

**Minutes  
Citizens Advisory Committee  
September 5, 2017  
3:00 PM**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Steve Barnes	Leadership Lowndes
Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton
Ray Sable	Valdosta State University
Jim Galloway	Valdosta-Lowndes Airport Authority
Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County
Dick Saeger	City of Valdosta
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes Transit
Clayton Milligan	LEA
Stan Crance	Valdosta-Lowndes Development Authority
Robert Wilbers	City of Lake Park
Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County
Myrna Ballard	Valdosta-Lowndes Chamber of Commerce
Jim Parker	City of Valdosta
Harriet Crum	City of Hahira
Todd Cason	Valdosta Board of Education
<b>Others Present</b>	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
John Dillard	SGRC
Sandra Tooley	Valdosta City Council

### **Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Mr. Branham called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

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

Mr. Branham asked those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the committee.

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

Mr. Branham asked the committee members to review the June 6, 2017 meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Crum and was seconded by Mr. Crance. The minutes were unanimously approved and the motion carried.

### **Agenda Item #4– New Business**

#### **A. FY18-21 TIP Adoption – Resolution 2018-1**

Mr. Hull explained that the TIP adoption draft document was emailed to members of the committee. He notified the committee that the TIP is the short-term work program covering the next four years of projects in the community. Mr. Hull asked Mr. Dillard to explain the TIP amendment process and the TIP public comment period. Mr. Dillard explained that the public comment period was from August 1-31, 2017. During that time, we had four individuals come by to view the TIP draft document. There were many comments and a few questions. The most prevalent were concerning the financial changes to the projects. Mr. Dillard explained the TIP project list handout to the committee. Mr. Hull explained that the 5 Points roundabout is considered a safety project and is located under the lump sum section of the TIP projects handout. Mr. Skrine asked if emergency vehicles were being considered during the roundabout process. Mr. Hull recommended that Mr. Skrine speak with the public works department and engineering department and make sure they review the plans and put in input. Mr. Hull also notified the committee that GDOT will hold public meetings held next week for the design of Exits 2 and 11. Ms. Crum asked about a project in Hahira on SR 122. Mr. Hull explained that the project is a sidewalk project. Mr. Griffin made a motion to recommend the approval of the resolution and Mr. Galloway made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

#### **B. 2040 TVP Amendment – Resolution 2018-2**

Mr. Dillard explained that the 2040 TVP amendment is due to the TIP adoption cost updates. Mr. Cason made a motion to recommend the approval of the resolution and Mr. Galloway made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

#### **C. Discretionary PL Funds Application – Resolution 2018-3**

Mr. Hull explained to the committee that the VLMPO would like to apply for \$20,000 discretionary funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation to update our 2045 Socioeconomic Data Study. This is our fourth application over 20 years. We have been working together with our local partners to come up with a way to get a better bang for our buck when doing these studies. We have been finding out what types of data our partners need for their use so that we can cover these areas from this funding source. Should this resolution pass, we would apply next week and get an answer the last Monday in September. Mr. Galloway asked if the SGRC will own the data and share it. Mr. Hull responded that yes

the data will be available for the community to use and notified the committee that there is current data that can be utilized by the community.

#### **Agenda Item #5– Staff Update**

##### **A. Project Status Update**

Mr. Hull explained the updates to the GDOT projects that are located in this area. Many of the projects have fallen behind schedule but many. Mr. Crance asked about the roundabouts on the exits. Mr. Hull responded that the sight distance is one issue that roundabouts could solve at the exits, which will consist of two roundabouts at each exit, one getting on and one getting off. Mr. Hull stated that he would send the committee a picture of what they typically look like.

##### **B. AMPO Conference in Savannah**

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the AMPO conference is in October and that staff will attend.

##### **C. NADO Award and Presentation**

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the regional commission and the MPO received a national innovation award for the “Complete Streets Suitability Analysis” for the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County. The report was written by Andrew Smith.

##### **D. Additional PL Study Ideas**

Mr. Hull stated that the Policy Committee voted in June not to proceed with these additional studies due to financial constraints but they did direct the MPO and planning staff to construct a proposal for an I-75 Corridor Land Use Study. Ms. Ballard asked if the study will include gateways. Mr. Hull responded that gate ways, economic development, among other areas.

##### **E. 2040 TVP Amendment – February 22, 2018**

Mr. Hull explained that the future 2040 TVP amendment that will cover safety performance measures for our region. The amendment will need to be approved by February 22, 2018. The safety measures will address reducing fatalities in our region as well as curbing other transportation related fatalities.

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

Mr. Branham opened the floor for public comment. There were no additional comments.

#### **Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.

#### **Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

Mr. Wilbers made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Milligan. The meeting was adjourned.