

## **MACORTS Policy Committee**

Oconee County Courthouse – Commission Chambers  
23 North Main Street - Watkinsville

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

10:00 a.m.

**Voting Members Present:** Anthony Dove, Madison County Chairman  
Melvin Davis, Oconee County Chairman  
Bob Sanders, Oconee County Citizen Representative  
Lucy Rowland, Athens-Clarke County Citizen Representative  
Phil Munro, Madison County Citizen Representative  
Radney Simpson, GDOT Planning

**Others Present:** Brad Griffin, ACC Planning  
Sherry McDuffie, ACC Planning  
Cherie Dalton, ACC Planning  
Thomas Caiafa, GDOT Planning  
Kyle Mote, GDOT Planning  
Wayne Provost, Oconee Planning  
Kim Coley, GDOT, District 1

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

Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

### **II. APPROVAL OF MARCH 12, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

Ms. McDuffie stated there was a correction needed to the March minutes. Mr. Dove made a motion to approve the March 12, 2014 meeting minutes, including the correction. Ms. Rowland seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

None received.

### **IV. REVIEW AND DETERMINATION OF DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 2014 – 2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

Ms. McDuffie explained the amendment consisted of an increase in ROW funding for the Mars Hill Road Widening, ph 2 (Hog Mtn to US 441) from \$2,725,848 to \$3,870,000. Since this is a greater than 20% increase for the ROW phase, it will require a 15-day public comment period. She stated the proposed schedule was sent to the committee. GDOT had asked MACORTS to expedite the process and consider shifting the June 25<sup>th</sup> TCC meets to June 18<sup>th</sup> and the July 9<sup>th</sup> PC meeting to June 25<sup>th</sup> TCC recommended approval based on their availability for June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Davis stated that his schedule did conflict with June 25<sup>th</sup>. There was some discussion about the proposed date. Mr. Davis stated the board members need to email Ms. McDuffie with any scheduling conflicts.

Mr. Dove made a motion to approve moving the TCC and PC meetings to June 18th and June 25<sup>th</sup>, respectively. Mr. Munro seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Rowland made a motion to approve the amendment of the ROW funding for Mars Hill Road Widening, Phase 2 to go to the public for review. Mr. Dove seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

There was some discussion about Federal budget issues in relation to the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. Depending on the actions of Congress, some road projects could be affected in the coming months.

**VII. ADJOURN**

Mr. Davis stated there will be a public forum on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 from 5 – 7 pm, concerning the TIP amendment, in the Veteran's Park conference room in Oconee County. The meeting adjourned at 10:11am. The next scheduled PC meeting: June 25, 2014.