

**Minutes  
Citizen's Advisory Committee  
12-4-12  
3:00 PM  
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Earl Wetherington	Valdosta
Edward Rawls	Lowndes County
Sephanie Joachim	Valdosta Schools
Ken Sherrill	Lake Park
Dick Saeger	Valdosta
Ray Sable	VSU
Angela Crance	WGTC
Carroll Griffin	Remerton
Tim Riddle	Tourism Authority
Bryan Almand	Valdosta
Clarence Parker	Airport Authority
Leggett Locan	Chamber of Commerce
<b>Others Present</b>	
Dr. Ray Perren	WGTC
Alice Johnson	Congressman Austin Scott
Diane Cox	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Roberta Magnasco	

### **Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order/ Introductions/Roll Call**

Mr. Wetherington called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Wetherington asked those present to introduce themselves.

### **Agenda Item #2 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Wetherington asked for corrections or additions to the minutes. It was noted that Amanda Peacocks name was spelled incorrectly and there was a grammatical error in item #6. A motion was made to accept the changes to the minutes by Mr. Rawls and it was seconded by Mr. Sherrill. The motion carried.

### **Agenda Item #3– Old Business**

Mr. Wetherington asked about the traffic cameras that was discussed several meetings ago. Mr. Hull noted the city of Valdosta is continuing to update and repair their traffic camera system.

### **Agenda Item #4 – New Business**

#### **A. FY2013 UPWP Amendment #2 – Resolution FY2013-5**

Mr. Hull described the amendment to the UPWP as the addition of funds from the FTA 5303 program that were not anticipated to be available. These funds would be used for hiring a consultant to develop socioeconomic data for the VLMPO for the 2040 Transportation Plan Update that will be undertaken in FY2014. The total funding for this additional funding is \$15,000, 20% of which would be paid locally, the remaining funding is federal.

Mr. Rawls asked a question about the cost of consultant fees. Mr. Hull noted that an estimate was prepared and it was less than \$15,000, but it was rounded up to ensure enough money was available.

Mr. Sherrill wanted to confirm that all MPOs in the state of Georgia had access to this funding, Mr. Hull noted that they were all notified, but was unsure if they were taking advantage of the opportunity.

Mr. Griffin asked if we have used consultants in the past for this type of work. Mr. Hull noted that twice in the past the VLMPO has used Valdosta State University to complete this work.

A motion was made by Mr. Lovan and seconded by Ms. Crance, the motion carried unanimously.

#### **B. FY2013 FTA Supplemental MPO Planning 5303 Grant – Resolution FY2013-6**

A motion was made by Mr. Almand and seconded by Mr. Sherrill. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. FY2014 FTA 5303 Planning Grant Application – Resolution FY2013-7**

Mr. Hull described the annual 5303 grant for FY2014. He described that all of this funding would be allocated to the development of the 2040 TP that the VLMPO must complete. This is unusual that all of this funding would be devoted to just one work element, but since this is such a large project it will be better to allocate it to one work task rather than all of them.

Mr. Parker asked about what is covered in item #201, Public Participation. Mr. Hull described the work the staff does in this element.

A motion was made by Mr. Rawls, it was seconded by Mr. Almand, the motion carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item #5 – Staff Update**

None.

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

Diane Cox asked several questions about having so much socioeconomic data for transportation planning purposes. Mr. Hull responded this is to understand how people travel. Ms. Cox also asked if the Environmental Protection Agency was involved in the VLMPO planning efforts. Mr. Hull responded that no, they are not however they are involved in the planning efforts of other MPOs like Atlanta with air quality concerns. A discussion continued about environmental justice issues in transportation planning.

Mr. Parker asked a question about TSPLOST, and if this was going to impact the areas the MPO looked at. Mr. Hull responded that the currently transportation plan does not depend on TSPOLST as a funding source.

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

Mr. Wetherington noted the next meeting date will be on March 5, 2013 at the SGRC office at 3:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m. to a presentation by Dr. Ray Perren of Wiregrass Georgia Technical College on the truck driving school and air traffic control programs at the college.