
MINUTES
DARTS POLICY COMMITTEE
April 15, 2010

PRESENT: Richard Crowdis, Dougherty County Administrator
Alfred Lott, City Manager
Bob Alexander, representing Alan Ours
Cindy Vandyke, GDOT
Jabari Parker, GDOT
Dr. Charles Gillespie, Chairman of Citizen's Transportation Committee

ABSENT: Jeff Sinyard, Chairman, Dougherty County Commission
Dr. Willie Adams, Mayor, City of Albany
Alan Ours, Lee County Administrator
Ed Duffy, Lee County Commissioner
Joe Sheffield, GDOT District Engineer

OTHERS
PRESENT: David Hamilton, Transportation Planner
Howard Brown, Planning & Development Services Director
Radney Simpson, Georgia Department of Transportation Planning
Bruce Maples, Engineering Director
Bob Alexander, Lee County Director of Planning & Engineering
Brent Thomas, Georgia Department Of Transportation, Dist. 4
Shane Prigden, Georgia Department Of Transportation, Dist. 4
Ken Breedlove, City Engineering
Jennifer Newton, Administrative Secretary, Sr.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sinyard called the meeting to order at 10: 00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections or changes, a motion was made by Mr. Lott to approve the December 3, 2009 minutes. Dr. Gillespie seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with the following votes:

Jeff Sinyard	absent
Alfred Lott	yes
Richard Crowdis	yes
Alan Ours	absent
Joe Sheffield	absent
Jabari Parker	yes
Dr. Gillespie	yes
Dr. Adams	absent
Radney Simpson	yes
Ed Duffy	absent
Bob Alexander	yes
Cindy Vandyke	yes

TOPIC I

Mr. Hamilton reminded the board that the TCC recommended approval for the FY 11 UPWP. He was available for any questions or further explanation of the document.

A motion was made by Mr. Lott to approve the FY 11 UPWP. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion, and the FY 11 UPWP was approved with the following votes:

Jeff Sinyard	absent
Alfred Lott	yes
Richard Crowdis	yes
Alan Ours	absent
Joe Sheffield	absent
Jabari Parker	yes
Dr. Gillespie	yes
Dr. Adams	absent
Radney Simpson	yes
Ed Duffy	absent
Bob Alexander	yes
Cindy Vandyke	yes

TOPIC II

Mr. Hamilton reminded the board that the TCC recommended approval for the Administrative Modifications to the LRTP. He was available for any questions or further explanation of the document.

A motion was made by Mr. Lott to approve the Administrative Modifications to the LRTP. Mr. Alexander seconded the motion, and the Administrative Modifications to the LRTP was approved with the following votes:

Jeff Sinyard	absent
Alfred Lott	yes
Richard Crowdis	yes
Alan Ours	absent
Joe Sheffield	absent
Jabari Parker	yes
Dr. Gillespie	yes
Dr. Adams	absent
Radney Simpson	yes
Ed Duffy	absent
Bob Alexander	yes
Cindy Vandyke	yes

TOPIC III

Mr. Hamilton projected the DARTS website (www.darts.mpo.com). He noted that URS designed the website and developed the possible logos. They hope to have the website complete by the end of May. The committee was given three logos to choose from. Mr. Maples suggested that the two (both blue) were combined. Mr. Lott and Mr. Crowdis agreed and asked Mr. Hamilton to email the committee members with the newly designed one to vote by proxy.

TOPIC IV

Mr. Hamilton referred to the previously distributed draft of the MPO Bylaws. The bylaws from 1977 were compared to these newly drafted bylaws to assure that the DARTS MPO was operating on a formal bylaw process. Some of the changes included: removal of the CTC's chairperson from the Policy Committee in order for the Policy Committee to be comprised primarily of accountable policy makers; removal of the City of Albany City Manager, Dougherty County Administrator, and the Lee County Commission Administrator in order for the TCC to be comprised primarily of transportation professionals and not include policy makers; the Policy Committee chairperson would rotate between the chairperson of the Dougherty and Lee County Commissions and the City of Albany; the chairperson of the CTC would move into a non-voting role for the TCC to act as a liaison from the CTC to the TCC; a representative from the Marine Corps Logistics Base would have a voting role in the TCC as well as the Signal Engineer and Traffic Engineering Manager for the City of Albany and Dougherty County. Mr. Crowdis asked that the Dougherty County Engineer Manager be added to the TCC. Mr. Lott asked that the "representative from Destiny Tours" be changed to "representative from Rural Transit Provider (Destiny Tours)."

A motion was made by Mr. Lott to approve the MPO Bylaws with changes. Mr. Gillespie seconded the motion, and the MPO Bylaws was approved with the following votes:

Jeff Sinyard	absent
Alfred Lott	yes
Richard Crowdis	yes
Alan Ours	absent
Joe Sheffield	absent
Jabari Parker	yes
Dr. Gillespie	yes
Dr. Adams	absent
Radney Simpson	yes
Ed Duffy	absent
Bob Alexander	yes
Cindy Vandyke	yes

TOPIC V

Mr. Brown stated that in the last meeting he suggested that the MPO was understaffed compared to other MPOs across the state. He requested to increase to \$52,000 the match of the City of Albany's Planning Department, to be in the FY11 budget. The match will pay for all costs associated with the positions listed previously and includes salaries, benefits, rent, and mandated training. Mr. Brown presented three proposed recommendations for sharing of required match. He recommended option two where the estimated cost of match was based on cost-sharing formula and the percentage would change based on 2010 Census data. The position cost would be based audited figures. Year one costs would be paid as stated in table one. Year two and subsequent years would be based on audited figures.

Mr. Crowdis noted that the costs projected seemed reasonable and the County would support it.

Mr. Alexander noted that Mr. Ours would need to take this information to the Lee County Commission to move forward with any additional commitment. He requested that this be tabled until Mr. Ours can speak with the Lee County Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 a.m.