

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee

A-CC Planning Department Auditorium

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Summary Minutes

- Members Present:** Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Department
Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department
Emma Mejia – GDOT – Planning Office
Blaine Williams – ACC Assistant Manager
Steve Decker – ACC Traffic Engineering
Wayne Provost – Oconee Co. Strategic & Long Range Planning
Lucy Rowland – ACC Planning Commission
Butch McDuffie – Athens Transit System
B.R. White – Oconee County Planning Department
Kim Coley – GDOT – District 1
Jerry Oberholtzer – ACC Transportation & Public Works
David Clark – ACC Transportation & Public Works
Ron Hamlin – UGA Campus Transit System
Doc Eldridge – Athens Area Chamber of Commerce
Sandy Weinel – Oconee County Public Works
Linda Fortson – Madison County Planning & Zoning
David Ballard – Athens Transit System
- Others Present:** George Rodrigues – Watkinsville Citizen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present. Mr. Griffin introduced Ms. Emma Mejia, the new planner from the Georgia Department of Transportation and Mr. Blaine Williams, the new Athens-Clarke County Assistant Manager. Introductions were made around the table.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no public comment received at this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 24, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Rowland made a motion to approve the October 24, 2012 TCC meeting minutes, with changes noted. Mr. Hamlin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW OF DRAFT AMENDED FY 2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie explained to the group that the Amended FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) included the carryover funding from FY 2012 for a total contract of \$536,869.31 (Federal: \$429,495.45; Local: \$107,373.86). All line items in the document were increased. She explained that the amendment does not require a public comment period.

Ms. Rowland made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft Amended FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. McDuffie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT FY 2014 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie reviewed the Final Draft FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). She explained that the final draft amount for the Federal Highway Administration's funding (PL – transportation planning) had decreased by \$10,518.56 due to MAP-21's new formula. Since the draft version, Element 1.4 – Equipment & Supplies had been increased from \$12,261.76 to \$18,750. Element 1.2 – Operations & Administration decreased from \$128,000 to \$110,993.20. Ms. McDuffie distributed several revised pages for the committee's review. She explained that GDOT Intermodal Office released the Federal Transit Administration's federal funding levels for FY 14 yesterday. The packet reflected an increase in 5303 Transit Planning funding of \$2,775.68. No public comment will be required for this document.

Mr. Eldridge made a motion to recommend approval of the Final Draft FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. REVIEW OF AMENDMENT TO FY 2013 – 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR THE LEXINGTON ROAD AT SR 10 LOOP INTERCHANGE PROJECT AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie explained that this amendment requires the addition of a Preliminary Engineering phase totaling \$350,000. The project would need to be moved into the TIP from the Second Tier of Projects. The amendment will require a 15-day public comment period. Ms. McDuffie reviewed the proposed schedule of public involvement activities.

Mr. Provost asked for details pertaining to the needed design funding. Mr. Decker explained that Athens-Clarke County had been doing some collaborative design work with GDOT on the project. Mr. Eldridge asked how long until the project is completed. Mr. Clark offered a hopeful estimate of 4 – 5 years from now.

Mr. Eldridge made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the FY 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program to go to the public. Ms. Rowland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES

Mr. Griffin noted that GDOT has asked for MACORTS to submit the top 5 project priorities. He asked that the county representatives submit a list to Ms. McDuffie as soon as possible. Ms. Mejia clarified that the top 3 priorities will be acceptable drawing from projects already in the Long Range Transportation Plan or TIP.

Mr. Doc Eldridge – Athens Area Chamber of Commerce

An Athens native, Jamie Boswell, is in the running for the new GDOT Transportation Board position. The Chamber is excited about the Economic Development Department moving into the building.

Mr. Clark - Athens-Clarke County Transportation & Public Works

The Dedication Ceremony for the Athens Park and Ride lot at the SR 10 Loop and Lexington Road will be held Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 11 am. There will be utility relocation work on Old Hull Road for the next 3 – 6 months.

Mr. Hamlin – University of Georgia Campus Transit System

The AVL equipment will be installed on UGA buses next week and should be active in February. The RouteShout application is being tested now for Droid and Android phones. Mr. Hamlin noted that UGA Campus Transit System has been submitting data to the National Transit Database for several years. He stated that UGA has brought in approximately \$519,000 in Small Transit Intensive Cities (STIC) funding this year and expects about \$437,000 in STIC funding next year. He hopes that the on-going discussions between the University of Georgia and Athens-Clarke County will culminate in a split in those funds.

Mr. McDuffie – Athens Transit System

There is a tentative agreement with the University of Georgia concerning the FY 2014 contract for student services. There will be bus transportation available on January 24, 2013 at 10:30 am from City Hall for the Park and Ride Dedication Ceremony. The new express route will begin service on Friday to the Park and Ride lot. It will serve the lot every 15 minutes during peak hour service and will run between the lot, Park Hall, and the Arch. The 223 spaces in the Park and Ride lot will be free of charge, except on UGA football game days.

Ms. Fortson – Madison County Planning & Zoning

GDOT has recently completed the county's first roundabout around the courthouse. This summer, GDOT will be turning the signalized intersection of SR 29 and SR 98 into a roundabout as well.

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m. Mr. Griffin reminded the committee that the next scheduled meeting will be held on February 27, 2013.