

**Minutes
Transportation Coordinating Committee
1-10-12
10:30 a.m.**

Members Present	Organization
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Lesa Walker	GDOT
William Sims	Valdosta
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Andrew Heath	GDOT
Janice McKinnon	SGRC
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Joe Sheffield	GDOT
Shane Pridgen	GDOT
Tracy Woodard-Meyers	VSU (bike/ped rep)
Audrey Johnson	GDOT (via phone)

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

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

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Fletcher asked members of the committee to introduce themselves since there were several new committee members and others in attendance.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fletcher asked for the approval of the minutes from the September 13, 2011 meeting if there were no corrections to be made. A motion was made by Brent Thomas and seconded by Mike Fletcher, the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

None.

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

A. Election of Officers for TCC for CY2012

Mr. Fletcher called for the nominations of officers for the chair and vice chair positions of the TCC for calendar year 2012. Brent Thomas nominated Pat Collins to serve as Chair and Mike Fletcher to serve as Vice Chair. Mike Fletcher seconded the nominations, the motion carried.

B. FY 2012 UPWP Amendment Resolution 2012-3

Mr. Hull reviewed this amendment to the budget of the FY2012 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Hull explained that these funds are leftover funds from FY2011 and are being assigned by percentage to each work element. Mr. Hull also described the changes to the FTA funds for FY2012, including more funds from GDOT for FTA match, resulting in less local funds being spent. Mr. Hanson, asked to clarify the \$65,000 amount from FHWA listed for carryover. Mr. Hull noted that this number is 80% of the total. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to approve the amendment; it was seconded by Mr. Thomas, the motion carried.

C. FY2013 FTA 5303 Grant Application Resolution 2012-4

Mr. Hull described this as a recommendation for a grant application to the Federal Transit Administration to fund the MPO. He described that these funds are used for general MPO support, but it comes from a different agency and these funds must be applied for each year. He described that the resolution is needed to apply for these funds. Mr. Hull described the FY2013 budget for the \$31,250 from FTA funds. He described that most of the funds would be allocated to MPO administration, other funds would also be allocated to public participation, transportation improvement program development and other categories. Audrey Johnson clarified that the 5303 funding applications were due February 17, 2012. A motion was made by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Walker.

D. FY2013 UPWP Draft

Mr. Hull began by giving a brief overview of the entire UPWP, the budget and staff work items for the next fiscal year. He noted that the document is largely the same as it has been in the past.

Mr. Hull noted that under the public involvement program, a mechanism has been recommended by the CAC to allow citizens to recommend minor infrastructure repairs. The members of the TCC discussed this matter in great detail, raising concerns about liability, management of the system and replacing current working methods. It was recommended by the committee that this

remain a part of the UPWP, however more thought should be given to it as the idea is developed over time.

Mr. Hull noted that last year the MPO included a study of the truck traffic in downtown. He noted that this study will not be individually listed this year, and it is included in a general statement to look at various special transportation studies as requested by local governments.

Mr. Hull noted that in FY2013 the MPO will also have to begin looking at its next long range transportation plan update. Mr. Hull is recommending that the local comprehensive plan and MPO transportation plan be consolidated in some manner since both documents are very similar and some efficiency can be had in having the local governments and the MPO work together on this.

E. Access Management Model ordinance Discussion

Mr. Hull asked the committee members for their opinions and comments on the changes made to the model ordinance for access management along Inner Perimeter Road. The committee members had a lengthy discussion about whether this should be an ordinance governing the highway rules GDOT already has in place or whether it should be more about land use development. The committee recommended that the staff work with the local land use planners to develop a more land use focused version of the ordinance since the GDOT rules were already in place and the proposed ordinance would not change the placement of median openings based on the GDOT rules.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

A. Transportation Sales Tax

Mr. Hull described the memo that was sent to local governments in the region, asking for local governments to submit a project listing for their 25% discretionary funds. Mr. Hull reminded the local governments that these lists are due by March 31.

Mr. Fletcher said that Lowndes County is currently working to develop a list, where they can get the most bang for their buck and projects that will be able to get votes.

Mr. Sims asked what format the form should be submitted in. Mr. Fletcher described the way Lowndes County identified their list. Mr. Hull noted that the format will be up to each jurisdiction because each will want to show their projects differently, so no one format is required.

B. Bemiss/Huntley Road Report

Mr. Hull described that several citizens had come to the CAC to ask for improvements to be made at this intersection. Mr. Hull noted that the Tifton District office looked at this intersection and did not recommend a signal, but did recommend more minor improvements to be made by GDOT and the City of Valdosta.

C. Project Updates

Mr. Hull briefly reviewed the project status report that the staff collects from GDOT. Mr. Hull noted that FHWA is conducting more traffic studies on the projects on Forrest Street and Oak Street extension to determine logical termini. Mr. Thomas noted that several projects CST dates

had been updated, he would get those to Mr. Hull after the meeting for dissemination to the committee.

D. Federal and State Legislative Issues

Mr. Hull described a handout provided by the national MPO association, regarding the proposed federal transportation law. Mr. Hull described how this proposed law will impact small MPOs, especially the VLMPO, possibly resulting in the elimination of the VLMPO.

Agenda Item #7 – Privilege of the Floor

Mr. Fletcher asked the TCC to consider moving the meeting day and time to better accommodate schedules of the local governments. The issue was discussed and it was decided that a vote would be taken at the March 13, 2012 meeting. Mr. Thomas also recommended that the TCC and PC meetings be closer together with maybe only ½ hour break in-between them.

Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Fletcher noted that the next meeting date will be on March 13, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment

A motion was made by Brent Thomas to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Lesa Walker, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.