            |
| VI.   | Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment  | Chair      |
| VII.  | Next Meeting Date  | Chair      |
|       | A. CAC; Tuesday, September 5, 2017; 3:00p; at SGRC Office  |            |
|       | B. TAC; Wednesday, September 6, 2017; 9:00a; at SGRC Office  |            |
|       | C. PC; Wednesday, September 6, 2017; 10:30a; at SGRC Office  |            |
| VIII. | Adjournment  | Chair      |

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**FY2017 VLMPO  
Citizen's Advisory Committee Membership**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>	<b>Position</b>
1. Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton	Chairman
2. William Branham	City of Valdosta	Vice-Chair
3. Ray Sable	Valdosta State University	Secretary
4. Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County	Member
5. Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County	Member
6. Robert Wilbers	Lowndes County	Member
7. Dr. Richard Saeger	City of Valdosta	Member
8. Vanassa Flucas	City of Valdosta	Member
9. Jim Parker	City of Valdosta	Member
10. Keith Sandlin	City of Lake Park	Member
11. Harriet Crum	City of Hahira	Member
12. Tessa Carder	City of Dasher	Member
13. Tim Riddle	Convention and Visitors' Bureau	Member
14. Michael Cooper	Downtown Development Authority	Member
15. Myrna Ballard	VL Chamber of Commerce	Member
16. Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authority	Member
17. Stan Crance	VL Industrial Authority	Member
18. Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes	Member
19. Dr. William Cason	Valdosta Board of Education	Member
20. Angela Crance	Wiregrass Technical College	Member
21. Wes Taylor	Lowndes Board of Education	Member
22. Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County	Member
23. Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County	Member

The CAC serves as a public information and involvement committee that represents a cross section of the community in diversity and interests.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 3:00pm the last month of each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

For more information please contact Corey Hull, MPO Coordinator at 229-333-5277 or at [chull@sgrc.us](mailto:chull@sgrc.us).

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VLMPD Citizen's Advisory Committee Attendance Records, FY2015-2016

		FY2015					FY2016				FY2017			Current Year & Current Member			
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Attendance	Meetings	% Present	
	Name	Appointment	9/2/2014	10/9/2014	3/3/2015	5/19/2015	6/2/2015	9/2/2015	12/2/2015	3/2/2016	6/7/2016	9/7/2016	12/6/2016	3/7/2017			
1	Angela Crance	WGTC	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	33%
2	Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	100%	
3	Ray Sable	VSU	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	100%	
4	Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	3	100%	
5	Col. Clarence Parker	VL Airport Authroity	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	67%	
6	Stan Crance	VL CIA	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	67%	
7	Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	NA	1	1	1	1	3	100%	
8	Jim Parker	City of Valdosta	NA	NA	0	0	1	0	NA	1	1	1	1	0	2	67%	
9	Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	NA	1	0	0	1	1	100%	
10	Keith Sandlin	City of Lake Park	NA	NA	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	100%	
11	Harriet Crum	City of Hahira	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	33%	
12	Tim Riddle	Conv. & Tourism	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	67%	
13	Michael Cooper	CVDA	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	33%	
14	Myrna Ballard	VL COC	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	100%	
15	Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	3	100%	
16	Dr. Richard Saeger	City of Valdosta	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	67%	
17	Vanassa Flucas	City of Valdosta	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	NA	1	0	1	50%	
18	Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1	100%	
19	William Branham	City of Valdosta	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	100%	
20	Robert Wilbers	Lowndes County	1	0	1	0	1	NA	NA	NA	1	1	1	1	3	100%	
21	Dr. William Cason	Valdosta City School	1	0	0	0	1	NA	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	33%	
22	Wes Taylor	Lowndes County School	NA	NA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
23	Tessa Carder	City of Dasher	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0%	
Quorum - 12/23			15	9	16	10	15	13	12	12	14	13	17	14			

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**Minutes  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
March 7, 2017  
3:00 PM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Steve Barnes	Leadership Lowndes
Keith Sandlin	City of Lake Park
Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton
Ray Sable	Valdosta State University
Tim Riddle	Valdosta-Lowndes Tourism Authority
Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County
Dick Saeger	City of Valdosta
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes Transit
Clayton Milligan	LEA
Stan Crance	Valdosta-Lowndes Development Authority
Robert Wilbers	City of Lake Park
Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County
Myrna Ballard	Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce
<b>Others Present</b>	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Andrew Smith	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
John Dillard	SGRC

### **Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

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

Mr. Griffin asked those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committee.

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

Mr. Griffin asked the committee members to review the December 6, 2016 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

### **Agenda Item #4– New Business**

#### **A. TAC Officer Elections**

This does not apply to the CAC. CAC officer elections will be conducted at the June meeting.

#### **B. FY2018 UPWP and Budget – Resolution FY2017-7**

Mr. Hull went over the FY2018 UPWP budget and summary sheet. \$122,000 in federal funds are anticipated with a match from local funds including SGRC, the City of Valdosta, and Lowndes County. A slight difference from years past is more funds are allocated to long range planning due to new FHWA and FTA rulemakings regarding performance measures. The Trump Administration delayed their effective date, but the MPO will have at least 3 to 4 amendments to the 2040 TVP to achieve compliance with these new rules in the next fiscal year. Otherwise, the budget is largely the same. Mr. Branham made a motion to approve the FY2018 UPWP Budget and was seconded by Mr. Riddle. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

#### **C. Discretionary PL Funds (If Needed)**

Mr. Hull asked the committee to recall from the September 2016 meeting an approval for discretionary funding available in the state to conduct the City of Valdosta traffic signal study. The MPO was awarded with \$160,000 in federal funds with the City of Valdosta matching that with \$40,000 to conduct a signal timing study. In Georgia, fifteen MPOs have available to them approximately \$7 million in federal funds. Mr. Hull emphasized that these funds need to be used. The Policy Committee will act on this proposal since it was not available for this meeting; therefore, no vote was taken by the CAC for this agenda item. Mr. Sable asked about and Mr. Hull confirmed the 20% local match requirement for the MPO funds. Ms. Ballard asked about how this can apply to gateway projects with Mr. Hull reminding the committee about the care required about defining a gateway for funding purposes. Mr. Riddle mentioned discussions about upcoming GDOT projects at Exits 16 and 18 along Interstate 75. Mr. Branham asked about how to form PPPs for transportation infrastructure in which Mr. Hull stated more information would be disseminated during Staff Update, Item D.

#### **D. Transit in Valdosta Urbanized Presentation**

Mr. Dillard gave a presentation on the Valdosta Pilot Shuttle program which previewed the final report that will be released towards the end of March. Drafts of Chapters 1 and 2 were distributed for review prior to the meeting. Chapter 1 of the report will outline survey results and ridership data. Chapter 2 contains information and data pertaining to a cost-benefit analysis. Chapter 3 is currently being drafted and will address eight different scenarios for capital costs of contracting and how to fund a public transportation system in Valdosta and Lowndes County. Mr. Hull reminded the committee that the

cheapest scenario overall may not be the best for the local community. This requires an understanding of the specific funding sources needed for sponsoring a fixed public transportation system. Mr. Branham asked about fuel costs and if electric vehicles would impact cost projections from this presentation and the Tindale Oliver report. Mr. Riddle asked about where exactly the local match would be derived and Mr. Dillard said that this depended on multiple variables. Mr. Dillard concluded his presentation by asking the committee what was not addressed in the presentation that should be in the final report.

#### **E. Amend FY15-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and TVP – Resolution FY2017-8**

Mr. Hull directed the committee to an agenda addendum detailing changes in annual cost estimates for three GDOT projects in Lowndes County. These projects are Exits 22 and 29 scheduled to be let in June 2017, right-of-way acquisition for Exit 2 scheduled to be let in February 2019, and right-of-way acquisition for Exit 11 scheduled to be let in May 2019. Cost estimate changes for each of these projects are significant. The MPO sought conditional approval to recommend these cost estimate changes so GDOT can move forward with the letting of Exits 22 and 2019 before the end of FY 2017 along with ROW acquisition for Exits 2 and 11 before the end of FY 2017. This would involve staff conducting a 30 day comment period and a public open house; however, if there are major comments, the approval would not go forward and those comments would have to be addressed by a called meeting of the Policy Committee. FHWA has agreed to allow VLMPO to do this backwards similar to Macon in the past year. Mr. Hull discussed the specific changes for each projects' phases. Exits 22 and 29 are together and the utility phase was reduced by \$1 million while construction increased by \$11 million. This change is due to an increase in the cost of construction materials and miscalculations in the amount of site work required for those two sites. Exit 2 ROW acquisition is more than doubling from \$6.1 million to \$13.25 million. Exit 11 ROW acquisition is going from \$2.5 million to \$13.24 million. Both are due to miscalculations. The GDOT Project Manager overseeing these projects will be in attendance at the TAC and PC meetings the following day to further explain these cost estimate changes. Mr. Hull asked the CAC for a recommendation for conditional approval pending a 30 day public comment period for these projects. A motion was made by Mr. Crance and seconded by Mr. Riddle. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

#### **Agenda Item #5– Staff Update**

##### **A. MPO Performance Measures Fact Sheets**

Mr. Hull gave broad details on the development of MPO Performance Measure Fact Sheets regarding congestion, pavement condition, and bridge quality. More information on this will be available at upcoming meetings.

##### **B. Regional Transportation Sales Tax**

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Hull and other SGRC staff presented to regional elected officials and staff in Waycross about the possibility of having another regional TSPLOST. Using the state's enabling legislation, Charlton County passed a resolution in early February 2017 asking the other seventeen counties in the region to form a regional transportation roundtable. As of the CAC meeting, five (5) counties have signed onto this resolution including Charlton, Ben Hill, Irwin, Brooks, and Clinch counties. This would aim for the November 2017 ballot. The regional commission shares the facts with other communities and will be a neutral body in this process. GDOT has asked the counties to pass a resolution either in support or against forming a regional roundtable by late March or early April. This only applies to counties and not cities. The MPO is subject to strict federal lobbying regulations and Mr. Hull did not want the MPO taking any action in this matter. 10 counties are needed (50% plus one) to add

this to the November 2017 election ballot. August 4<sup>th</sup> is the state deadline for including this measure on the ballot. Mr. Hull answered further questions about this agenda item.

**C. MPO Freight Movement Study Series Report #4**

Mr. Smith gave an overview of the fourth report in the VLMPO Freight Movement Study Series that dates back to 2009. This report titled “Innovative Traffic Management At or Near Congested Railroad Crossings” identifies crossings with AADT counts of over 10,000 vehicles and possible strategies to mitigate on-road congestion during train events. This includes preemption of traffic signals, signage, and road marking and is consistent with MUTCD rules and policies.

**D. PPP Funding Report**

Mr. Smith summarized a report entitled “Public-Private Partnerships for Infrastructure in Lowndes County” that was completed in early January 2017. This report explains the concept of a PPP and ties it back to local planning goals found in the Greater Lowndes Comprehensive Plan, the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan, and the Common Community Vision. Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure is a central focus of this report along with state enabling legislation in Georgia through the Public-Private Facilities Infrastructure Act of 2015 (PPFIA). Mr. Branham asked about how PPPs would benefit low-income populations where Mr. Smith replied that this would benefit the entire community and not just one particular demographic. More research may need to be done on this aspect of the topic.

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

Mr. Griffin opened the floor for public comment, and there were no additional comments.

**Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.

**Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

Mr. Crance made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM.

**FY2017 VLMPO  
Transportation Coordinating Committee Membership**

**Voting Members:**

Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County, Engineer	Chairman
Patrick Collins	City of Valdosta, Engineer	Vice-Chairman
Brent Thomas	GDOT District 4, Engineer	Member
William Eastin*	GDOT, Transportation Planner	Member

**Non-Voting Members:**

Jeff Hill	Lowndes County Schools
Gwen Weaver	Valdosta City Schools, Trans. Director
Mike Meeks	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate
Andrew Edwards	FHWA – GA Division
Danny Weeks	Lowndes County Emergency Mgmt. Dir.

\* Tom McQueen is alternate

The TCC is a technical committee of professionals advising the policy committee on technical matters relating to transportation plans and programs. The TCC is made up of city and county engineers, GDOT District engineers, GDOT planners, local school board representatives, bike and pedestrian advocates, and emergency response officials.

The Technical Committee meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9:00am each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

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1	Patrick Collins	City of Valdosta	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	67%
2	Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	67%
3	Brent Thomas	GDOT Tifton	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	67%
4	William Eastin	GDOT Atlanta	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	67%
5	<i>Jeff Hill</i>	<i>Lowndes Schools</i>	0	NA	NA	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0%
6	<i>Gwen Weaver</i>	<i>Valdosta Schools</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0%
7	<i>Mike Meeks</i>	<i>Bicycle Advocate</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0%
8	<i>Andrew Edwards</i>	<i>FHWA- GA</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0%
9	<i>Danny Weeks</i>	<i>Lowndes County 911</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0%
Quorum - 3/4			4	4	4	5	4	4	4	7	5	5	4	4				

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*Italics Indicates Non-voting members*

**Minutes  
Technical Advisory Committee  
March 8, 2017  
9:00 AM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Pat Collins	City of Valdosta
William Eastin	GDOT
<b>Others Present</b>	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Andrew Smith	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
John Dillard	SGRC
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Gary Wisenbaker	Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce
Sandra Tooley	Valdosta City Council
Claudia Thompson	GDOT
Cleopatra James	GDOT
Tom McQueen	GDOT

### **Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

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

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

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

Mr. Fletcher asked the committee members to review the December 7, 2016 meeting minutes. One slight error was pointed out on page 13 and corrected for the approved minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Fletcher to approve the revised minutes. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

### **Agenda Item #4– New Business**

#### **A. TAC Officer Elections**

Mr. Collins nominated Mr. Fletcher for Chairman and Mr. Collins for Vice-Chair, retroactively keeping the officer positions the same. These nominations were approved by acclamation.

#### **B. FY2018 UPWP and Budget – Resolution FY2017-7**

Mr. Hull went over the FY2018 UPWP budget and summary sheet. \$122,000 in federal funds are anticipated with a match from local funds including SGRC, the City of Valdosta, and Lowndes County. A slight difference from years past is more funds are allocated to long range planning due to new FHWA and FTA rulemakings regarding performance measures even though this is not a LRTP update year. The Trump Administration delayed their effective date, but the MPO will have at least 3 to 4 amendments to the 2040 TVP to achieve compliance with these new rules in the next fiscal year. Otherwise, the budget is largely the same. Mr. Collins asked about FHWA trainings, and Mr. Hull stated that these will occur more in late spring due to the administration change and delayed FHWA rollout. A motion was made by Mr. Collins to approve the FY18 UPWP and Budget and was seconded by Mr. Thomas. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

#### **C. Discretionary PL Funds (If Needed)**

In Georgia, fifteen MPOs have available to them approximately \$7 million in federal funds. Mr. Hull emphasized that these funds need to be used. Mr. Hull directed the committee to look over two recommendations for studies put forward by Lowndes County: an Interstate 75 Master Plan Study and a Circulation Study. According to Mr. Fletcher, the I-75 master plan would examine gateways, aesthetics, and land use. Mr. Collins discussed the Florida gateways at the state line and how he hoped he would see something similar come to Lowndes County. The circulation study is proposed to help better understand traffic flow along primary traffic corridors and could potentially help with the 2045 LRTP. No dollar amounts were associated with these application forms; however, 80% would be federal and 20% would come from local sources. Ideally, 10% of the local money would come from the City of Valdosta and the other 10% from Lowndes County, which is similar to the traffic signal optimization study. The cost was estimated by the TAC to be between \$150,000 and \$200,000 for each study. The TAC expressed concerns about local fund availability due to tight department budgets. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to recommend to the PC to approve the PL Fund applications for these studies with Mr. Collins seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

#### **D. Transit in Valdosta Urbanized Presentation**

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

Mr. Fletcher opened the floor for public comment, and Mr. Collins commented about safety issues at Exits 16 and 18 not being prioritized properly in relation to projects approved through the TIP amendment. Mr. Fletcher talked about poor sight vision at Exits 2 and 11 getting off of the interstate and how he hoped this could be corrected with these upcoming projects.

## **Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 9:00 AM at the SGRC office.

## **Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

Mr. Fletcher made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Collins. The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 AM.

**FY2017 VLMPO  
Policy Committee Membership**

**Voting Members:**

1.	John Gayle	City of Valdosta, Mayor	Chairman
2.	Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County, Chairman	Vice-Chair
3.	Cornelius Holsendolph	City of Remerton, Mayor	Member
4.	Bruce Cain	City of Hahira, Mayor	Member
5.	Larry Hanson	City of Valdosta, Manager	Member
6.	Lisa Cribb	SGRC, Executive Director	Member
7.	Russell McMurry*	GDOT, Commissioner	Member
8.	Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County, Manager	Member
9.	Justin DeVane	Brooks County, Administrator	Member
10.	John Nugent	Berrien County, Chairman	Member

**Non-Voting Members:**

Rodney Barry	FHWA – GA Division, Administrator
Yvette Taylor	FTA Region IV, Administrator

All members are permitted to send a temporary or permanent proxy representative

\*Tom McQueen is representative, William Eastin is an alternative

The Policy Committee is the regional forum for cooperative decision-making by principal local elected officials, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and other planning partners.

The Policy Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30am each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

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VLMPD Policy Committee Attendance Records, FY2015-2017

	Name	Appointment	FY2015					FY2016			FY2017				Current Year and Current Member				Past Year
			9/3/2014	11/13/2014	12/2/2014	3/4/2015	6/3/2015	9/2/2015	12/2/2015	3/8/2016	7/21/2016	9/7/2016	12/7/2016	3/8/2017	Attendance	Meetings	% Present	% Present	
1	John Gayle	City of Valdosta	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	4	4	100%	67%	
2	Larry Hanson	City of Valdosta	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	3	4	75%	100%	
3	Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	100%	100%		
4	Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	100%	100%		
5	Justin Devane	Brooks County (annual)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1	1	4	4	100%	NA		
5		Lanier County (annual)	1	0	0	0	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
5		Berrien County (annual)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	67%	
6		Brooks County (bi-annual)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	NA	NA	NA	NA		
6		Lanier County (bi-annual)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	NA	NA	NA	NA		
6	John Nugent	Berrien County (bi-annual)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	1	1	100%	NA	
7		City of Dasher (annual)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA		
7	Cornelius Holsendolph	City of Remerton (annual)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	4	4	0%	NA	
8		City of Lake Park (bi-annual)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	*	NA	NA	NA	100%	
8	Bruce Cain	City of Hahira (bi-annual)	1	1	1	1	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	NA	NA		
9	Tom McQueen	GDOT	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1	1	1	4	4	100%	NA		
10	Lisa Cribb	Southern Georgia RC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	3	4	75%	100%		
Quorum - 6/10			7	6	6	5	7	7	8	7	7	7	5	8					

Yellow shading means a past member

Blue shading means a representative

1= Present at meeting

0= Absent at meeting

NA = No Appointment

\* = seat established 12/7/16

**Minutes  
Policy Committee  
March 8, 2017  
10:30 AM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
John Gayle	City of Valdosta
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
Jason Davenport (proxy for Joe Pritchard)	Lowndes County
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Justin Devane	Brooks County
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Mark Barber (proxy for Larry Hanson)	City of Valdosta
John Nugent	Berrien County
<b>Others Present</b>	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Andrew Smith	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Sandra Tooley	Valdosta City Council
William Eastin	GDOT
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Cleopatra James	GDOT
John Dillard	SGRC



### **Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Mayor Gayle called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM.

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

Mayor Gayle asked those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committee.

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

Mayor Gayle asked the committee members to review the December 7, 2016 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

### **Agenda Item #4– New Business**

#### **A. TAC Officer Elections**

This does not apply to the PC. Mayor Gayle asked Mr. Hanson and Mr. Davenport to come up with a new slate of officers by the next meeting in June.

#### **B. FY2018 UPWP and Budget – Resolution FY2017-7**

Mr. Hull went over the FY2018 UPWP budget and summary sheet. \$122,000 in federal funds are anticipated with a match from local funds including SGRC, the City of Valdosta, and Lowndes County. A slight difference from years past is more funds are allocated to long range planning due to new FHWA and FTA rulemakings regarding performance measures even though this is not a LRTP update year. The Trump Administration delayed their effective date, but the MPO will have at least 3 to 4 amendments to the 2040 TVP to achieve compliance with these new rules during the next fiscal year. Otherwise, the budget is largely the same. Ms. Cribb made a motion to approve the FY2018 UPWP Budget and was seconded by Mr. Devane. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

#### **C. Discretionary PL Funds (If Needed)**

In Georgia, fifteen MPOs have available to them approximately \$7 million in federal funds. Mr. Hull emphasized that these funds need to be used. Mr. Hull directed the committee to look over two recommendations for studies put forward by Lowndes County: Interstate 75 Master Plan Study and a Circulation Study. The circulation study is proposed to help better understand traffic flow along primary traffic corridors. Mr. Hull stated the TAC approved it because there was merit even though there was concern about available funds. Mr. Davenport commented more about these proposals and stated that this was an effort where planners and engineers came together to find a joint project that would benefit not only the county, but the city, MPO, and greater region. No dollar amounts were associated with these application forms; however, 80% would be federal and 20% would come from local sources. The cost was estimated to be between \$150,000 and \$200,000 for each study by the TAC. Mr. Hull recapped the TAC's concerns about local fund availability, and the PC asked for more information for the next meeting; therefore, no action was taken by the policy committee and the item was tabled to June to make plans to apply for PL funds in the September 2017 application cycle.

#### **D. Amend FY15-18 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and TVP – Resolution FY2017-8**

Mr. Hull directed the committee to an agenda addendum detailing changes in annual cost estimates for three GDOT projects in Lowndes County. These projects are Exits 22 and 29 scheduled to be let in June 2017, right-of-way acquisition for Exit 2 scheduled to be let in February 2019, and right-of-way acquisition for Exit 11 scheduled to be let in May 2019. Cost estimate changes for each of these projects

are significant. The MPO sought conditional approval to recommend these cost estimate changes so GDOT can move forward with the letting of Exits 22 and 2019 before the end of FY 2017 along with ROW acquisition for Exits 2 and 11 before the end of FY 2017. This would involve staff conducting a 30 day comment period and a public open house; however, if there are major comments, the approval would not go forward and those comments would have to be addressed by a called meeting of the Policy Committee. FHWA has agreed to allow VLMPO to do this backwards similar to Macon in the past year. Mr. Hull discussed the specific changes for each projects' phases. Exits 22 and 29 are together and the utility phase was reduced by \$1 million while construction increased by \$11 million. This change is due to an increase in the cost of construction materials and miscalculations in the amount of site work required for those two sites. Exit 2 ROW acquisition is more than doubling from \$6.1 million to \$13.25 million. Exit 11 ROW acquisition is going from \$2.5 million to \$13.24 million. Both are due to miscalculations. The GDOT Project Manager, Ms. Cleopatra James, further explained the changes in these figures, primarily because of an increase in pavement quantities and parcel increases for ROW acquisition. Mr. Hull asked the PC for a recommendation for conditional approval pending a 30 day public comment period for these projects. A motion was made by Mr. Slaughter and seconded by Mr. Barber. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

#### **E. Transit in Valdosta Urbanized Presentation**

Mr. Dillard gave a presentation on the Valdosta Pilot Shuttle program which previewed the final report that will be released towards the end of March. Drafts of Chapters 1 and 2 were distributed for review prior to the meeting. Chapter 1 of the report will outline survey results and ridership data. Chapter 2 contains information and data pertaining to a cost-benefit analysis. Chapter 3 is currently being drafted and will address eight different scenarios for capital cost of contracting and how to fund a public transportation system in Valdosta and Lowndes County. Mr. Hull reminded the committee that the cheapest scenario overall may not be the best for the local community. This requires an understanding of the specific funding sources needed for sponsoring a fixed public transportation system.

#### **Agenda Item #5– Staff Update**

##### **A. MPO Performance Measures Fact Sheets**

Mr. Hull gave broad details on the development of MPO Performance Measure Fact Sheets regarding congestion, pavement condition, and bridge quality. More information on this will be available at upcoming meetings.

##### **B. Regional Transportation Sales Tax**

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Hull and other SGRC staff presented to regional elected officials and staff in Waycross about the possibility of having another regional TSPLOST. Using the state's enabling legislation in early February 2017, Charlton County passed a resolution asking the other seventeen counties in the region to form a regional transportation roundtable. As of the CAC meeting, five (5) counties have signed onto this resolution including Charlton, Ben Hill, Irwin, Brooks, and Clinch counties. This would aim for the November 2017 ballot. The regional commission shares the facts with other communities and will be a neutral body in this process. GDOT has asked the counties to pass a resolution either in support or against forming a regional roundtable by late March or early April. This only applies to counties and not cities. The MPO is subject to strict federal lobbying regulations and Mr. Hull did not want the MPO taking any action in this matter. 10 counties are needed (50% plus one) to add this to the November 2017 election ballot. August 4<sup>th</sup> is the state deadline for including this measure on the ballot. Mr. Hull answered further questions about this agenda item.

### **C. MPO Freight Movement Study Series Report #4**

Mr. Smith gave an overview of the fourth report in the VLMPO Freight Movement Study Series that dates back to 2009. This report titled “Innovative Traffic Management At or Near Congested Railroad Crossings” identifies crossings with AADT counts of over 10,000 vehicles and possible strategies to mitigate on-road congestion during train events. This includes preemption of traffic signals, signage, and road marking and is consistent with MUTCD rules and policies.

### **D. PPP Funding Report**

Mr. Smith summarized a report entitled “Public-Private Partnerships for Infrastructure in Lowndes County” that was completed in early January 2017. This report explains the concept of a PPP and ties it back to local planning goals found in the Greater Lowndes Comprehensive Plan, the 2040 Transportation Vision Plan, and the Common Community Vision. Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure is a central focus of this report along with state enabling legislation in Georgia through the Public-Private Facilities Infrastructure Act of 2015 (PPFIA).

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

Mayor Gayle opened the floor for public comment, and Mr. Davenport asked for an update on implementing Uber in the Valdosta area. Mayor Gayle replied that there are still a few drivers needed, but that was the only available information at the time of the meeting.

### **Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 10:30 AM at the SGRC office.

### **Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to adjourn and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 AM.

# Federal Metropolitan Planning (PL) Fund Application Form



**NAME OF STUDY:** Interstate 75 Land Use Master Plan **PHASE:** 1 of 1

**MPO:** Valdosta-Lowndes

**CONTACT (Name, Phone, Email):** Corey Hull; 229-333-5277; chull@sgrc.us

**PROJECT START DATE:** 1/1/2018 **PROJECT END DATE:** 12/31/2018

**IS PROJECT UPWP/TIP APPROVED:** NA **IF NO, AMENDMENT NEEDED?** NA

**PREVIOUS WORK ON PROJECT:** None

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT BACKGROUND, NEED & GOALS:** Interstate 75 is a primary local, state, and national corridor. Its benefits and costs have a deep impact on the community. The purpose of this study is to better understand this impact on the community and identify transportation improvements and land use policies at each interchange and immediately adjacent roadways along the entire corridor in Lowndes County and its various cities. Specific improvements and/or recommendations produced as a result of this master plan may include, transportation improvements (Vehicular, Bicycle, and/or Pedestrian), land use and development policies, gateway/aesthetic improvements, consideration of future applicable local, state and federal planning initiatives, signage inventories and improvements, code enforcement concerns, public safety concerns, lighting improvements, maintenance considerations, potential emergency management planning considerations, or other items determined to be beneficial to Lowndes County and its various cities.

**COST DESCRIPTION (contract, staff, purchase data costs, etc.):** Solicit contractor to perform study through RFQ/P process, staff will manage the project through MPO funds, Lowndes County and the City of Valdosta will also have participation through other funding sources.

**PL FUNDS:** \$160,000 (80 %)

**LOCAL MATCH (CASH):** \$40,000 (20 %) – 50% Lowndes, 50% Valdosta

**LOCAL MATCH (IN-KIND):** \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_ %)

**TOTAL COST:** 200,000

# Federal Metropolitan Planning (PL) Fund Application Form



**NAME OF STUDY:** Regional Connectivity Study **PHASE:** 1 of 1

**MPO:** Valdosta-Lowndes

**CONTACT (Name, Phone, Email):** Corey Hull, 229-333-5277, chull@sgrc.us

**PROJECT START DATE:** 1/1/18 **PROJECT END DATE:** 12/31/18

**IS PROJECT UPWP/TIP APPROVED:** NA **IF NO, AMENDMENT NEEDED?** NA

**PREVIOUS WORK ON PROJECT:** None

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT BACKGROUND, NEED & GOALS:** It is a fact that currently, during a typical business day there is a population swell to the Valdosta Urbanized Area. That swell occurs in large part as a result of the people who drive in from surrounding areas. Major transportation corridors are the primary routes that feed and funnel traffic from these surrounding areas into Lowndes County and largely into the City of Valdosta. The purpose of this Regional Connectivity Study would be to provide information to the MPO to better understand these primary corridors and to make recommendations for improvements and priorities for increased operational efficiency that can be programmed as projects into the upcoming 2045 Transportation Vision Plan. This study will include review and evaluation of current and prospective traffic patterns and travel conditions, evaluations of existing and proposed traffic improvements, considerations of unplanned beneficial improvements, signals, data collection, as well as recommendations and considerations on real and perceived problems.

**COST DESCRIPTION (contract, staff, purchase data costs, etc.):** Solicit contractor to perform study through RFQ/P process, staff will manage the project through MPO funds, Lowndes County and the City of Valdosta will also have significant participation through other funding sources.

**PL FUNDS:** \$120,000 (80 %)

**LOCAL MATCH (CASH):** \$30,000 (20 %) – 50% Lowndes, 50% Valdosta

**LOCAL MATCH (IN-KIND):** \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_ %)

**TOTAL COST:** \$150,000

# Federal Metropolitan Planning (PL) Fund Application Form



**NAME OF STUDY:** 2045 Socio Economic Data Study **PHASE:** 1 of 1

**MPO:** Valdosta-Lowndes

**CONTACT (Name, Phone, Email):** Corey Hull; 229-333-5277; chull@sgrc.us

**PROJECT START DATE:** 1/1/2018 **PROJECT END DATE:** 6/30/2018

**IS PROJECT UPWP/TIP APPROVED:** NA **IF NO, AMENDMENT NEEDED?** NA

**PREVIOUS WORK ON PROJECT:** 2030, 2035, 2040 Socioeconomic Data Studies

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT BACKGROUND, NEED & GOALS:** The primary goal of this study is to develop social and economic forecasts for future and interim years that will be used in the development of a Travel Demand Forecasting Model, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, local Comprehensive Plans and other planning efforts undertaken by local planning partners (economic development, housing, etc.). Consultant will forecast socioeconomic variables through the year 2045 in five-year increments starting in 2015 by TAZ, Tract, and Census Block Groups, and for the City of Valdosta and each County. Consultant will review previous SE studies to gauge the previous forecasts as they relate to current actual data trends.

**COST DESCRIPTION (contract, staff, purchase data costs, etc.):** Solicit contractor to perform study through RFQ/P process, staff will manage the project through MPO funds, Lowndes County and the City of Valdosta will also have participation through other funding sources.

**PL FUNDS:** \$16,000 (80 %)

**LOCAL MATCH (CASH):** \$4,000 (20 %) – 50% Lowndes, 50% Valdosta

**LOCAL MATCH (IN-KIND):** \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_ %)

**TOTAL COST:** \$20,000