

Minutes Joint Technical and Citizen's Advisory Committees February 20, 2014 3:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
Leggett Lovan	Chamber
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Tyra Howard	Convention Center
Michael Frost	MAFB
Harriet Crum	Hahira
Ken Sherrill	Lake Park
Carroll Griffin	Remerton
Bill Branham	Valdosta
Danny Saturday	Lowndes County
Todd Smoot	Lowndes County
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Dick Saeger	Valdosta
Ray Sable	VSU
Pat Collins	Valdosta
Steve Barnes	Leadership Lowndes
Charlie Clark (via phone)	Lowndes County
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Shane Pridgen	GDOT
William Sims	Valdosta

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

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

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fletcher asked members to review the minutes of the last Joint TAC-CAC meeting. Mr. Clark noted that he should have been included in the attendance of the last meeting. Mr. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes, it was seconded by Mr. Branham, the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

None.

Agenda Item #5- New Business

- A. Performance Measures in 2040 Transportation Plan Presentation
 - a. Mr. Hull presented information about how the staff is developing the goals, objectives and performance measures, following new federal law and the recently adopted Greater Lowndes County Common Community Vision.
- B. 2040 Transportation Plan Financial Plan Update/Presentation
 - a. Mr. Hull presented information about the financial plan options to the committees and asked for feedback and guidance.
- C. Travel Demand Model Presentation

Mr. Hull asked that this item be tabled until a later date to accommodate for time and since it was only an informational presentation and not an action item. Committee agreed by consensus.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

- A. 2040 Transportation Plan Timeline
 - a. Mr. Hull noted that he felt the Transportation Plan was on schedule based on the timeline handed out to the committee.
- B. VSU Traffic Safety Study
 - a. Mr. Hull reported on a request for the City of Valdosta and Valdosta State University request a traffic safety study to be conducted around the campus in light of recent tragic events. Mr Hull noted that GDOT was also planning to do a Road Safety Audit and that a formal study would not commence until the GDOT RSA was complete.

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

Mr. Branham asked about alternative fuel strategies in the 2040 Transportation Plan goals and any groups that were interested in starting a clean cities coalition locally. Mr. Hull responded that the VLMPO has supported the development of all forms of alternative fuels and will continue to do so, but specific technologies and methods are not discussed in the Transportation Plan.

Mr. Rawls commented about specific projects in the 2040 Transportation Plan, specifically the 5 Points project. And tracking progress of these projects. A brief discussion ensued about the 5 Points project.

Mr. Parker commented that the overarching goals of transportation in the community should be east-west routes and north-south routes. He also noted that truck traffic improvements are needed as well as to address high crash locations.

Mr. Sable asked about not meeting a performance measure in the new 2040 Transportation, what happens if we do not meet one, "how do we respond?" Mr. Hull comment that the law is not clear on that and we will await the federal guidance to be released later this year.

Mr. Fletcher commend on a Road Safety Audit his office held at the intersection of 376 and Loch Laurel Road. He noted that it was an independent team that looked at the problem spots. They found that sun glare was an issue from 3p-6p for many crashes at this location. He also noted that another possible site for a Road Safety Audit is the intersection of 122 and Val Del Road.

Mr. Branham commend on the need for railroad overpasses at Gornto and Baytree Roads.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Fletcher noted the meeting date and times of the CAC and TAC committees for March. He noted that the TAC meeting is being moved to March 11 at 1p due to the rescheduled Bird Supper.

<u> Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment</u>

Mr. Fletcher adjourned the meeting at about 4:05 pm.