

Minutes Policy Committee December 5, 2018 10:30 AM

Members Present	Organization
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Tom McQueen	GDOT
John Gayle	Valdosta
Mark Barber	Valdosta
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
August Huckleberry	SGRC
Matthew Risher	GDOT

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Slaughter called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Slaughter asked that the committee forgo introductions. Mr. Hull stated that Mr. Risher was new to the VLMPO and asked him to introduce himself. Mr. Risher introduced himself as the new GDOT Planner for the VLMPO area.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes/ TIA Briefing

The committee did not have a quorum so the minutes could not be approved.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. TAC: Election of Officers for CY2019

Action: Vote for Approval Does Not Apply to the PC.

B. Complete Streets Policy Design

Action: Discussion

Mr. Hull directed the committee to the Complete Streets Policy summary in their agenda packets. He explained that the Technical committee would like to take a few more days to review the document and address some of the language. The CAC gave a few comments, if you all have any comments, questions let us know.

C. FY20 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Action: Discussion

Mr. Hull explained the one page budget summery and reminded the committee that the entire document was emailed to them. Mr. Hull encouraged the committee to look at the document and send in any comments that they may have. We are aiming for a March adoption for the document, so there is plenty of time to review the document. Mr. Hull pointed out that line item 4.2 LRTP is the biggest undertaking for staff next year and will be the main focus. Also, if there are future things that you have thoughts on or studies let us know and we can put those in our future UPWP, although not funded, but the projects will be on the radar. Mr. McQueen stated that GDOT does not plan on changing the STIP this year so money set aside for TIP update could be flexed if need be to the LRTP line item, I will let you know when this is okay to do.

D. Parking Study Presentation

Action: Presentation/Discussion

Mr. Hull notified the community that August Huckleberry, the Valdosta State University Economics Major intern, is working on the Parking Study but she is out due to finals this week. Mr. Hull explained that August is working on the 1st phase, which is looking at the existing regulation in Valdosta-Lowndes County and best practices from other communities. The 2nd phase will cover inventory and the 3rd phase will put the 1st and 2nd phase together to recommend best practices. She looked at improved enforcement, transferrable spaces, which would allow parking in one lot and walking to a business close by. Another best practice is reversed on street parking. Changing the parking requirements, going from minimum to maximum requirements. Someone mentioned in the CAC meeting where many communities are

allowing the market to drive parking. Mr. Slaughter mentioned that he does not see this being a problem outside of Downtown Valdosta. Mr. Slaughter asked was she speaking to our planning and zoning officials. Mr. Hull responded yes, but phase 2 will cover this area.

E. TAC: 2045 TVP Update Timeline, Milestones, and Subcommittee

Action: Discussion

Does not apply to CAC.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. 2019 Meeting Dates

Mr. Hull directed the members to the meeting dates handout as it is a calendar for upcoming dates. Mr. Hull notified the committee that the CAC members requested staff hold a joint meeting with the TAC and PC so that they can get more feedback from the other committees early on.

B. AMPO Update

Mr. Hull notified the committee that Mayor Gayle received an award from the Association of Metropolitan Planning Associations for his work for regional leadership with his work for the TIA/TSPLOST referendum.

C. Crash Report Update

Ms. Martin explained that at the previous PC meeting, the summary of the crash report spurred two questions, which were, what is being done to improve the top crash locations as well as what would the top locations be based on AADT (Average Annual Daily Traffic). Ms. Martin explained the handout and pointed to the stark difference when crash intersections were ranked based on the AADT vs the crash rate at a particular intersection. Mr. Hull stated that many of these intersections already have planned improvements or have been identified in the Traffic Signal Optimization Study. Ms. Martin explained that this method and another that will also weigh the severity of crashes will also be looked at as possible methods that will help with prioritizing projects during the LRTP update. Mr. Slaughter stated that Knight's Academy and Forrest intersection will be getting traffic lights.

D. Administrative Modification to Budget

Mr. Hull notified the committee that \$50.00 was transferred from one line item to another and the contract did not match the budget so staff performed an administrative modification to correct that.

E. FY18 Obligated Funds List

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the obligated funds document has been posted on the website. It is a list that has to be posted every year and shows the projects that the State DOT has obligated funds to.

F. Regional Connectivity Study

Mr. Hull directed the committee to the Regional Connectivity minutes and explained to the committee that staff has had several ongoing conversations with the TAC about the study. The study would cover corridors leading into our MPO area. WE sent the document for one final review, in which FHWA had many questions and based on out answers, FHWA decided that they would not fund the study. FHWA felt that the study was duplicative of our LRTP efforts. We will also be sending this out to those not

present today. Mr. McQueen stated that there was a procurement process that was not properly followed. There should have been feedback loops concerning this study prior to getting to this point. Mr. Slaughter asked have those corrections been addressed. Mr. Hull replied yes, and that GDOT and FHWA have both given staff and TAC advice concerning this.

G. Update to Public Participation Plan

Mr. Hull notified the committee that GDOT's Transit Division has asked that we update our Public Participation Plan to make sure we are focusing on federal requirements for participation for Title VI Civil Rights requirements and LEP requirements. We have made some updates based on guidance received from the DOT. We changed some wording to clarify and address these requirements. The PP plan requires a 45 day public comment period and then action by all three of our committees so we are aiming for a March adoption.

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

During this time, Mr. Slaughter backed up to the minutes, due to the committee having a quorum now. Mr. Gayle made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mr. Barber made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 10:30 AM at the SGRC office.

<u>Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment</u>

Mr. Prichard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.