

Valdosta – Lowndes



Metropolitan Planning Organization

**Minutes
Policy Committee
April 13, 2010
1:30 pm**

Members Present	Organization
John Fretti	City of Valdosta, Mayor
Larry Hanson	City of Valdosta, Manager
Jason Davenport	Lowndes County Planner (Ashley Paulk Rep.)
Cindy Van Dyke	GDOT
John Leonard	SGRC, Director
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC VLMPO
David Morgan	SGRC
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Tim Kassa	GDOT
James R. Wright	City of Valdosta

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Joe Leonard called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Corey Hull welcomed those present and asked everyone to introduce themselves and give their affiliation to the Policy Committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2010

John Fretti made a motion to approve the minutes. Jason Davenport seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4 – Quarterly UPWP Financial Report

Corey Hull gave a brief overview of the Unified Planning Work Program. Corey stated that it has remained unchanged since February, and no action was needed.

Agenda Item #5 – Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

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Agenda Item #6 – New Business

A. FY2011 Election of Officers:

John Leonard named Joe Pritchard and Larry Hanson as the nominating committee for new officers. There were no objections.

B. FY2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Plan:

Corey introduced the TIP and talked about the amendment processes and how they have changed. Corey also went over the Financial Plan and explained the different project types and why some projects are listed as lump sum projects. Corey talked about Tier 1 projects and explained the new projects and new cost estimates for some Tier 1 projects from GDOT. There are currently no Tier II projects. Corey talked about lump sum projects and how the project on Hollywood Blvd. will need to be moved to this category. John Fretti asked about this project and stated that some information should be gained about truck movement in order to determine the most efficient improvements. Brent Thomas stated that these studies have been completed. Corey went over transit projects within the MPO area as listed, and he went over the MPO's project data sheets. Corey explained the public comment period following the Policy Committee's approval of submitting the TIP for Public Comment. Jason Davenport asked if any modifications were anticipated to the TIP. Corey mentioned one project on Jerry Jones, but he stated that there are no others anticipated before the public comment period. Larry Hanson asked how the dates for the projects are determined. Corey responded that GDOT sets the dates based on funding availability. Discussion ensued about several projects. John Leonard asked for a motion to approve the draft TIP for public comment as of April 20, 2010. John Fretti made the motion, and Jason Davenport seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 2035 Transportation Plan Update:

Corey introduced the revised Financial Plan. He explained that the Financial Plan is only for highway funds and that there are others for transit. Corey went over the plan and explained funding amounts for each jurisdiction. He also mentioned there is currently a deficit because projects have been over programmed and some changes will have to be made to balance out the financial plan. Corey went over the project listing. He explained the chart and what each column represents. He talked about how there are no projects currently programmed past 2035 and that some projects will need to be moved back to stretch the LRTP to 2035, instead of programming out to only 2025. John Fretti asked about how the funding amounts were reached in the Financial Plan. Corey explained that the numbers include preservation projects in the general fund category, not just new projects. Corey explained this is an evolving process and the numbers will continue to change until the Financial Plan is balanced. Larry Hanson asked whether discussion could wait until the end of the current legislative session in case the legislature passes a new SPLOST of some sort.

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Agenda Item #7 – Staff Update

A. Transit Update-

Corey gave an overview of the transit budget for a single-route implementation to begin by July 2012. Corey explained the funding amounts in the chart and gave a timeline for action. John Fretti explained that this route is more expensive because it is a conglomeration of several routes, making it a much longer and more inclusive route than what had been previously planned. John Fretti also mentioned that the budget as presented still has on-chassis busses and that it is imperative to look at off-chassis busses for the system to function better and look better. Corey stated that the next Transit Steering Committee meeting would be held on April 26th at noon at the SGRC.

B. Crash Report Update-

Corey gave a quick overview of the upcoming crash report and gave a timeline for completion of the report.

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

There were no comments.

Agenda Item #9 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on **June 8, 2010 at 1:30pm at the SGRC Office.**

Agenda Item #10 - Adjournment

There being no further business, John Leonard adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.