Southern Georgia Regional Commission

Valdosta-Lowndes MPO

Minutes Technical Advisory Committee 6/4/14 9:00 AM

Members Present	Organization
Mike Fletcher	Lowndes County
Brent Thomas	GDOT
Pat Collins	Valdosta
Aries Little	GDOT (via phone)
Others Present	
Corey Hull	SGRC
Shane Pridgen	GDOT
Krystal Harris	GDOT (via phone)
Todd Miller	SGRC
William Sims	Valdosta

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Mr. Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Agenda Item #2 - Introductions/Roll Call

Mr. Fletcher asked those in attendance and on the phone to introduce themselves and state their affiliation with the TAC.

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fletcher noted that under the staff update from the minutes that the 2040 LRTP update section was blank. Mr. Hull said that he would have to review the tape from the last meeting to determine what was actually said. Mr. Collins made a motion to revise the minutes and bring them back for approval the following meeting. Mr. Fletcher seconded the motion, motion carried.

Agenda Item #4– Old Business

None.

Agenda Item #5– New Business

A. Proposed Functional Classification Map

Mr. Hull described the proposed changes and the process the MPO, local governments and GDOT have gone through to review the changes. Mr. Hull noted that recommendations had been sent to GDOT, but no response had been received at this time. He recommended that this item be tabled until the next Policy Committee meeting to allow the VLMPO, local governments and GDOT more time to discuss the recommendations at a staff level before an endorsement is made by the Policy Committee.

B. FY15-18 TIP Draft

Mr. Hull presented information regarding the draft FY15-18 TIP. He noted one change that would be corrected during the public comment period was to move the Jerry Jones project from FY17 to FY16 to better align with local priorities of the project sponsor. Mr. Collins elaborated in more detail on the current status of the Jerry Jones project as well. A discussion ensued about the various local road projects in the TIP and that are ongoing.

Mr. Hull noted that the City of Valdosta is concerned about the I-75 Exit 18 reconstruction project not being moved forward in the TIP. A discussion ensued amongst the members about this project and its current status.

Mr. Fletcher asked about a project on Old Clyattville Road if it was to repair the I-75 Bridge due to a previous crash at this location. Mr. Fletcher confirmed this is a part of this project.

C. FY2014 FTA 5307 Funds Allocation Letter

Mr. Hull reviewed the available funding provided by formula from Congress for an urban transit system in the Valdosta Urbanized Area. He noted that the CAC had a lengthy discussion about the topic the day prior and they recommended to the PC to have GDOT 'fence' the funds for a three-year period and asked the PC to continue to look into the development of an urban transit system. After discussion the TAC members took no action on this item and provided no recommendation to the PC.

D. 2040 Transportation Vision Plan Public Meetings/Outreach

Mr. Hull reviewed preliminary plans for public outreach and meeting events in August and September to gather public input on the 2040 LRTP.

Agenda Item #6- Staff Update

Mr. Hull noted that the MAP-21 proposed rulemaking for MPOs has been released and is currently being reviewed by staff.

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

Mr. Collins noted that he attended a Road Safety Audit and found it very useful. He also discussed roundabouts and the possible development of a roundabout at 5 Points and the previous discussions the City has completed in this area.

Agenda Item #8 - Next Meeting Date and Time

Mr. Fletcher noted the next meeting date on September 3, 2014 at 9am.

Agenda Item #8 - Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Collins to adjourn the meeting at 9:39, the motion was seconded by Mr. Fletcher, motion carried.