



Georgia Department of Transportation

# Minutes TIA Citizens Review Panel November 5, 2018 2:00 PM

Members Present	Organization
Bill Slaughter	Lowndes County
Walter Hudson	Irwin County
Robert Griner	Berrien County
D.W. Harper	Irwin County
Patrick Jones	Ware County
Others Present	
Kenneth Franks	TIA GDOT
Eric Wilkinson	TIA GDOT
Brent Moseley	TIA GDOT
Kim Site	GSFIC
Corey Hull	SGRC
Amy Martin	SGRC
August Huckleberry	SGRC

## CRP Item #1 - Call to Order

Mr. Franks called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

# CRP Item #2 - Introductions/Roll Call

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

#### **CRP Item #3 - TIA Presentation**

Mr. Franks presented information about the TIA process to the Citizens Review Panel (CRP) members. Mr. Franks explained the background of the TIA process, the laws that are pertinent to TIA and the role of the Citizens Review Panel during the next 10 years of the transportation special purpose local option sales tax. Mr. Harper asked for the total cost of all the projects on the TIA investment list. Mr. Franks responded that the total is 408 million. Mr. Slaughter asked if the amount of revenue collected is very high early on, will this speed up the completion of the projects by band. Mr. Franks responded that Band 3 projects would probably be delivered faster; however, based on the regions that we have been working with over the few years, we cannot deliver the projects fast enough. Mr. Harper asked if the revenue is collected prior to the 10 year time frame, would we vote for TIA again in 2029. Mr. Franks replied yes, and explained that the River Valley Commission is already developing a new TIA project list 2 years before the deadline to allow two opportunities to get it on the ballot should they need to do so. Mr. Jones asked if the disbursement to each municipality was based on the revenue collected in each municipality. Mr. Franks replied that the disbursement is based on the LARP formula. Mr. Hull stated that he would send out a dispersal estimate document to the CRP members.

Continuing his presentation, Mr. Franks referred the CRP to the investment list, the O.C.G.A., and the annual report example handouts. He explained each document. Mr. Jones asked what is the main purpose of the CRP. Mr. Franks replied oversight was the main purpose, to be sure that the TIA office is administering TIA funds and the program judiciously. Mr. Harper stated that if a project is removed, nothing can replace that project, correct. Mr. Franks replied, yes, that is correct, the money will go back into the regional pot and be disbursed by the LARP formula. A discussion ensued concerning the projects and funds.

# **CRP Item #4 - GSFIC Presentation**

Ms. Site explained the role of the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission (GSFIC) in the TIA process. She stated that GSFIC is responsible for distributing the discretionary funds to the locals. She gave the CRP a handout that covered FAQ's that the CRP members could refer to if needed. A discussion ensued covering the types of financial information the CRP members would receive about the collected revenue.

# CRP Item #5 - Adjournment

Prior to adjourning the committee decided to elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the CRP. Mr. Slaughter was nominated for the Chairman position and Mr. Harper was nominated for the Vice-Chairman position. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.