

**Minutes  
Citizen's Advisory Committee  
September 2, 2010  
3:00 p.m.**

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Clarence S. Parker	Airport Authority
Ken Sherrill	City of Lake Park
Ray Sable	Valdosta State University
Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton
Debbie Hobdy	MIDS
Bryan Almand	City of Valdosta
Bert Chancy	City of Hahira
Earl Wetherington	Senior Representative
Charlie Clark	Lowndes County (EMC Eng. Services)
Bernard Robinson	City of Valdosta Police Department
Brad Lofton	Industrial Authority
<b>Others Present</b>	
Corey Hull	VLMPO
Whitney Biggers	SGRC
Janice McKinnon	SGRC

**Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order**

Clarence Parker called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

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

Clarence Parker welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

**Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2010**

Ken Sherrill made a motion to approve the minutes. Earl Wetherington seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

**Agenda Item #4 – Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**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 also explained that \$10,000 was left in the plan to finish the transit study, although transit is no longer being pursued.

Clarence Parker asked what Staff Education was for. Corey stated that it covers any classes or conferences staff members attend. Earl Wetherington asked what Public Participation was used for. Corey stated that it is for public open houses, public notices, etc. Clarence Parker asked how the FY2011 budget compared to previous years. Corey stated it was a little higher than previous years, but it was right in line with the previous years.

Bryan Almand made a motion to recommend the UPWP Budget Amendment to the Policy Committee for action. Brad Lofton seconded the motion which was 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. from US84 to New Statenville Highway) was taken off of the project listing and put on the illustrative list.

Earl Wetherington asked if there was any way that Forrest Street could have 4 lanes. He stated that the traffic on Forrest Street is unreal. Corey stated there is not enough room to add additional lanes. Corey stated the city would have right of way problems.

Carroll Griffin asked if the bridge on McMillan Road would be replaced. Corey stated that project is not in the plan, but it will be replaced by FEMA funds.

Brad Lofton asked about the intersection improvement at Clay Road and US 84. Corey stated the project is still on-going (this is a different project than #48 mentioned previously). Corey stated it is not in the plan because it is considered a minor project and it is not regionally significant.

Ken Sherrill asked what would happen if a project hit a right of way problem. Corey stated they will skip down to the next project on the list.



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Carroll Griffin asked when the #7 priority project (Jerry Jones and Cornto) would be under construction. Corey stated that it is currently scheduled to be under construction in 2014.

Corey stated the 2035 TP could be amended at anytime.

Earl Wetherington made a motion to recommend the 2035 TP to the Policy Committee for action. Carroll Griffin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### D. HB 277 Draft Criteria

Corey briefly went over HB 277 and MPO staff comments on the draft criteria. Corey asked the committee if they would like to have a more in depth presentation on HB 277. The committee agreed it would be a good idea.

Clarence Parker asked when the transportation tax would be voted on and when it would go into effect. Corey stated the tax would be voted on in August 2012 and it would go into effect January 2013.

Carroll Griffin asked if the vote had to pass statewide. Corey stated that it only had to pass in our region.

Earl Wetherington asked if the project listing would be complete before the vote. Corey stated the voters would be voting on a completed list.

Ken Sherrill asked who would market the transportation tax. Corey stated the public sector could not market the tax, but they could educate the public about the tax. Corey stated it would be up to private business to market the tax. Ken also asked how long the tax would be in effect for. Corey stated it would be a 10 year tax that could be renewed by the voters.

Clarence Parker stated the law excludes commercial airports. Corey stated that GDOT said it was an error on their part, and that it would include all airports except for Atlanta's. Corey stated he is going to submit it as an official comment anyway.

Corey went over the allocation ranges. Corey suggested requiring a minimal investment for each allocation.

Brad Lofton asked how many counties in our region have a rural transit system. Corey stated 9 of the 18 counties have a transit system.



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Clarence Parker stated it was not smart to have a formula that could not be changed for 10 years. He stated it should have more flexibility. Corey stated it would add that to the comments. Corey stated if the committee came up with any more comments, they would need to be submitted by September 30.

Bryan Almand made a motion to recommend the comments to the Policy Committee for action. Earl Wetherington seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

### **Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update**

#### A. Greater Lowndes Growth Advisory Committee

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

#### B. GPA 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**

Ken Sherrill asked how the group on Facebook was going. Corey stated that about 30-40 have joined the Facebook group.

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

The next Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting will be held on December 9, 2010 at 3 p.m. at the SGRC.

### **Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment**

There being no further business, Clarence Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.