Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

Minutes Technical Advisory Committee June 5, 2013 9:00 AM

Members Present	Organization
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Pat Collins	Valdosta
Lesa Walker	GDOT (via phone)
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Andrew Heath	GDOT (via phone)
Nicole Spivey	GDOT Intermodal (Via Phone)

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Fletcher asked all present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the Technical Advisory Committee.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fletcher asked for any revisions or corrections to the minutes from the March 6, 2013 meeting minutes, being none, a motion was made by Mr. Fletcher and seconded by Ms. Walker to accept the minutes as presented, the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

None

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

A. Development of the 2040 Transportation and Comprehensive Plan Vision/Goals

Mr. Hull discussed recent developments in the search for a consultant to complete a socioeconomic data study for the MPO transportation plan, and noted that a contract should be signed by the end of the week. He continued on, describing the timeline staff has laid out for the development of the upcoming MPO transportation plan over the next 12-18 months, noting that the first six months will include the identification of common goals and objectives that will be included in the transportation plan, and upcoming county comprehensive plan.

Mr. Hull also noted that staff is no longer pursing a change in the TCC and CAC membership, noting there was significant objection to this during the last regular meetings from all participants. Rather he is proposing to have the TCC and CAC meet jointly over the next year on a monthly basis to provide feedback to staff and provide a forum for discussion on issues surrounding the transportation plan. He noted that he would like to keep the quarterly meetings of the two committees separate.

Agenda Item #6: Staff Update

Mr. Hull began by reminding everyone about the upcoming regional bicycle workshop on Monday, June 10 and a bicycle and pedestrian planning webinar at 4p on June 5 at the SGRC. Mr. Hull also noted the attendance records of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, noting that several members had not attended in some time. The Policy Committee members asked who was most recently present at the meeting.

Mr. Hull also described an administrative amendment to the FY13-16 Transportation Improvement Program to combine two phases of right-of-way purchasing in FY15 and FY14 in to one phase in FY14 for the I-75 interchange construction projects at Exits 22 and 29. He also noted that the estimated cost of these phases had decreased from \$18 million to \$16 million.

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

Mr. Collins informed the group that the Valdosta City Council had approved the 'reconstruction' of Williams Street that will include an extension of the Azalea City Trail along its right-of-way. He also

asked about the connection of the Azalea City Trail to Remerton. Mr. Hull said that he would follow-up on the Remerton TE project and its termini in relationship to the city limits of Valdosta.

Agenda Item #8: – Adjournment
Mr. Fletcher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Mr. Collins and carried unanimously. Mr. Fletcher noted the next meeting date on September 4.