Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

Minutes VLMPO CAC 6-5-12 3:00pm

Members Present	Organization
Debbie Hobdy	Lowndes County
Bryan Almand	City of Valdosta
Tyra Howard	Conference Center
Angela Crance	Wiregrass
Harriett Crum	Hahira
Vic Douglass (Ray Sable)	VSU
Steve Barnes	Leadership Lowndes
Charlie Clark	Lowndes County
Leggett Lovan	Chamber of Commerce
Amanda Peacock	Valdosta Main Street
Carroll Griffin	Remerton
Clarence Parker	Airport
Blake Waagner	Lowndes County
Earl Wetherington	Valdosta
Ken Sherrill	Lake Park
Edward Rawls	Lowndes County
Robert Jefferson	Lowndes County
Others Present	
Jody Hall	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Kevin Tolliver	City of Valdosta

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and provided some opening remarks.

Agenda Item #2 - Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Parker asked the membership of the committee to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Parker asked the membership to review the mintes from the 3-6-12 CAC meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Wetherington and seconded by Mr. Almand to accept the minutes as presented, the motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

None.

Agenda Item #5 – New Business

A. FY2013 Election of Officers

Mr. Parker asked for a call for nominations for the Chair of the CAC. Mr. Wetherington nominated Mr. Jefferson, this was seconded and Mr. Jefferson was elected unanimously.

Mr. Parker asked for nomination for Vice-Chair, Mr. Jefferson nominated Mr. Wetherington, this was seconded and Mr. Wetherington was elected unanimously.

Mr. Parker asked for nominations for Secretary, Mr. Jefferson nominated Ms. Hobdy, this was seconded by Steve Barnes, Ms. Hobdy was elected unanimously.

B. 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. Jefferson asked who completed the cost estimates. Mr. Hull noted that the original cost estimates were a consensus from GDOT, VLMPO, Valdosta, and Lowndes County. The updated costs estimates came from the construction estimates provided by the sponsoring jurisdiction.

Mr. Wetherington asked why the VLMPO was looking at projects 15 years into the future. Mr. Hull noted that it takes 10-15 years for many projects to go from conception to open to traffic.

Mr. Parker asked for a motion to recommend the Policy Committee adoption of the Transportation Improvement Program. Legget Lovan made a motion it was seconded by Angela Crance, the motion carried unanimously.

C. Policy on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise.

Mr. Hull reviewed DBE plan and asked for comments from the group on the plan.

Mr. Rawls asked if there is an existing plan and how DBE is defined in 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.

D. 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. Jefferson asked if this document is for the VLMPO only. Mr. Hull said that is correct. Mr. Hull noted that the SGRC is the designated MPO, and the VLMPO adopted documents are subject only to the VLMPO program and not all other programs of the SGRC.

Mr. Sherrill asked what if we received a records request before our PPP update is adopted how we would handle that. Mr. Hull noted that we would have to follow the new law and not what is in the old PPP.

Mr. Wetherington asked if the VLMPO Committees or staff had done something wrong that necessitated this change. Mr. Hull clarified that this change is only a policy and plan put in place for if something where to happen in the future, not for anything that had happened in the past.

Mr. Sherrill asked if the meeting notices are posted on the website. Mr. Hull noted that all meeting agendas must be posted on the building front door and on the website.

Mr. Parker clarified that the committee is proposing to the Policy Committee that these changes be put to the public comment process. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

E. Traffic Operations, City of Valdosta – Kevin Tolliver

Mr. Tolliver talked about the Oak and Park intersection and answered several questions from the members of the CAC about various issues and topics around Valdosta.

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.

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

None.

Agenda Item #7 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Parker noted that the next meeting date would be September 4, 2012 at the SGRC office at 3p

Agenda Item #8 – Adjournment

Mr. Parker adjourned the meeting at 4:04pm.