

**Minutes
Policy Committee
3-4-15
10:30 am**

Members Present	Organization
John Gayle	Valdosta
Jason Davenport	Lowndes County
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Bruce Cain	Hahira
Tom McQueen	GDOT
John Leonard	SGRC
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Pat Collins	Valdosta
Sandra Tooley	Valdosta
Jonathon Sumner	Hahira
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Sherry Davidson	SGRC
Ariel Godwin	SGRC
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Chad Hartley	GDOT

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Davenport asked those present to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Davenport asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 12-2-14 joint meeting with the TAC. Mr. Fletcher commented that the minutes should be changed to reflect that Mr. Davenport voted no on item B. Mr. Fletcher made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Mr. Leonard seconded the motion, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

A. Review of and Acceptance of 2040 Travel Demand Model Networks – Resolution 2015-4

Mr. Hull presented information to the committee about the process staff went through to review the Base Year and No Build Scenario networks with GDOT since the last meeting. After several emails, phone calls and in-person meeting with GDOT, and both local governments, the staff thought all comments had been addressed appropriately and recommended endorsement and approval of the networks as presented. Mr. Gayle made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented, Mr. Fletcher seconded, motion carried.

Agenda Item #5– New Business

A. TAC Committee Only

B. FY2016 Unified Planning Work Program – Resolution 2015-5

Mr. Davenport informed the committee that he would like to move this item to the end of the agenda so they might be able to devote more time to discussing some of the items proposed.

C. (Amended) FY2016 FTA 5303 Application – Resolution 2015-7

Mr. Hull presented information on this application that is typically used for the day-to-day activities of the MPO especially as they relate to public transit, both rural and urban. Mr. Hull noted that this is an annual resolution adopted by the Policy Committee to apply for these funds and is a formality in the process. Mr. Hull noted that in FY2016 over \$60,000 in 5303 funds will be allocated to the MPO, there is a 10% state match and a 10% local match required. In FY2016 the funds are proposed to be spent on MPO administration and general transit planning activities. Mr. Davenport made a motion to approve the application, Mr. Gayle made a second, the motion carried.

D. Update to VLMPO Participation Plan – Resolution 2015-6

Mr. Hull presented an overview of the changes made to the Participation Plan. He said that the Plan had been available for public comment for its required 45 days, however no public comments were received and no one attended the Public Open House that was held for the Plan. Mr. Gayle made a motion to approve the plan as presented, Mr. Fletcher seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

E. PL Carryover Comment Letter to GDOT

Mr. Hull presented information about proposed changes to the allocation and availability of carryover PL funds in the UPWP beginning in FY2017. He reviewed some of the staff concerns and asked the Policy

Committee for permission to send a letter to GDOT with comments on the proposed changes. Mr. Leonard made a motion to send the letter, Mr. Cain seconded the motion, the motion carried.

B. FY2016 Unified Planning Work Program – Resolution 2015-5

Mr. Hull presented the significant changes to the FY2016 UPWP from past years, reviewing several of the work element pages in detail. After his presentation concluded, a discussion ensued about a proposed truck traffic study and a proposed urban transit study. Mr. Gayle made a motion to table this item until the next meeting to gather more input and discuss these issues in more detail with Lowndes County officials. Mr. Leonard seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

F. PC Nominating Committee

Mr. Davenport appointed Mr. Gayle and Mr. Cain to a nominating committee for officers for the upcoming fiscal year. They will present a report at the June Policy Committee meeting.

Agenda Item #6– Staff Update

A. 2040 Transportation Vision Plan Update

Mr. Hull informed the committee that the LRTP was on schedule after being behind schedule a few months back.

B. GAMPO Conference Update

Mr. Hull updated the committee on the upcoming GAMPO Conference to be held at the Rainwater Conference Center in Valdosta on October 29-30.

C. Agenda Review

Mr. Hull asked for feedback on the new agenda format, it was agreed that paper copies should no longer be distributed.

D. Project Status Updates

Mr. Hull presented a handout for informational purposes on the status of current projects in the region.

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

There were no additional comments from the floor.

Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Davenport noted the next meeting will be on June 3, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment

Mr. Davenport made a motion to adjourn the meeting, (second