

**Minutes  
Policy Committee  
September 14, 2010  
1:30 pm**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
John Fretti	City of Valdosta, Mayor
Larry Hanson	City of Valdosta, Manager
Jason Davenport	Lowndes County Planner (Ashley Paulk Rep.)
Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County, Manager
John Leonard	SGRC
Wayne Bullard	City of Hahira, Mayor
Tim Kassa	GDOT
<b>Others Present</b>	
Corey Hull	SGRC VLMPO
Whitney Biggers	SGRC
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Shane Pridgen	GDOT
Joe Sheffield	GDOT
Marco Trigueros	GDOT

**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

John Fretti called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call**

John Fretti welcomed those present and thanked everyone for attending.

**Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes**

Corey explained that from now on the minutes will clarify “MPO Staff Recommendation” rather than just stating “staff recommendation.” The July 1, 2010 minutes were approved unanimously by the members.

**Agenda Item #4– Old Business**

A. VLMPO Policy Committee Bylaw Amendments:

Corey explained all of the amendments. Joe Pritchard stated that he was not a fan of the telephone idea because it does not allow for the same exchange of discussion or conversation that you can get in person. Larry Hanson agreed, except for urgent meetings. John Fretti stated that if something is decided over the phone, it should be affirmed at the next meeting. Larry Hanson stated that minutes could still be taken at a telephonic meeting.

There were many questions regarding Proxy Representatives. John Leonard explained that a Permanent Proxy requires an official letter to be submitted to the SGRC. A Temporary Proxy does not.

Corey stated he would continue to work on the amendments and would be in contact with the members. The amendments will be voted on at the next meeting in December.

**Agenda Item #5 – New Business**

**A. TIP Amendment: Administrative Amendment #2, Public Transit**

Corey Hull explained that an administrative amendment was made to the Transportation Improvement Plan because the wrong year was listed. The year was changed from 2013 to 2014. Corey stated that no action was needed by the committee, but he wanted them to be aware of the amendment.

**B. UPWP FY11: UPWP Budget Amendment – Resolution FY2011-1**

Corey explained the FY2011 UPWP Budget Summary Report. He explained that \$53,223.42 was carried over from FY10. Corey also stated that \$114,262.81 was allocated for FY11. \$167,486.23 is the total amount for FY2011. Corey stated the local match would be \$41,871.56, meaning the city and county would each contribute a little over \$20,000. Corey also explained that \$10,000 was left in the plan to finish the transit study, although transit is no longer being pursued.

Joe Pritchard made a motion to approve the UPWP Budget Amendment. Larry Hanson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**C. 2035 Transportation Plan – Resolution FY2011-2**

Corey went over the 2035 TP project listing and public comments. Corey also explained there was a \$10M discrepancy in the budget. He stated that in order to balance the plan, the last project on the list (#48 Clay Rd.) was taken off of the project listing and put on the illustrative list. Corey also stated the county abandoned Kinderlou-Clyattville Road, therefore it was removed from the travel demand model. Corey stated the TCC voted to approve the 2035 TP Plan 3/1 with Mike Fletcher voting against.

Joe Pritchard stated he did not want to rehash what has already been discussed by the Policy Committee, but he wanted everyone to be aware of the fact that \$1M would be spent on Exit 18 and then 2 priorities later, \$64M would be spent on the same exit. He wanted to know if any of the \$1M project would be torn up for the \$64M project. Larry Hanson stated they did not believe the first project would cost \$1M. Larry stated that if the 2 projects were truly going to be a year apart and the first project would end up getting torn back up then it did not make sense. Tim Kassa stated that the 2 projects being a year apart in not realistic logistically. Tim said both projects are long range projects. He stated that as of right now, GDOT plans to pursue the dual

left turn lanes. John Fretti agreed that if the projects were within 5 years of one another, the public would not be happy. He stated that he would hate for the \$1M project to hold up the \$64M project though.

Tim Kassa made a motion to adopt the 2035 Transportation Plan. Larry Hanson seconded the motion. The motion passed (4/2 with Joe Pritchard and Jason Davenport voting against).

#### D. HB 277 Draft Criteria

Corey went over the Draft MPO Staff comments on the HB 277 regional project selection criteria. Corey mentioned that he received a comment several times that HB 277 should be changed to allow the Regional Roundtable flexibility over the life of the tax to reprioritize projects or select new projects that might arise. The Policy Committee agreed the list should be established and not changed.

Corey also asked what the committee thought about the allocation ranges and having a minimal investment requirement. John Leonard stated that GMA's recommendation is to take out the % allocations altogether.

Corey stated that Mike Fletcher commented that a representative should be allowed to fill the mayor and chairman's place if something came up and they could not make it to the regional roundtable meeting. The Policy Committee agreed.

Corey also explained having a baseline definition of what should qualify as a regional project.

### **Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update**

#### A. Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee Meeting

Corey stated the September meeting has been cancelled, and the meeting will be moved to October.

#### B. GPA Fall 2010 Fall Conference

Corey stated the GPA 2010 Fall Conference would be held in Valdosta September 29 thru October 1.

### **Agenda Item #7 – Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment**

There were no comments.

### **Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time**

The next regularly scheduled Policy meeting will be held on **December 14, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at SGRC.**

### **Agenda Item #9 - Adjournment**

There being no further business, John Fretti adjourned the meeting at 2:54 p.m.