Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

Minutes Transportation Coordinating Committee June 6, 2012 9:00 AM

Members Present	Organization
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Lesa Walker	GDOT
Pat Collins	Valdosta
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Andrew Heath	GDOT
Joe Sheffield	GDOT
Matt Martin	Valdosta
William Sims	Valdosta
Lisa Cribb	SGRC

Agenda Item #1 - Call to Order

Mr. Collins called the meeting to order at 8:57 am.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Collins asked all those present to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Collins asked for a motion to approve the minutes, a motion was made by Mr. Thomas and was seconded by Mike Fletch. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

None.

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

A. FY13-16 Transportation Improvement Program – Resolution FY2012-6

Mr. Hull presented the comments and the summary pages on the public comment period from the public on the draft transportation improvement program. Mr. Hull explained that the resolution included both the adoption of the TIP and an administrative cost update to the 2035 Transportation Plan as requested by the FHWA.

Mr. Heath asked about the authorized project list, the money that GDOT has authorized in the past three years. Mr. Heath noted that the project for the interchange improvements on Exit 18 should be brought down to \$0 on this project list, since the local government and GDOT did the operational improvement as a maintenance project. Mr. Hull noted that the motion to recommend the TIP to the Policy Committee, needed to include this change for it to be accepted.

Mr. Collins asked for a motion to recommend the Policy Committee adoption of the Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Heath made a motion it was seconded by Mike Fletcher, the motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.

Mr. Hull reviewed DBE plan and asked for comments from the group on the plan. Mr. Hull noted that currently we use the GDOT DBE plan and noted it is for the MPO planning activities only. Mr. Hull noted that the definition of DBE needs to be laid out separately in the plan.

Mr. Fletcher asked to clarify that the contracts under the DBE plan would be for MPO planning studies and not for construction projects. Mr. Fletcher noted that the GDOT contracts include DBE goals as well for construction.

C. Public Participation Plan Update

Mr. Hull talked about the recent changes to Georgia Law regarding the Open Records and Open Meetings. Mr. Hull reviewed the proposed changes.

Mr. Thomas asked to clarify the last sentence of the proposed changes column and noted a misspelled word that needed to be corrected.

Mr. Fletcher made a motion to recommend the draft be forwarded to the Policy Committee for the public comment period; a second was made by Brent Thomas and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

A. Staff provided short updates to various topics including TSPLSOT, federal transportation laws. Mr. Hull also provided handouts on Complete Streets, Project Updates, and Awards the SGRC and VLMPO recently received. Mr. Hull also announced public meetings for the SGRC JLUS projects.

Mr. Fletcher noted that Davidson Road is about 50% complete.

A discussion ensued on the Five Points intersection proposal led by Mr. Collins and the proposed changes to occur at that intersection.

Agenda Item #7 - Privilege of the Floor

Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Collins noted the next meeting date and time as September 5, 2012 at 9am at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #9 - Adjournment

Mr. Collins asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, a motion was made by Mike Fletcher and seconded by Lesa Walker, the motion to adjourn carried unanimously at 9:35 a.m.