

MACORTS Policy Committee

Madison County Government Complex

Public Meeting Room

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

10 a.m.

Voting Members Present: Anthony Dove, Madison County
Heidi Davison, Athens-Clarke County
Melvin Davis, Oconee County
Bob Sanders, Oconee County Citizen Representative
Ulysses Mitchell, GDOT – Planning
Paul Dellaria, Athens-Clarke County Representative
Phil Munro, Madison County Citizen Representative

Others Present: Brad Griffin, ACC Planning
Sherry McDuffie, ACC Planning
Ann-Marie Day, Federal Highway Administration
Anie Bassey, GDOT – Planning
Kim Coley, GDOT – District 1
David Ballard, Athens Transit System
Butch McDuffie, Athens Transit System
Joe Walter, Mayor of Watkinsville
Wayne Provost, Oconee Co. Strategic and Long Range Planning
George Rodriguez, Oconee County citizen
Linda Fortson, Madison County Planning Dept.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dove called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present. Mr. Dove introduced and welcomed Mr. Bob Sanders, the new Oconee County citizen representative. He reminded the committee that this will be the last meeting for Ms. Davison as Mayor of Athens-Clarke County. Members of the committee expressed their gratitude and good wishes to Ms. Davison.

II. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Dellaria made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2010 Policy Committee meeting. Ms. Davison 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 ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS TO FY 2011-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Ms. McDuffie explained that this modification involves revising the funding levels of the Section 5310 Capital program for the Elderly and Disabled. These funds are the ones used by the

Department of Human Services. Ms. McDuffie explained that there is no further required public involvement for this action.

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the administrative modifications to the FY 2011-14 TIP to revise the Section 5310 funding levels. Ms. Davison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

V. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF FINAL DRAFT LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY PLAN

Ms. McDuffie explained that the Draft Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan was available for public comment from September 20, 2010 to October 20, 2010. One public meeting was held in Athens on October 5, 2010. The public comment was provided to the committee for their review. Ms. McDuffie advised the committee that the Federal Transit Administration had reviewed the LEP Plan, and it was approved with no changes requested.

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the Final Draft Limited English Proficiency Plan. Ms. Davison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VI. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF THE DRAFT FY 2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Ms. McDuffie reminded the committee that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the budget for MACORTS. The Draft FY 2012 UPWP is due to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) by December 1, 2010. Ms. McDuffie explained that the funding levels in the Draft FY 12 UPWP are the exact same funding levels shown for FY 11, including those shown in the in-kind match category. She further explained that those numbers will probably change after January 2011 when the available funding will be refined. The committee briefly discussed the status of the use of in-kind match for FY 2011. Ms. McDuffie reminded the committee that the use of in-kind match for FY 2012 would have to be approved again through GDOT and FHWA.

Ms. Davison made a motion to approve the Draft FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program for submission to the Georgia Department of Transportation. Mr. Munro seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VII. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Ms. McDuffie presented a request from Oconee County to modify some of their projects in the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). As an amendment to the LRTP, this action will require a 15-day public comment period. Ms. McDuffie presented the proposed public involvement including one public meeting to be held in Oconee County. The public comment period would be held from December 6 – 20, 2010. The amendments will return for a determination by the Policy Committee at their meeting on February 9, 2011.

Mr. Davis pointed out to the committee and Mayor Walter (Watkinsville) that the Simonton Bridge Road Connector (that would connect behind the Chicken Express) is locally funded and, therefore, does not show up in the LRTP.

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the proposed amendments to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan to go to the public for comment. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business for discussion.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McDuffie addressed the committee to invite them to attend the annual meeting of the Georgia Transit Association that will be held in Athens at the Classic Center December 1 – 3, 2010.

Ms. McDuffie reminded the committee that this is the last Policy Committee meeting of 2010 as well as the last meeting to be held in Madison County. She thanked Mr. Dove for hosting the Policy Committee meetings and for his term as Policy Committee Chair. Policy Committee meetings will be held in Watkinsville with Chairman Davis hosting in 2011.

X. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.