

**Minutes
Policy Committee
June, 6, 2012
10:30 a.m.**

Members Present	Organization
Tom McQueen	GDOT
Ben Futch	Lake Park
Lisa Cribb	SGRC (John Leonard)
Jason Davenport	Lowndes County (Ashley Paulk)
Joe Pritchard	Lowndes County
Larry Hanson	City of Valdosta
John Gayle	City of Valdosta
Others Present	
Joe Sheffield	GDOT
Andrew Heath	GDOT
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Lindsey Mobley	Citizen
Lesa Walker	GDOT
Jody Hall	Citizen
Ann-Marie Day (via phone)	FHWA

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

Agenda Item #2 – Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Davenport asked all those present to introduce themselves.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Davenport asked for a motion to approve the minutes, a motion was made by Mr. Pritchard and was seconded by Mr. Futch. 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. Davenport asked about any reports from the Citizens Committee or Technical Committee meetings. Mr. Hull 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. He noted this was made as a change in the motion made at the Technical Committee meeting. A discussion ensued for several as to what the project funding was intended for, representatives from the City of Valdosta felt that this funding for the project for the full interchange improvement should continue forward even though the maintenance project had been completed. GDOT maintained that the maintenance project resolved some of the most pressing matters at this interchange and that there was no money to fund a full interchange improvement, even the design.

Mr. Hanson made a motion to approve the TIP as presented, keeping the money allocated on the authorized projects list for full interchange improvements at Exit 18, this was seconded by Joe Pritchard. All present voted for the adoption of the FY13-16 TIP, except for Mr. McQueen. The motion passed.

It was determined that this project matter at Exit 18 requires further discussion. Staff committed to following up on this matter in the coming months.

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. Davenport as those present for any comments, and allowed Mr. Mobley, a citizen to ask if the DBE plan included transit or highway projects. Mr. Hull clarified that this DBE plan is for only the VLMPO and the planning studies that the VLMPO might do. Mr. Hull noted that the staff was going to continue to revise the document further over the next few months and bring it back to the committee at the fall meetings.

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. Pritchard made a motion to approve the draft PPP for the public comment period; a second was made by Mr. Hanson and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 – Staff Update

- A. Staff provided short updates to various topics including TSPLOST, 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 #7 – Privilege of the Floor

None.

Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Davenport noted the next meeting date and time as September 5, 2012 at 10:30am at the SGRC office.

Agenda Item #9 – Adjournment

Mr. Davenport asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Pritchard and seconded by Mr. Gayle, the motion to adjourn carried unanimously at 11:39 a.m.



Jason Davenport, Lowndes County Planner
Chair, Valdosta-Lowndes Metropolitan Planning Organization