



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

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

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

#### **A. Review of Committee Attendance**

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

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

Mr. Griffin asked for approval of the minutes from September 1, 2015. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

### **Agenda Item #4-New Business**

#### **A. TAC Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair)**

##### **Action: Elect Officers**

Does not apply to CAC.

#### **B. FY2016 Amended UPWP and Budget- Resolution FY2016-3**

##### **Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval**

Mr. Hull started by explaining the budget funding table located on page 23 of the agenda packet to the committee. He reminds the committee that back in May the committee adopted the FY2016 budget; however, two things were left out. First, Congress only approved 2/3 of the annual budget, so we could not budget our full amount. Second, we also did not budget for the unexpended federal funds from FY2015, which cannot be budgeted until we close out our books for FY2015. We now have a full allocation so we need to amend the FY2015 carryover funds and the FY2016 federal allocation. Mr. Griffin asked if there were any changes in the programs by changing the dollar amount. Mr. Hull responded that the public participation line item and staff education has been added to. Mr. Rawls asked if the funds were automatically available to the SGRC, and if they are why are we voting on it. Mr. Hull responded, in order for the GDOT and Federal principals to stay in place, they want a formal action to make sure it was approved. Mr. Tucker stated that the amount is quite a large carryover. Mr. Hull replied that there have been larger amounts carried over in the past, but this is the last year that we will have carryover funds. We will have to apply for left over funds and compete with 15 other cities in the state. We will be spending almost 100% of our money this year. Mr. Branham asked what amount was allocated to the Transit plan. Mr. Hull replied that FTA funding was allocated towards that and we are currently working with the consultant to move forward with it. No more questions followed; Mr. Seager made a motion to recommend the FY2016-3 Resolution, Mr. Sable made a motion to the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

#### **C. FY2017 5303 Grant Application- Resolution FY2016-4**

##### **Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval**

Mr. Hull explained that to apply for the amount on the right half of the budget table, the FTA 5303 funds, there has to be a formal resolution. He further explained that the SGRC is not anticipating a change in the amount and a recommendation must be made to the PC to move forward. Mr. Rawls made a motion to approve and recommend the FY2016-4 Resolution, Mr. Branham seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

#### **D. Amend Memorandum of Understanding (Financial)**

##### **Action: Recommendation/ Vote for Approval**

Mr. Hull explained that discussions had been made about the match portions that Lowndes and Valdosta pay to SGRC. Mr. Hull stated that a few local jurisdictions currently do not pay any match funds so we are proposing to change the split of the local match. For the FHWA funds, we are proposing that the RC pay 4% of the 20% required match and that will cover the smaller cities and counties that do not pay any match funds. Lowndes and Valdosta will be responsible for 8% each. For the 5303 funds, we are proposing that the RC pay 2% of the local match. Valdosta and Lowndes Co. will pay 4% each. This will be effective FY2017. Mr. Hull also explained the following changes: anytime in the future that a consultant is hired to conduct a special study, the study will be paid for by Valdosta and Lowndes Co. at 50% each. There is also a stipulation asking that the RC, Valdosta and Lowndes Co. use written correspondence concerning the funding proposed and expected from each local government for the functions of the MPO. Mr. Branham made a motion to approve the amended MOU; Mr. Cason seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

#### **E. Special Presentation- *Overcoming Public Participation Apathy***

##### **Community Transportation Association of America**

##### **Action: Discussion Only**

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the SGRC applied for a grant from Community Transportation Association of America and was selected. He then introduced Ms. Janice Lorenz, who is from CTAA. Ms. Lorenz asked the committee questions concerning their thoughts on public participation and what they wanted to see happen with transportation in this area. A discussion ensued concerning the topic.

#### **Agenda Item #5 – Staff Update**

##### **A. FY2017 Budget**

Mr. Hull stated that the language used in the FY2017 draft budget that the committee has received via email will change.

##### **B. Federal Funding Update**

Congress has released a new proposal named FAST ACT. Ms. Ballard asked if this proposal extends the Highway Trust Fund. Mr. Hull replied that it does extend it through 2020.

##### **C. Shuttle Pilot Program**

Mr. Dillard notified the committee that the pilot program is seeing an upward trend and that the hours of operation have been extended. Mr. Tucker asked if the geographic locations of the riders were known. Mr. Hull replied that we know the stops that people get on and off, but not the location that they are coming from.

##### **D. Amendment to 2040 TVP**

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the 2040 TVP will be amended due to new information that Valdosta and Lowndes Co. have concerning the projects and the changes will also go through a public comment period again.

##### **E. GAMPO Update**

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the GAMPO will become a nonprofit and he has been elected as the chairman of the organization.

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

Ms. Tooley asked if there is a record of the number of people who get on the shuttle because she does not believe that a lot of people know about it. Mr. Branham asked Ms. Lorenz about public-private partnerships that could be used for transportation purposes. Ms. Lorenz explained a program in Mississippi, where Enterprise is allowing the lease of their vehicles for employees to get to work. Ms. Tooley mentioned that it may be a good idea to work with the hospital to help children/families with healthcare access.

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

Tuesday, March 1, 2016; 3:00 pm at SGRC office.

**Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment**

Mr. Tucker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Branham seconded the motion; the meeting was adjourned.