
MINUTES
DARTS POLICY COMMITTEE

Central Square Government Complex, Room 380, 3rd floor
Albany, Georgia 31701

April 18, 2013

PRESENT: Jeff Sinyard, Chairman, Dougherty County Commission
Richard Crowdis, Dougherty County Administrator
Rick Muggridge, Lee County Commissioner
Joe Sheffield, GDOT District Engineer
Dave Cox, GDOT Planning (voting for Cynthia VanDyke)

ABSENT: Dorothy Hubbard, Mayor, City of Albany
James Taylor, City Manager
Lynn Taylor, Lee County Administrator
Cynthia VanDyke, State Transportation Planning Administrator

OTHERS

PRESENT: Bob Alexander, Lee County Director of Planning & Engineering
Lonnie Ballard, Assistant City Manager
Shane Pridgen, GDOT
Brent Thomas, Georgia Department of Transportation
Ryan Walker, GDOT
Olivia Lewis, U.S. Department of Transportation, FHWA
Vanessa Ross, Georgia Division Federal Highway Administration
David Hamilton, Transit Director
Jennifer Newton, Transportation Planner
Tennasha Green-Gresham, Transit Planner, DARTS MPO
Reginald Brown, City of Albany Police Department
Gloria Thompson, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sinyard called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. He welcomed new member, Lee County Commissioner, Rick Muggridge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December 6, 2012)

There being no corrections or change, a motion was made by Mr. Cox to approve the December 6, 2012 minutes. Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with the following votes:

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| Jeff Sinyard | yes | Dorothy Hubbard | absent |
| Richard Crowdis | yes | James Taylor | absent |
| Rick Muggridge | yes | Lynn Taylor | absent |
| Joe Sheffield | yes | | |
| Dave Cox (voting for Cynthia VanDyke) | yes | | |

TOPIC I - BYLAWS AMENDMENT

Mr. Sinyard stated this was discussed at the December 6, 2012 meeting and by rule the committee has to let a meeting pass before adopting the by-laws.

Mr. Crowdis made a motion to amend the CTC section of the DARTS Bylaws, submitted in December 2012, as follows: Following an initial election, the Vice Chairperson will become the Chairperson the following year, and a new Vice Chairperson will be elected each year. If the Vice Chairperson is unable to serve as the Chairperson the following year, the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will be elected. If the Chairperson is unable to serve before his/her term expires, the Vice Chairperson will assume the position of the Chairperson.

Mr. Sheffield seconded the motion, and the motion to amend the CTC section of the DARTS Bylaws was approved with the following votes:

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| Jeff Sinyard | yes | Dorothy Hubbard | absent |
| Richard Crowdis | yes | James Taylor | absent |
| Rick Muggridge | yes | Lynn Taylor | absent |
| Joe Sheffield | yes | | |
| Dave Cox (voting for Cynthia VanDyke) | yes | | |

TOPIC II – FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Newton pointed out the following items in the UPWP:

- page 9: meeting schedule for the year;
- page 22: Planning grant in the amount of \$172,066.21 (80/20 split) and for transit side, \$145,855.79 (80/10/10 split). (Noting the difference from last year is mostly money in the long range plan category, as this is the year to start the basic 5 year long range transportation plan), which is contracted out and is a long process.

In response to a question by Chairman Sinyard, Ms. Newton responded it needs to be finished by December 2014.

TOPIC III - DISCUSSION

Mr. Breedlove stated he would like to have a Corridor Study on Old Dawson Road between Old Dawson Road/Tallassee Road to look at land use and traffic patterns coming in Dougherty County from Lee and Terrell County. This would help in making decisions on how to widen the roadway. This is to make the Committee aware that this is something to move forward on.

A discussion followed with it being noted this was a big topic with SPLOST last year; a study would determine a need or not; and a study could make recommendations on road size and development so that funding could be used more efficiently. It was also stated that it would be a good opportunity for LRPT update for funding and consultants could look at that corridor, Lee and Terrell Counties.

In response to a question by Chairman Sinyard, Ms. Newton stated Denorah Hall is the Chairperson for CTC and she will communicate this discussion to her.

Mr. Crowdis discussed the TSPLOST referendum.

Mr. Alexander pointed out if there is more long range transportation plan, there is modeling that is included that would give a better idea on how much traffic would be on that road in the future and historically, in the 60's, the original bypass was to start at East Oglethorpe, go around to Blaylock, go around Jefferson and Slappey, over to Dawson Road. When they got to Dawson Road it was to continue around to Gillionville Road, but could not do it because the residential area was filled out. Therefore, it is important new roads get there before the development.

Chairman Sinyard commented we should be thinking long range, 10 – 20 years from now.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.