

Minutes
Citizens Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee (Joint Meeting)
December 5, 2017
2:00 PM

CAC Members Present	Organization
Jim Parker	City of Valdosta
Keith Sandlin	City of Lake Park
Bob Wilbers	City of Lake Park
Vanessa Flucas	City of Valdosta
Alvin Payton	Wiregrass
Stan Crance	VLDA
Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County
Myrna Ballard	Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber
Angela Crance	Wiregrass
Carroll Griffin	Remerton
Steve Barnes	Leadership Lowndes
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
TAC Members Present	
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Pat Collins	City of Valdosta
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
John Dillard	SGRC
Sandra Tooley	Valdosta City Council
Matt Martin	City of Valdosta
William Eastin	GDOT
Blaine Nobles	SGRC

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

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 September 5th and 6th, 2017 meeting minutes for the CAC and TAC respectively. Mr. Crance made a motion to approve the CAC minutes and Ms. Flucas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried. Mr. Collins made a motion to approve the TAC minutes and Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. Policy Committee Election of New Vice-Chair

Applies to Policy Committee only.

B. FY 19 FTA 5303 Grant Application – Resolution 2018-5

Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval

Mr. Hull explained that the 5303 grant application is a formality to continue to receive funds for transit. He continued explaining that the RC is anticipating receiving \$62,000 in federal funds. 80% from the federal, 10% from state, with the remaining 10% split between Lowndes, Valdosta, and the SGRC. Mr. Fletcher asked Mr. Hull to clarify what the committees would be committing funds to. Mr. Hull responded it is for planning. Mr. Crance made a motion to recommend the application move forward to the Policy Committee. Ms. Flucas seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

C. Discretionary PL Funds Application – Resolution 2018-4

Mr. Hull explained to the committee that a few items will be amended in the budget amendments. Mr. Hull explained that the first amended item will be \$20,000 dollars for special studies such as the upcoming Socioeconomic Study. The second amended item will be program administration, which is the duties of staff to carry out the MPO work over the fiscal year. In order to streamline our process, we are amending an estimated dollar amount from FY19 into the FY18 budget. The estimated amount is what we would be putting into each of these work elements for FTA funds. An example is for FY 18 we have not done any work on public transit planning yet because we do not have a contract. Our GDOT transit partners and FTA has stated that if we could show an estimated dollar amount in our prior year budget that may speed up the process. A discussion ensued. Mr. Collins made a motion to recommend the application move forward to the Policy Committee. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

D. Presentation on Performance Measures

Mr. Hull notified the committee that performance measures came into existence when MAP-21 was signed. He explained that there are seven national goals that deal with transportation: safety, infrastructure, congestion reduction, system reliability, freight movement, environmental sustainability, reduced project delivery. Not all of these measures will apply to our MPO. Safety is the first

performance measure and staff is recommending that we support the state data. Our due date is February 27, 2017 so the Policy Committee will have a called meeting on February 22, 2017 to approve the performance measures. My 27, 2018, the MOU will need to be amended to include performance measures and Ray City annexation. May 20, 2019, performance measures for pavement condition, travel time reliability, and truck traffic time reliability will be due. September 2, 2020 the TVP local targets will be due. Mr. Collins asked if the pavement and bridge conditions measurements will be set locally. Mr. Hull responded that they will be set nationally, we do not get to dictate those. Mr. Hull gave the committee the state safety targets. Mr. Hull stated that some of these will have an enforcement aspect. Mr. Hull also recommended to the committees that maybe we need a more active role/partnerships with local first responders. Mr. Wilbers stated that with congestion between certain exits and the speed limit, there tends to be many accidents along this stretch of I-75. A discussion ensued covering the reasoning for certain speed limits and car accidents. Mr. Hull stated that in mid-January we will have a 30 day public comment period, then the Policy Committee will be asked to adopt a resolution to amend the LRTP, amend the TIP, and a resolution to support the state safety targets. Mr. Payton asked if we had our local data. Mr. Hull stated that we do but that a different formula was used so we need to go through it again to verify the numbers. Ms. Flucas asked what measures were instituted in 2014 when the crash rate declined. Mr. Hull stated that there were none, however, we were still coming out of the recession so less people were traveling.

E. Discussion of Next Steps for Public Transit

Mr. Hull asked for thoughts on possible funding solutions for public transit. We have looked at public private partnerships, many of these things will help offset the 50% cost but it will not cover it all. A sales tax or a property tax allocation to fund public transit. What source of revenue would the community want to see, these seem to be the two options. Ms. Flucas stated that you have a group of people who need and want transit but they are not the highest tax base, then the other group who feel it would be nice to have transit but if we do not we will still have transit. Mr. Fletcher stated that many of the people on the transit video were VSU students and 90% of the people who will use this do not own a home. Mr. Parker stated that he disagreed that renters do not pay property taxes because the property tax is built into the rent that the owner of the property pays. Regarding the millage rate, we had the lowest tax rate for cities of comparable size. If we want something better than we have today, it's going to cost. Mr. Collins stated that in his experience transit will not pay for itself, the decision has to be made that the community is willing to bare that expense. He explained an example public private partnership that can be seen at the website chariot.com. Mr. Collins explained how the system works based on the information from the website. Discussion continued. Mr. Hull asked what should the MPO be doing in this area. Mr. Skrine responded that educating the public is one way to help. Discussion continued.

F. Presentation of Complete Streets

Mr. Godwin presented the concept of developing and implementing a complete streets policy for the VLMPO area. Mr. Godwin asked for the committees thoughts about complete streets. Mr. Collins stated that he thought the Williams Street sidewalk project was a great project. Mr. Crance asked what it would take to adopt a complete streets policy. Mr. Godwin explained the process.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. Transit Commission

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the Georgia House Transit Governance Funding Commission has been meeting since June and all MPO's in the state are non-voting ex-officio members. He continued that there have been many transit discussions and will be continuing to talk about public transit at the state level.

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

Mr. Collins notified the committees of the current status about the Kimbly-Horn study for traffic signal optimization. Mr. Collins also discussed intersection improvements that were submitted as TSPLOST Projects. Mr. Hull provided a brief update on the status of the Regional TSPLOST process.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next CAC meeting will be Tuesday, March 6, 2018 @ 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.

The next TAC meeting will be Wednesday, March 7, 2018 @ 9:00 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

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