

VLMPO Committee Meetings September 2020

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, these meetings are via video/tele conference as follows:

Citizens Advisory Committee: Tuesday, September 1, 2020; 3:00 p.m.

Via video conference:

<https://sgrc.my.webex.com/sgrc.my/j.php?MTID=mb902607396a7510fbb740ee598132f15>

Via Phone: 1-510-338-9438

Meeting number (access code): 126 291 7739

Meeting password: 1725

Technical Advisory Committee: Wednesday, September 2, 2020; 9:00 a.m.

Via video conference:

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Via Phone: 1-510-338-9438

Meeting number (access code): 126 837 4566

Meeting password: 1725

Policy Committee: Wednesday, September 2, 2020; 10:30 a.m.

Via video conference:

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Via Phone: 1-510-338-9438

Meeting number (access code): 126 905 1031

Meeting password: 1725

These meetings are open to the public.

It is the Mission of the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization to encourage reliable funding of a safe and efficient, regional transportation system that includes public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, highways, railroads, and airports for the movement of goods and people.

**Valdosta-Lowndes
Metropolitan Planning Organization
September 2020 Committee Meetings**

Protocol for Video and Phone Conference Meetings:

Share your video if feasible, it helps us know who is talking.

Mute your mic/phone when not speaking.

State your name when making a motion or second.

Unmute your mic/phone to make motions/seconds; to participate in discussions; and to vote.

We will complete a formal Roll Call for all Committee members and guests when the meeting begins.

VLMPO Committee Meetings Agenda

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| I. Call to Order | Chair |
| II. Introductions/Roll Call | Chair |
| A. Review of Committee Attendance (all committees) | |
| III. Approval of Minutes – June 2/3, 2020 (CAC, TAC, PC) | Chair |
| IV. New Business (CAC, TAC, PC) | |
| A. PC Elections (Vice-Chair Vacancy) | Chair |
| Action: Elect Vice-Chair | |
| B. Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan – Res. FY2021-1 | Amy Martin |
| Action: Recommend/Adopt | |
| C. Discussion of Community Groups for Staff Participation | Corey Hull |
| D. TAC – Discussion Planning Studies Scopes of Work | Corey Hull |
| E. COVID-19 Traffic Impacts in Valdosta and Lowndes County | Ariel Godwin |
| V. Staff Updates | |
| A. New Staff Introductions | Megan Fowler |
| B. 21-24 TIP Update | Amy Martin |
| C. Transportation Vulnerability and Resiliency Report | Ariel Godwin |
| D. Public Transit Updates | Corey Hull |
| E. Connected and Autonomous Vehicle Assessment | Corey Hull |
| VI. Privilege of the Floor/Public Comment | Chair |
| VII. Next Meeting Date | Chair |
| A. CAC: Tuesday, December 1, 2020; 3:00 p.m.; at <u>NEW SGRC Office</u> | |
| B. TAC: Wednesday, December 2, 2020; 9:00 a.m.; at <u>NEW SGRC Office</u> | |
| C. PC: Wednesday, December 2, 2020; 10:30 a.m.; at <u>NEW SGRC Office</u> | |
| VIII. Adjournment | Chair |

In mid-October 2020, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission
will be moving to a new office location:
1937 Carlton Adams Drive
Valdosta, GA, 31601

(off Norman Drive, behind Goo-Goo Car Wash,
across from Lowndes Board of Education)

**FY2021 VLMPO
Citizen's Advisory Committee Membership**

Name	Appointed By	Position
1. Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County	Chair
2. Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County	Vice-Chair
3. Mary Jane Yorke	City of Lake Park	Secretary
4. Vanessa Flucas	City of Valdosta	Member
5. William Branham	City of Valdosta	Member
6. Jim Parker	City of Valdosta	Member
7. Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton	Member
8. Stan Crance	VL Industrial Authority	Member
9. Chris Hamilton	VLCCTA	Member
10. Michael Cooper	Downtown Development Authority	Member
11. Myrna Ballard	VL Chamber of Commerce	Member
12. Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authority	Member
13. Ray Sable	Valdosta State University	Member
14. Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes	Member
15. Dr. William Cason	Valdosta Board of Education	Member
16. Shannon McConico	Wiregrass Technical College	Member
17. Wes Taylor	Lowndes Board of Education	Member
18. Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County	Member
19. Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County	Member
20. Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County	Member
21. Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta	Member
22. Vacant	City of Hahira	Member
23. Vacant	City of Dasher	Member

The CAC serves as a public information and involvement committee that represents a cross section of the community in diversity and interests.

The Citizen's Advisory Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 3:00pm the last month of each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

For more information please contact Corey Hull, MPO Coordinator at 229-333-5277 or at chull@sgrc.us.

7/7/2020

FY2021 VLMPO Transportation Advisory Committee Membership

Voting Members:Mike Fletcher
Patrick CollinsLowndes County, Engineer
City of Valdosta, EngineerChairman
Vice-ChairmanVan Mason
Tyler Graham*GDOT District 4, Engineer
GDOT, Transportation PlannerMember
Member**Non-Voting Members:**Jeff Hill
Ricky Thomas
Alan Worley
Andrew Edwards
Danny WeeksLowndes County Schools
Valdosta City Schools, Trans. Director
Bicycle/Pedestrian Advocate
FHWA – GA Division
Lowndes County Emergency Mgmt. Dir.

* Tom McQueen and Vivian Canizares are alternates

The TAC is a technical committee of professionals advising the policy committee on technical matters relating to transportation plans and programs. The TAC is made up of city and county engineers, GDOT District engineers, GDOT planners, local school board representatives, bike and pedestrian advocates, and emergency response officials.

The Technical Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 9:00am each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

For more information please contact Corey Hull, MPO Coordinator at 229-333-5277 or at chull@sgrc.us.

8/7/2020

FY2021 VLMPO Policy Committee Membership

Voting Members:

1.	Mark Barber	City of Valdosta, Manager	Chair
2.	Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County, Chairman	Member - Lowndes
3.	G.R. Holton	City of Dasher, Mayor	Member – Annual Small Cities
4.	Bruce Cain	City of Hahira, Mayor	Member – Bi-Annual Small Cities
5.	Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta, Mayor	Member - Valdosta
6.	Lisa Cribb	SGRC, Executive Director	Member - SGRC
7.	Russell McMurry*	GDOT, Commissioner	Member - GDOT
8.	Ronnie Gaskins	Berrien County, Chairman	Member – Annual Small Counties
9.	Alex Lee	Lanier County, Chairman	Member – Bi-Annual Small Counties
10.	Paige Dukes	Lowndes County, Manager	Member – Lowndes

Non-Voting Members:

Moises Marrero	FHWA – GA Division, Administrator
Yvette Taylor	FTA Region IV, Administrator

All members are permitted to send a temporary or permanent proxy representative

*Tom McQueen is representative, Vivian Canizares is an alternate

The Policy Committee is the regional forum for cooperative decision-making by principal local elected officials, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and other planning partners.

The Policy Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30am each quarter (March, June, September, and December).

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Updated 8/7/2020

Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Committee Attendance					
Name	Oranization	9/4/2019	12/3-4/19	3/3-4/20	6/2-3/20
Policy Committee					
Alex Lee	Lanier County	Y			
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brenda Exum	City of Ray City				
Ronnie Gaskins	Berrien County	Proxy*	*		
Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County	Y	Y	Y	Y
Scott Matheson	City of Valdosta	Y*	Y*	Y	Y
Keith Sandlin	City of Lake Park		Y	Y	
Lisa Cribb	Southern Georgia RC	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom McQueen	GDOT	Y	Y	Y	Y
Moises Marrero	FHWA - Georgia				Proxy
Yvette Taylor	FTA - Region 4				
Technical Advisory Committee					
Vivian Canizares	GDOT Atlanta	Y	Y	Proxy	Y
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County	Y	Y	Y	Y
Patrick Collins	City of Valdosta	Y	Y	Y	Proxy
Tim Warren	GDOT Tifton	Y	Y	Proxy	
Vacant	Bicycle Advocate	*	*	*	
Danny Weeks	Lowndes County 911				
Jeff Hill	Lowndes Schools				
Ricky Thomas	Valdosta Schools	Y	Y	Y	
Tamara Christion	FHWA- GA				
Citizen's Advisory Committee					
Carroll Griffin	City of Remerton		Y	Y	
Chris Hamilton	VLCCTA	Y		Y	
Clayton Milligan	Lowndes County	Y	Y	Y	
Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County	Y	Proxy	Proxy	Y
Kathleen Hodges	City of Valdosta	*	*	Y	Y
Dr. William Cason	Valdosta City Schools				
Gary Wisenbaker	Lowndes County	Y			
Jim Blanton	City of Hahira	*	*	Y	
Jim Galloway	VL Airport Authroity		Y		
Jim Parker	City of Valdosta	Y			Y
Mary Jane Yorke	City of Lake Park	Y	Y	Y	
Michael Cooper	CVDA				
Myrna Ballard	VLCOC	Y	Y	Y	
Phil Hubbard	Lowndes County				
Ray Sable	VSU		Y	Y	Y
Ronald Skrine	Lowndes County	Y	Y		Y
Shannon McConico	WGTC		Y		
Stan Crance	VLDA	Y	Y		
Steven Barnes	Leadership Lowndes	Y			
Vacant	City of Dasher	*	*		
Vanassa Flucas	City of Valdosta	Y			
Wes Taylor	Lowndes County Schools				
William Branham	City of Valdosta	Y	Y	Y	Y

* Prior Appointee

**Minutes
Citizens Advisory Committee
June 2, 2020
3:00 PM**

Members Present	Organization
Bill Branham	City of Valdosta
Debby Hobdy	MIDS
Jim Parker	Valdosta
Ronald Skrine	City of Valdosta
Ray Sable	VSU
Kathy Hodges	Valdosta
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
David Adams	Valdosta
Vivian Miller-Cody	City of Valdosta

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Skrine called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

A. Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

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

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Skrine asked the committee members to review the March 3, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Branham made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Hodges made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. CAC Elections (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary

Action: Elect Officers for FY2021

Mr. Hull briefly went over the roles and responsibilities of the officer positions. Mr. Skrine opened the floor for the committee to hold nominations/elections. Mr. Branham asked if the elections could be postponed until the next meeting date at the new building. Mr. Hull responded that the election timeframe is at the new fiscal year in the CAC By-laws, so the date needs to be kept. Mr. Branham made a motion that the current officers remain in their current positions. Mr. Sable made a motion in the second. The motion was unanimous; the motion carried.

B. FY21 UPWP Amendment (Transit) – Resolution FY2020-8

Action: Recommendation/Adopt

Mr. Hull explained the at the UPWP amendment was specifically for transit. This committee along with the TAC and PC approved the FY 21 budget and work program as presented; however, with the City of Valdosta pursuing public transit operations, they put in their application for the possibility to hire a consultant next year to look at the implementation of public transit. Mr. Hull explained, that this is an option for the City to do this, it is not mandatory but for us to amend this into our program allows for funding should they choose to do so. The funds would be 80% federal, 10% state, and 10% local match from the City of Valdosta. This is a requirement that the planning for this appears in the MPO's Planning Work Program. The total is \$200,000 dollars and we need to amend our work program and budget to reflect that. Mr. Branham asked if we need to have a motion for this. Mr. Hull responded yes. Mr. Branham made a motion to recommend the amendment. Mr. Parker made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #5– Staff Update

A. 2045 Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Martin notified the committee of the current status of the 2045 MTP. She stated that the partner review period ended May 25th and thanked everyone for the comments that were sent in. Staff are updating the plan to address all comments. She continued that the public commit period will open on the 25th of June and close on the 25th of July and notified the members that they can participate in the public comment period as well. She continued that GDOT has also advised MPO staff to separate out TIA projects from State and Federally funded projects. Mr. Hull explained that staff is also seeking more

input concerning one project on the draft constrained project list, Coleman Road Extension. Mr. Hull stated that Coleman Road has been in the running as a potential project for many years and is on the draft list this year; however, the project does not show significant improvement and no apparent relief of congestion as I-75 functions at an efficient state. Staff would like to know whether this project should be removed completely or listed on the illustrative project list for long-term consideration. Mr. Skrine asked if there was any probability of future development, Mr. Hull responded that there may be some future residential growth closer to the northern part of the roadway but not a lot of development in the area. Mr. Branham said that he does not really see any benefit in keeping this project on the list if there is no apparent improvement to the network. Mr. Parker stated that if Gornto, Jerry Jones isn't relieved and if we aren't getting any benefit, there may be no need. Ms. Hodges agreed that the project be put on hold.

B. Public Transit Updates

Mr. Hull notified the committee that the City of Valdosta is pursuing a public transportation system. The last update that he received was that the RFP was going out for transit services within the next 30 days at most.

C. Meeting Survey Update

We have received some very good feed back so far. It looks like we will start sending text message reminders for the meetings. We will also be working on icebreakers where we can get to know one another better and encouraging each other that way. We will be working with the committee chair on the timing and informational presentations that members would like to see. Thank you for sending your comments, we received lots of great feedback.

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

Mr. Branham stated that Mr. Slaughter's name was listed as being with the City of Valdosta and needed to be corrected. Ms. Cody asked was the CAC open to the public. Mr. Hull responded that the CAC is a membership committee but anyone can attend meetings. Ms. Cody asked how staff was getting information out to the public and how are meetings advertised. Mr. Hull responded that the meetings are advertised on our social media platforms, notifications are sent to our media and newsletter lists. Mr. Branham suggested trying Foxy 97.5 to put out information about the MPO.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 3:00 PM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Branham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes
Technical Advisory Committee
June 3, 2020
9:00 AM

Members Present	Organization
William Sims	City of Valdosta (Proxy for Pat)
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Vivian- Delgadillo Canizares	GDOT
Others Present	
Amy Martin	SGRC
Corey Hull	SGRC
Ryan Walker	GDOT Transit
Tom McQueen	GDOT

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

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

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

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Action: Elect Officers for FY2021

N/A

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Mr. Fletcher stated that the Hickory Grove Road bridges that they should be completed by June 30. Mr. Sims stated that the Jerry Jones widening project is currently in ROW negotiations, hoping to start project in 2-3 weeks.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 2, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

**Minutes
Policy Committee
June 4 2020
10:30 AM**

Members Present	Organization
Bill Slaughter	City of Valdosta
Scott James Matheson	City of Valdosta
Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County
Lisa Cribb	SGRC
Mark Barber	City of Valdosta
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Andy Edwards	FHWA
Others Present	
Paige Dukes	Lowndes County
Vivian-Miller Cody	City of Valdosta
Ryan Walker	GDOT
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
JD Dillard	Lowndes County
Chris Herbert	VDT
Vivian- Delgadillo Canizares	GDOT

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Barber called the meeting to order at 10:33 AM.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Review Committee Attendance (all committees)

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

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Barber asked the committee members to review the March 3, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Slaughter made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Cribb made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– New Business

A. CAC Elections (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary)

Action: Elect Officers for FY2021

N/A

B. FY21 UPWP Amendment (Transit) – Resolution FY2020-8

Action: Recommendation/Adopt

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project from the plan. Mr. Matheson made a motion in the second. The vote was unanimous; the motion carried.

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

None

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 2, 2020 at 10:30 AM at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Slaughter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Matheson made a motion in the second. The meeting was adjourned.

RESOLUTION FY2021-1
VALDOSTA-LOWNDES
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION TO Adopt the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission has been designated by the Governor of Georgia as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Valdosta Urbanized Area in accordance with 23 USC 134; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission conducts federally-required transportation planning activities that will improve the transportation system and help coordinate the area's future growth within the Metropolitan Planning Area, which includes all of Lowndes County and portions of Berrien, Brooks, and Lanier Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission has carried out a continuing, comprehensive and cooperative performance-based planning process in accordance with applicable laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission has made efforts to obtain participation from the public and numerous stakeholders in accordance with our Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission has developed the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to include highway, transit, and non-motorized transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Georgia Regional Commission, the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration have reviewed the metropolitan planning process and Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and found them to be in conformance with the requirements of the law and regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization's Policy Committee find that the requirements of applicable laws and regulations regarding metropolitan transportation planning have been met and hereby adopts the Vision2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee at a meeting held on September 2, 2020.

L. Mark Barber
City Manager, City of Valdosta
Chair, Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Committee

Organizations the staff should reach out to:

Involvement includes: formal membership, attendance at events, presentations to groups

Staff will commit to following up with each organization to set something up over the next several months.

- AARP
- Lowndes County Senior Center
- DFCS Office
- Disabled American Vets
- Moody
 - The Hobbyshop
 - Officers & Enlisted Clubs
- Valdosta Board of Education
- Lowndes Board of Education
- Homebuilder's Assoc.
- Realtor's Assoc.
- Managers of subsidized housing
- Boys and Girls Club

Topics for future planning studies and reports for consideration by MPO Committees.

It is likely that all of these studies would require additional funding (federal and local) and would need to follow the steps in the GDOT Metropolitan Planning Funding Policy and guidance:

1. Discuss ideas with TAC (determine justification, feasibility, comments/concerns)
2. Present amended UPWP to TAC and PC
3. Amend these topic ideas into the UPWP
4. Apply for additional funds
5. FHWA approval of draft RFP Scope
6. Authorization from MPO Committees to release RFP

Topic	Consultant/In-house	Draft Scope Developed?
Lowndes County Inland Port	Consultant	
Economic Impact of Transportation	Consultant	
North Lowndes Park Access Alternatives	Consultant	(Hahira is interested in this)
Park Avenue Corridor Study	Consultant	
Gateway Improvement Plan and Implementation	Consultant	
School/Sidewalk Safety Audits	In-House – multi-year	
Railroad Right of Way	Consultant	Yes
Multi-Purpose Trail Plan	Consultant	Yes (VLPRA should be a partner)
Roadway Drainage Study	Consultant	Yes
Roundabout Conversion study	Consultant	Yes
Wayfinding Study and Implementation	Consultant	Yes (VLCCTA is interested in this, possibly with financial support)
Study of Truck Parking in area	Consultant (some in-house)	
I-75 Adjacent Land Use Master Plan	Consultant	Yes, needs to be updated

Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization

FY2021 Meeting Dates

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After October 2020, the SGRC will be moving to a new location:

1937 Carlton Adams Drive
Valdosta, GA, 31601

(off Norman Drive, behind Goo-Goo Car Wash,
across from Lowndes Board of Education)

Citizen's Advisory Committee

Tuesday, December 1, 2020; 3:00 PM

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Technical Advisory Committee

Wednesday, December 2, 2020; 9:00 AM

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Policy Committee

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