

Summary Minutes of
MACORTS Technical Coordinating Committee
A-CC Planning Department Auditorium
Wednesday, July 27, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Members Present: Sherry McDuffie - ACC Planning Department
Brad Griffin - ACC Planning Director
David Ballard - Athens Transit System
Cherie Varnum - ACC Planning Department
Ron Thomas - Greenway Commission
Kim Coley - GDOT -District 1
Butch McDuffie-Athens Transit System
Emil Beshara - Oconee County Public Works
Brad McCook - Alternate ACC
Gavin Hassemer- Alternate ACC

Others Present: Lee Becker - Oconee County citizen

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Griffin called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Ms. McDuffie reviewed a voicemail received from Gretchen Elsner about the need to build more bicycle infrastructure especially on Prince Avenue.

II. APPROVAL OF JUNE 22, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Beshara made a motion to approve the June 22, 2016 minutes. Mr. McDuffie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

III. REVIEW OF FINAL DRAFT AMENDMENT TO FY 15 – 17 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) TO MODIFY TRANSIT SECTION AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION TO POLICY COMMITTEE

Ms. McDuffie stated this amendment would revise the budget for the Section 5339 Discretionary capital funding listed to include in FY 17 \$2.5 million (\$2 million federal; \$500K local SPLOST) to fund improvements to bus stops in ACC.

A 15-day public comment period was held June 20 – July 5, 2016 including 1 public meeting that was held on June 27 at the Multi-Model Transit Center in Athens. A summary of the public comment was sent to members.

Mr. McDuffie stated the grant application is on hold until the TIP amendment is completed and approved by the Policy Committee. He stated the additional funding will help various upgrades such as a larger transfer facility, multiple bus bays, prediction/arrival signage, solar lighting at shelters, art shelters and many other creative improvements for the transit system.

Mr. McDuffie made a motion to recommend approval of the final draft amendment to the 15-18 TIP transit section to revise the Section 5339 discretionary capital funding. Mr. Beshara seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

V. UPDATES / OTHER BUSINESS

Athens Transit System

Mr. McDuffie stated fall transit service will start the second week of August, which is the same time UGA will begin class. He also stated there are some updates that have been completed on the Athens Transit website.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. The next meeting is scheduled for August 24, 2016. Mr. Griffin noted that the Policy Committee Meeting on September 14th was moved to September 7th.