

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee

A-CC Planning Department Auditorium

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Summary Minutes

Members Present: Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Department
Sherry Moore - ACC Planning Department
Iris Cleveland – ACC Planning Department
Linda Fortson – Madison County Planning Department
Anie Bassey – GDOT – Planning Office
Wayne Provost – Oconee Co Strategic & Long Range Planning Dept.
Butch McDuffie – Athens Transit System
Ron Hamlin – UGA Campus Transit
Mark Coyne – ACC Traffic Engineering (Alternate)
David Clark – ACC Transportation & Public Works
Sandy Thursby – Oconee County Public Works
Emil Beshara – Oconee County Public Works
B.R. White – Oconee County Planning Dept.
Lara Mathes – ACC Central Services

Others Present: Solretta Thomas – ACC Traffic Engineering
George Rodriguez – Oconee County Citizen
John Dungan – Oconee County Public Works Intern

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was present. Mr. Griffin introduced Ms. Lara Mathes, the new ACC Environmental Coordinator from Central Services to the committee. Mr. Clark introduced Mark Coyne and Solretta Thomas, ACC Traffic Engineering as alternates for Steve Decker.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no public comment.

III. APPROVAL OF APRIL 29, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the April 29, 2010 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. McDuffie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT FY 2011 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) AND ASSOCIATED LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms Moore explained that the work element descriptions have not changed since the committee saw the last draft. On each element page, the local match has been broken out by county. The tables at the end of the document have changed significantly. Table I

looks much like it always did. Table II shows the local match broken out by county and line item. A note was added at the bottom that in-kind figures are based on the entire expected budget for the year. Once the carryover funding from FY 10 is added to this budget, the overmatch represented currently could be utilized to match those additional funds. Table III shows the total in-kind match estimated by element. The totals at the bottom of the table are based on the 'full' anticipated funding for FY 11 including the FY 10 carryover – this is shown for local budgeting purposes. Table IV is the same table as previous years.

There is a late addition of hours for in-kind match from the Madison County Chairman. Elements 1.2 and 2.1 were updated with those hours. This will be updated before the Final document goes to Policy Committee.

In addition, the federal allocations have been received for the Section 5303 Transit Planning Grant from the GDOT Intermodal Office. The total grant amount will increase from \$61,437 to \$76,816.25. This, too, will be updated before the document is sent to Policy Committee.

Mr. Clark asked about the status of state matching funds. Ms. Moore confirmed that there are no state matching funds for the FY11 PL Grant, but there is still state match for the 5303 grant. Mr. Clark inquired as to how in-kind hours will be tracked and reported. Ms. Moore explained that she would distribute a grant time sheet for in-kind match hours. Recording starts July 1, 2010. Mr. Griffin has asked the Policy committee to appoint a person to help Ms. Moore with the data collection for the in-kind match.

Mr. Clark made a motion to recommend approval of Final Draft FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. McDuffie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION TO FY 2010-13 TIP AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. Moore explained that GDOT informed staff that the concept for the SR 10 Loop at Olympic Dr / Peter St project has been changed along with the ROW and construction cost estimates. The description on the project sheet has been modified to show that Peter St. / Olympic Dr. will pass under the Loop instead of over the Loop. ROW funding has decreased to \$3,046,800 and construction funding has decreased to \$12,187,199.

This is an administrative modification; therefore, no public comment period is required. Mr. Clark wanted to know if these change would move the project ahead of its 2014 Construction date. Ms. Moore said she did not know, but the ROW phase of the project is scheduled for June 2010 let.

Mr. Hamlin made a motion to recommend approval of the administrative modification to revise the project sheet for the SR 10 Loop at Peter Street / Olympic Drive Interchange project. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF LEXINGTON ROAD / US 78 WIDENING PROJECT AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Griffin discussed sending a memo to GDOT concerning the recommendations about the Lexington Road / US 78 Widening project. The memo should convey to GDOT that the project is technically sound, but based on local priorities and fiscal constraint requirements, there was no funding available for this project in the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Mr. Clark asked if a draft of the memo could be sent out to TCC members to review before it is sent to Policy Committee. Ms. Moore agreed to send a draft memorandum to the committee for approval.

Mr. Beshara made a motion to recommend MACORTS express support for the US 78 Widening project contingent upon additional funding becoming available to move the project into the funded section of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McDuffie – Athens Transit System

On June 1st, from 10:30-2:30 p.m. at the Georgia Center, the GDOT Office of Intermodal Programs is having a workshop on coordinated human services program. The workshops are to aid bringing human service transportation agencies together and coordinating services. The Department of Labor (DOL), Department of Human Resource (DHR), Public transit, and other agencies will be forming a human services council, per HB277, that will be appointed by the Governor's office. The committee is invited to attend the workshop.

Mr. Beshara – Oconee County Public Works

Mr. Beshara asked if anyone in the committee were aware of the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) program. It is intended to be a replacement for the LARP and state aid programs after July 1, 2010. The committee members did not know any other details about the program.

VIII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am. The next TCC meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2010.