

MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee

A-CC Planning Department Auditorium

Wednesday, March 27, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Summary Minutes

Members Present: Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Department
Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department
Tim Kassa – GDOT – Planning Office
Blaine Williams – ACC Assistant Manager
Lucy Rowland – ACC Planning Commission
Butch McDuffie – Athens Transit System
B.R. White – Oconee County Planning Department
Kim Coley – GDOT – District 1
David Clark – ACC Transportation & Public Works
Ron Hamlin – UGA Campus Transit System
Sandy Weinel – Oconee County Public Works
David Ballard – Athens Transit System
Brent Cook – GDOT – District 1

Others Present: None

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There was no public comment received at this meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 23, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Rowland made a motion to approve the January 23, 2013 TCC meeting minutes, with changes noted. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 2013 – 2016 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE LEXINGTON ROAD AT SR 10 LOOP INTERCHANGE PROJECT AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie reminded the committee that this amendment will add a \$350,000 to the preliminary engineering phase of the SR 10 Loop at Lexington Road Interchange project in FY 2013. A public comment period was held from February 25 to March 11, 2013. One public meeting was held in Athens on March 5, 2012. Copies of the original public comment along with a summary were sent out to committee members.

Mr. Kassa made a motion to recommend approval of the amendment to the FY 2013 – 2016 Transportation Improvement Program for the SR 10 Loop at Lexington Road Interchange Project. Mr. White seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

Ms. McDuffie reminded the committee that this document was amended in February 2013 to include carryover funding from FY 2012. Additional federal funds in the amount of \$40,188.82 had been allocated to MACORTS under MAP-21, but those funds had not been released because of the federal government working under a Continuing Resolution.

The additional federal funds were added to the FY 2013 UPWP in elements 1.1 Program Coordination, 1.2 Operations and Administration, 1.3 Training / Education, and 4.11 Long Range Transportation Plan. Ms. McDuffie explained that the amendment did not require a public comment period.

Mr. White 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.

VI. REVIEW OF PROPOSED MPO BOUNDARY AND ASSOCIATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie presented the proposed MPO boundary based on the 2010 Census delineation of urbanized areas. She noted that MACORTS staff had coordinated with each of the counties individually concerning the boundary. Jackson County and Oglethorpe County have small areas that were categorized as ‘urban’ by the Census Bureau. After discussions with Jackson and Oglethorpe Counties, they have elected not to participate in the MACORTS planning process. Ms. McDuffie explained that the small urbanized areas would, however, still be required to be included within the MACORTS area. After brief discussion about the identified additions in Oglethorpe County, Ms. McDuffie explained that public involvement will be required for the changes to the MPO boundary. The proposed public involvement timeline was sent out to the committee for their review.

The proposed Memorandum of Understanding was sent out to the committee for review as well. Ms. McDuffie outlined the changes made to the document. The document will be reviewed by the Policy Committee. Then the final version will be sent to Oglethorpe and Jackson County for review and eventual signature.

Ms. McDuffie advised the group that once the boundary is approved, the Bylaws for MACORTS will be amended through the Technical Coordinating Committee and Policy Committee. Members of the committee questioned whether or not a name change for the MPO or weighted voting will be included in the changes to the bylaws. Mr. Griffin answered that neither were being considered at this time.

Mr. Clark made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed MPO boundary to go to the public for review and comment and recommend approval of the Draft MOU to go to the Policy Committee. Ms. Rowland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS / UPDATES

Ms. Weinel – Oconee County Public Works

Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition continues for the Mars Hill Road project. The ROW acquisition phase must be completed by July 1st.

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

The Jennings Mill Parkway’s final phase is under construction. The Old Hull Road is progressing. The utility relocation is about 50% complete.

Mr. McDuffie – Athens Transit System

ATS will be rerouting 3 routes (1, 3, 24) during the construction of the Old Hull Road project. The Park and Ride is currently being under-utilized, but it is hoped that that condition is temporary. Progress on the renovations to the parking area at the Pound Street facility has reached about 95%. The committee offered some suggestions to improve the advertising for the Park and Ride.

Mr. Hamlin – University of Georgia Campus Transit System

The automatic vehicle location (AVL) system has been installed on all of UGA's bus fleet. The app that enables passengers to get the estimated time of arrival for the next bus coming to a stop has been rolled out in a test phase.

IX. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m. Mr. Griffin reminded the committee that the next scheduled meeting will be held on April 24, 2013.