

## VLMPO Technical Advisory Committee

Date: December 3, 2025

### MEETING MINUTES

The Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization (VLMPO) Technical Advisory Committee met on December 3, 2025, at 10:30 AM at the Southern Georgia Regional Commission in Valdosta, Georgia. The following were in attendance:

<b>VLMPO Technical Advisory Committee</b>				
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Absence</u>
Benjamin O’Dowd	Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mike Fletcher	Vice-Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Jason Willingham	Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Cheyenne Thompson	Member	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Jeff Hill	Non-Voting Member	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Travis Jones	Non-Voting Member	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Olivia Lewis	Non-Voting Member	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Ashley Tye	Non-Voting Member	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vacant (Bike/Ped Advocate)	Non-Voting Member	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

<b>Staff &amp; Guests (X Denotes Attendance)</b>					
<u>Staff Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Guest Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	
Megan Fowler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	Tasha Harris	<input type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Kayla Frey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	Amy Martin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Roberta Lovett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual	Doris Abernathy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual
Lu Danforth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Person	<input type="checkbox"/> Virtual			

#### **Call to Order/Welcome**

This meeting was conducted in a joint setting, with all VLMPO committee (Citizen’s Advisory and Policy Committee) members invited to attend in person at the Southern Georgia Regional Commission Valdosta office and virtually via Teams. Policy Committee Chair Page Dukes called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

#### **Introductions/Roll Call**

Chair Page Dukes asked those present to state their name and affiliation with the committee.

#### **Review of Committee Attendance**

Megan Fowler reviewed the TAC member attendance. A quorum was established with three voting members present and one virtual.

#### **Recognition of Members and Guests**

There was no recognition of any guest at this committee meeting.

## **Approval of the Minutes of the September 3, 2025 Technical Advisory Committee Meeting**

Benjamin O'Dowd referred members to the meeting minutes of September 3, 2025 (copy attached and made apart of these minutes). Benjamin O'Dowd asked if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, he requested a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Benjamin O'Dowd made a motion to approve with a second from Mike Fletcher. The motion carried.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Action Item A: Safety (PM 1) Targets**

Megan Fowler presented the resolution focusing on adopting the Safety Performance Management Targets for the Valdosta Metropolitan Planning Organization. These measures focus on highway safety and is apart of the federally required Transportation Performance Management (TPM) framework. These targets are set annually using data driven approach and five-year rolling averages. The targets must demonstrate constant or improved performances. After presenting the resolution Chair Paige Dukes asked for any additional questions from the committees and guest. With no additional question Steve Lasseter made a motion to approve with a second from Bill Slaughter. The motion carried.

### **Joint Discussion/ Information Items**

- a) GDOT Project Updates – Tasha Harris (Project Manager) with GDOT provided the committee with project updates “copy attached and made a part of these minutes”.
- b) Administrative Modification FY26-05 to the FY2026 UPWP- Megan Fowler informed the committees of the updates made to FY2026 UPWP (copy attached and made a part of these minutes).
- c) TIA Update- Kayla Frey shared the TIA updates through September 2025 (copy attached and made a part of these minutes).

## **Staff Update**

Chair Paige introduced the committees to Al Crace, Interim City of Valdosta Manager as well as new Policy Committee Member.

## **Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

## **Adjournment**

With no remaining items, Chair Dukes made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Chairman Bill Slaughter. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:07 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kayla Frey

MPO Coordinator/Planner

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