

**Minutes
Technical Advisory Committee
September 6, 2017
9:00 AM**

Members Present	Organization
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Pat Collins	City of Valdosta
William Eastin	GDOT
Gwen Weaver	Valdosta City Schools
Others Present	
Dennis Carter	GDOT
Matt Martin	City of Valdosta
Claudia Thompson	GDOT
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Corey Hull	SGRC
Blain Nobles	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
John Dillard	SGRC

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

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 June 7, 2017 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the minutes. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. FY18-21 TIP Adoption

Mr. Hull explained that the TIP adoption draft document was emailed to members of the committee. He notified the committee that the TIP is the short-term work program covering the next four years of projects in the community. Mr. Hull asked Mr. Dillard to explain the TIP amendment process and the TIP public comment period. Mr. Dillard explained that the public comment period was from August 1-31, 2017. During that time, we had four individuals come by to view the TIP draft document. There were many comments and a few questions. The most prevalent were concerning the financial changes to the projects. Mr. Dillard explained the TIP project list handout to the committee. Mr. Hull explained that the 5 Points roundabout is considered a safety project and is located under the lump sum section of the TIP projects handout. Mr. Collins notified the committee that the Jerry Jones project will be carried over again. Mr. Fletcher asked if anyone knew when the Old Quitman Road Bridge will begin the construction phase. Mr. Thomas stated that projects usually begin construction phase within 1-2 years after ROW. Mr. McQueen, in reference to the Jerry Jones project, stated that if the project needed to be removed, the city needs to work through the GDOT project manager. Mr. Collins responded that they have been working with the GDOT project manager Christy. Mr. Collins stated that he has not seen the design for the Jerry Jones project. Mr. Dillard continued explaining the lump sum projects on the handout. A motion was made by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Collins to recommend the resolution for approval. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

B. 2040 TVP Amendment – Resolution 2018-2

Mr. Dillard explained that the 2040 TVP amendment is due to the TIP adoption cost updates. Mr. Hull explained that the projects highlighted in red have been updated. A motion was made by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. Collins to recommend the resolution for approval. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

C. Discretionary PL Funds Application – Resolution 2018-3

Mr. Hull explained to the committee that the VLMPO would like to apply for \$20,000 discretionary funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation to update our 2045 Socioeconomic Data Study. We have been working together with our local partners to come up with a way to get a better bang for our buck when doing these studies. We have been finding out what types of data our partners need for their

use so that we can cover these areas from this funding source. We are working on the scope. Should this resolution pass, we would apply next week and get an answer on the last Monday in September. The policy committee really felt that this study is the priority one and to pause the other ones. A motion was made by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Fletcher to recommend the resolution for approval. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. Project Status Update

Mr. Hull explained the updates to the GDOT projects that are located in this area. Many of the projects have fallen behind schedule but many. Mr. Crance asked about the roundabouts on the exits. Mr. Hull responded that the sight distance is one issue that roundabouts could solve at the exits, which will consist of two roundabouts at each exit, one getting on and one getting off. Mr. Hull stated that he would send the committee a picture of what they typically look like.

B. AMPO Conference in Savannah

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the AMPO conference is October 16th -20th and that staff will attend. Mr. Hull also notified the committee that the MPO does have funds to cover an elected official and staff member's expenses for the conference.

C. NADO Award and Presentation

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the regional commission and the MPO received a national innovation award for the "Complete Streets Suitability Analysis" for the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County. The report was written by Andrew Smith.

D. Additional PL Study Ideas

Mr. Hull stated that the Policy Committee voted in June not to proceed with these additional studies due to financial constraints but they did direct the MPO and planning staff to construct a proposal for an I-75 Corridor Land Use Study. Mr. Hull stated that there are many things to look at for the I-75 Corridor Land Use Study and a scope is being drafted that will address different impacts and aspects of the corridor.

E. 2040 TVP Amendment – February 22, 2018

Mr. Hull explained that the future 2040 TVP amendment will cover safety performance measures for our region. The amendment will need to be approved by February 22, 2018 at a called meeting. The safety measures will address reducing fatalities in our region as well as curbing other transportation related fatalities.

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

Mr. Fletcher opened the floor for public comment. There were no additional comments.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 9:00 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Collins made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Fletcher. The meeting was adjourned.