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**MINUTES**  
**CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
Central Square Complex, 240 Pine Avenue, Room 380  
Albany, Georgia 31702  
**September 17, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Dr. Surendra Pandey, Chair  
Billy Merritt (Albany/Dougherty Planning Commission)  
Walter Sharp

**ABSENT:** Haryl Dabney  
Lee Johnston, Chairman  
Larry McClain  
Dr. Peter Ngwafu (Lee County)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Paul Forgey, Director  
Jennifer Newton, Transportation Planner  
Tennasha Gresham, Transit Planner  
Gloria Thompson, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Pandey called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**TOPIC I - APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 18, 2014)**

There being no corrections or additions, Mr. Merritt made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sharp and unanimously approved.

**TOPIC II – Draft FY 15-18 TIP Review**

Ms. Newton reviewed the draft of the Transportation Improvement Program (copy on file) and noted that it will go to the TCC and Policy meeting tomorrow for review, but will not be voted on until the September meeting. It is on the website for review and asked that members look at it and submit any questions or comments. She pointed out the following: page 5 – Bridge replacement; pages 7 and 8 – Road Widening; page 9 – Roadway Project; page 10 – Signal Upgrade; page 11 – Preliminary Engineering, with Ms. Newton pointing out this is a summer program at Albany State to interest high school students in transportation type jobs.

A discussion followed with Ms. Newton outlining the process for projects.

**TOPIC II–Transit Planning Update**

Ms. Gresham noted the following: page 13 – Capital Schedule for Albany Transit System; page 17 Fixed Route Vehicles.

A discussion followed concerning college routes and railroad crossing maintenance.

Ms. Gresham gave the transit update, noting the following: accommodate sports complex in East Albany – move route one block over for safety of the children; ASU annual program – educate students on how to utilize public transportation.

**TOPIC III – LRTP Public Meetings**

Ms. Newton stated the Long Range Transportation Plan will be soon coming and is now in process of updating. There will be two public meetings tomorrow: Albany Governmental Building from 2-4:30; Lee County Bindery from 5:30-7:00 and a draft document will be available in September. Ms. Newton encouraged the board and anyone they know to use the LRTP link and take the survey and give any input. She noted all public meetings are “Open House” format, you can ask questions and leave.

Ms. Newton stated this is the last meeting of this fiscal year; at the September meeting the chairperson will change to now vice-chair - Dr. Pandey and the Board will vote for a vice-chair.

**TOPIC IV - Discussion**

Ms. Newton stated there are still two vacant positions on the CTC Board and could possibly be more and asked the Board to mention this to anyone they know that might be interested.

**ADJOURNMENT**

9:31 a.m.