

## **MACORTS Policy Committee**

Danielsville Government Annex

Public Meeting Room

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

10 a.m.

**Voting Members Present:** Anthony Dove, Madison County  
Heidi Davison, Athens-Clarke County  
Melvin Davis, Oconee County  
Lucy Rowland, ACC Citizen Representative  
Frank Watson, Oconee County Citizen Representative (Alternate)  
Ulysses Mitchell, GDOT – Planning (Alternate)

**Others Present:** Brad Griffin, ACC Planning  
Sherry Moore, ACC Planning  
Iris Cleveland, ACC Planning  
Anie Basse, GDOT – Planning  
Wayne Provost, OC Strategic & Long Range Planning Dept.  
Emil Beshara, Oconee County Public Works  
Butch McDuffie, Athens Transit System  
David Clark, ACC Transportation & Public Works  
David Ballard, Athens Transit System  
George Rodriguez, Oconee County Citizen

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **II. APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2010 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Watson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2010 Policy Committee meeting, with minor changes. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **III. REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT RECEIVED AT TCC MEETINGS / PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS**

There was no public comment received at these meetings.

### **IV. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF MACORTS PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Moore explained to the committee that the Participation Plan public comment period was conducted from Feb. 22 – April 9. There was only one comment submitted, and it was distributed to the committee for consideration. No changes were made to the Participation Plan.

Ms. Rowland made a motion to approve the updated MACORTS Participation Plan. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**V. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF DRAFT FY 2011 – 2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Ms. Moore explained that MACORTS had received funding numbers from GDOT. As reflected in the document that was mailed out, there are only seven road projects and one bridge project funded in the first Tier.

Minor revisions to the TIP document were made and will to be included in the Draft that goes out to the public for review. The changes are:

- GDOT provided the list of authorized projects to be included in the TIP
- A funding code has been added to the Daniels Bridge Road Extension project.
- Overall funding for the SR 10 Loop at Atlanta Hwy, project has increased slightly
- A project page has been added into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier local section showing the Simonton Bridge Road Extension, a Watkinsville project to connect Simonton Bridge Road to Experiment Station Road.
- The Transit funding shown as FY08 Section 5309 needs to be added the Park and Ride project funding on page VIII-5.
- The description for the Simonton Bridge Road projects will be revised to include the addition of turn lanes instead of widening to four lanes.

TCC recommended the presentation of the TIP to Policy Committee with concerns regarding the funding and timelines associated with the Olympic Drive / Peter Street Interchange and Mars Hill Road Widening projects.

There is a 30-day required public comment period for the TIP. The proposed public comment period would be conducted from May 24 – June 24, 2010, with three public meetings being held:

Thurs, May 27, 4-6 pm in Athens  
Tues, June 8, 5-7 pm in Oconee Co.  
Wed, June 16, 4-6 pm in Danielsville

The committee will review the final document at the July 14 meeting.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2011-14 TIP to go out for public comment. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

The committee discussed some of the positive and negative points of HB 277. Ms. Davison wanted to know what the MPO is supposed to be doing with HB 277 (TSPLOST). Ms. Moore explained that there was nothing to be done at this point. The counties and the MPO will have to wait for GDOT's Director of Planning, Todd Long, to provide some criteria for projects, and then we can comment on it. The MPO is considered a stakeholder in the process, but does not have a seat at the roundtable.

Mr. Davis asked, after some discussion about the proposed TSPLOST, for the status of the in-kind match proposal. Ms. Moore explained that it has been approved by FHWA and GDOT and will be brought to Policy Committee at the June meeting. Mr. Davis asked that the funding information be sent to the three counties in advance due to the timeline for approval of the local budgets.

## **VIII. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m. The next scheduled meeting will be July 12, 2010.