

Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

### Minutes Joint TCC and CAC Meeting June 14, 2011 10:30 AM

Members Present	Organization
Lesa Walker	GDOT
Brent Thomas	GDOT Tifton
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Pat Collins	City of Valdosta
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC VLMPO
Steve Barnes	LL/Moody AFB
Cartrell Kelson-Jackson	GDOT
Carol Barnett	GDOT
Shane Pridgen	GDOT Tifton
Joe Sheffield	GDOT Tifton
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Earl Wetherington	City of Valdosta
Emanuel Zanders	SGRC
Robert Jefferson	Moody AFB
Edward Collins	Valdosta Schools
Ken Sherrill	City of Lake Park
Amanda Peacock	Downtown Valdosta
Matt Martin	City of Valdsota
Bryan Almand	City of Valdosta
William Sims	City of Valdosta
Ray Sable	VSU
Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton
Angela Crance	Wiregrass Tech
Charlie Clark (Phone)	
Ann-Marie Day (Phone)	



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# <u> Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order</u>

Mike Fletcher, TCC Chairman called to order the Joint meeting of the VLMPO Technical Coordinating Committee and the Citizen's Advisory Committee at 10:30 a.m.

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

Mr. Fletcher asked all those present to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the TCC or CAC.

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

Mr. Fletcher called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2011 TCC meeting. Brent Thomas pointed out that on Item 6, Part A, it should read Davidson Road, not Davis Road. A motion was made by Brent Thomas and seconded by Mike Fletcher to accept the minutes as amended, motion carried.

### Agenda Item #4- Old Business

None at this time.

#### Agenda Item #5 – New Business

## A. Public Participation Plan Review and Adoption – Resolution FY2011-6

Corey Hull described the Public Participation Plan (PPP) that had previously been available for public comment for the past 45 days. He reviewed the comments received from various community members, GDOT and Staff. Comments included adding organizations to the MPO mailing list, correcting minor grammatical errors in the document, adding clarifications to the open records requests and MPO policies sections. Mr. Hull described in detail a comment received from Floyd Rose regarding the Title VI section of the PPP. Mr. Hull explained that after further consultation with GDOT, the VLMPO staff will meet with Mr. Rose to address his concerns raised in his comment. Ms. Carol Barnett with GDOT, comment that FHWA is also a third party to the comment filed by Mr. Rose and that there would need to be additional follow-up with that agency as well. Ms. Barnett commented that the comment will be submitted to FHWA with a resolution attached to it. Mr. Fletcher asked for a motion to recommend adoption of the PPP to the Policy Committee. A motion was made by Mike Fletcher and seconded by Robert Jefferson to recommend adoption of the PP as presented, motion carried.

### B. FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Public Comment Period

Mr. Hull reviewed that draft TIP program update. He described the changes to the narrative section of TIP including changes to the administrative modifications sections for transit projects, and the Lump Sum category descriptions. Mr. Hull also described the funding tables for highway and transit projects. It was pointed out that the Woodrow Wilson project total cost seems high. The City of Valdosta Engineering staff commented that this project is considerably under these estimated costs, closer to \$2 million, not \$9 million. It was asked if the MLK Transportation Enhancement project was already funded, why was in still included in the list. Mr. Hull explained that this is because the project is spanning two funding cycles so it continues to be shown in the



Lump Sum categories. A motion was made by Robert Jefferson and seconded by Brent Thomas to recommend that the draft TIP be presented for a public comment period, motion carried.

## <u>Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update</u>

Mr. Hull presented to the committee an email from a local bicycle and pedestrian advocate about safety along specific corridors in the community. Mr. Hull also informed the committees about the compilation of the transit implementation plans, and noted that the final plans would be posted to the VLMPO website soon. Mr. Hull also commented on the TIA project list the Regional Transportation Roundtable is holding its first meeting to discuss the constrained project list. Mr. Hull commented on the annual crash report and noted that the final report will be available soon. Mr. Hull commented briefly on the federal transportation law reauthorization, and told the committee members to beware that these proposal are moving targets and the VLMPO staff would keep the committee informed.

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

Earl Wetherington asked about who makes the decision to put in a bicycle route in the community, in particular the one running along Baytree Road. Mr. Hull and GDOT informed the committee that this bike route was selected by the Georgia Department of Transportation several years ago; however Mr. Hull did say that the Regional Commission will be reviewing that specific bike route over the next year. Another question was asked about developing a bike plan for the county. Mr. Hull commented that the bike plan was completed about 3 years ago and the bike route on Baytree preceded that plan.

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

The next meeting is a Joint meeting of the CAC and TCC on July 12, 2011 at 10:30 am at the SGRC.

### <u>Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment</u>

Mr. Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.