

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review of Committee Attendance

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 for approval of the minutes from September 2, 2015. Mr. Collins made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Little seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4-New Business

A. TAC Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair)

Action: Elect Officers

Mr. Fletcher asked the committee if they would like to nominate a new Chair and Vice Chair or if they would like the positions to stay as is. The committee agreed that the positions were fine as is. Mr. Collins made a motion to remain the Vice Chair and for Mr. Fletcher to remain the Chair. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

B. FY2016 Amended UPWP and Budget- Resolution FY2016-3

Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull started by explaining the budget funding table starting on page 22 and the process of amending the UPWP to the committee. He continued explaining that the UPWP is amended this time of year to bring in our prior year carryover funds. The carryover funds are only federal dollars, there are no local dollars. Whenever we carryover federal funds we need to show that there is a local match associated with it. Congress had not fully appropriated our fiscal year 2016 allocation and we were asked to only approve 2/3 of our full year allocation. Now that Congress has fully appropriated our funding, we are asking to amend our UPWP by adding these funds to reflect the change. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to recommend Resolution FY2016-3 to the Policy Committee. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

C. FY2017 5303 Grant Application- Resolution FY2016-4

Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull explained that to apply for the amount on the right half of the budget table, the FTA 5303 funds, there has to be a formal resolution. He further explained, that the SGRC is not anticipating a change in the amount and a recommendation must be made to the PC to move forward. Mr. Thomas made a motion to recommend the FY2016-4 Resolution to the PC. Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

D. Amend Memorandum of Understanding (Financial)

Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull explained that discussions had been made about the match portions that Lowndes and Valdosta pay to SGRC. Mr. Hull notified the committee that a few local jurisdictions currently do not pay any match funds so we are proposing an amendment to the MOU to change the split of the local match. For the FHWA funds, we are proposing that the RC pay 4% of the 20% required match and that will cover

the other cities and counties that do not pay any match funds. Lowndes and Valdosta will be responsible for 8% each. For the 5303 funds, we are proposing that the RC pay 2% of the local match. Valdosta and Lowndes Co. will pay 4% each. This will be effective FY2017. Mr. Fletcher explained that there had been some discussion from his office concerning smaller municipalities that do not pay a match but are voting in the committees and this is Regional Commission's way of resolving that issue. Mr. Fletcher stated that it allows us to pay less and also gives the smaller governments a sense of ownership. Mr. Collins stated that there may need to be caution in doing this because in order for this to be a real change you will have to reduce overhead or give something up so look for that when budgeting. Mr. Hull also explained other stipulations in the MOU; anytime in the future that a consultant is hired to conduct a special study, the study will be paid for by Valdosta and Lowndes Co. at 50% each and that the RC, Valdosta and Lowndes Co. use written correspondence concerning the funding proposed and expected from each local government for the functions of the MPO. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to approve amending the MOU; Mr. Collins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

**E. Special Presentation- *Overcoming Public Participation Apathy*
Community Transportation Association of America
Action: Discussion Only**

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the SGRC applied for a grant from Community Transportation Association of America and was selected to receive technical assistance. He then introduced Ms. Janice Lorenz, who is from CTAA. Ms. Lorenz asked the committee questions concerning their thoughts on public participation and what they wanted to see happen with transportation in the local area. A discussion ensued concerning the topic.

Agenda Item #5 – Staff Update

A. FY2017 Budget

Mr. Hull stated that the language used in the FY2017 draft budget that the committee has received via email will change.

B. Federal Funding Update

Congress has released a new proposal named FAST ACT, it is a five year bill.

C. Shuttle Pilot Program

Mr. Dillard notified the committee that the pilot program is seeing an upward trend and that the hours of operation have been extended.

D. Amendment to 2040 TVP

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the 2040 TVP will be amended due to new information that Valdosta and Lowndes Co. have concerning projects that they want to see amended. There will be formal participation processes.

E. GAMPO Update

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the GAMPO will become a nonprofit and he has been elected as the Chairman of the association.

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

Mr. Fletcher notified the committee that the Clyatteville / Nankin Road Bridge will be closed for a significant amount of time.

Mr. Collins stated that he (personally) does not think there is any advantage of being Chair or Vice Chair. He continued, I think that there is mutual trust and respect for one another in this organization. Nothing is taken personal. I think that this group, everybody in here, even non-voting members, we have very frank,

open discussions. I think it has a healthy atmosphere, so I like the way things are run. I think that all the voting members have been very thoughtful and considerate of every issue that has gone before them. It is a very level playing field in here and we all have mutual respect for one another. Thank you.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Wednesday, March 2, 2016; 9:00 am at SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Collins made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned.