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**MINUTES**  
**DARTS POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**December 3, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Jeff Sinyard, Chairman, Dougherty County Commission  
Alfred Lott, City Manager  
Richard Crowdis, Dougherty County Administrator  
Alan Ours, Lee County Administrator  
Joe Sheffield, GDOT  
Jabari Parker, GDOT  
Dr. Charles Gillespie, Chairman of Citizen's Transportation Committee

**ABSENT:** Dr. Willie Adams, Mayor, City of Albany  
Radney Simpson, Georgia Department of Transportation Planning  
Ed Duffy, Lee County Commissioner

**OTHERS** David Hamilton, Transportation Planner  
**PRESENT:** Howard Brown, Planning 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  
Cindy Vandyke, GDOT  
Ken Breedlove, City Engineering  
Jennifer Newton, Administrative Secretary, SR

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Sinyard called the meeting to order at 10: 02 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There being no corrections or changes, a motion was made by Mr. Crowdis to approve the September 17, 2009 minutes. Mr. Ours seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with the following votes:

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

**TOPIC I**

Eric Lusher from URS reminded the board that the TCC recommended approval for the DARTS 2035 LRTP. He was available for any questions or further explanation of his presentation or the document.

A motion was made by Mr. Lott to approve the DARTS 2035 LRTP. Mr. Crowdis seconded the motion, and the DARTS 2035 LRTP was approved with the following votes:

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

## TOPIC II

Mr. Lusher with URS distributed a draft of the MPO Bylaws. Mr. Hamilton noted that this was not up for a vote but for input and discussion. Mr. Lusher stated that the main intent of this effort was to confirm the DARTS bylaws in a manner that is similar to the operations of other similarly sized MPOs while maintaining, to the degree appropriate, the current structure and practices of the DARTS committee. The DARTS Bylaws from 1977 were reviewed to provide some history and comparison to current DARTS practices. For the most part, the proposed Bylaws do not necessarily change the overall structure of the DARTS committees, but rather makes a few minor adjustments to conform closer to the practice of other similarly sized MPOs. Proposed changes include: the Policy Committee Chairperson would rotate between Chairpersons of the Dougherty and Lee County and the Mayor of the City of Albany and a formalized election process and term limits for the Chairperson of the Citizens' Transportation Committee. Additional changes for future consideration could be: removal of non-technical positions from the TCC; revision of CTC Chairperson role; and reorganizing committees so no one individual or position has more than a single vote among the three committees.

Mr. Crowdis mentioned that all of these changes, proposed and future, would be good and create more checks and balances.

Mr. Lott noted that removal of the non-technical positions from the TCC would allow the TCC to focus specifically on technical transportation issues and re-affirm the policy focus of the Policy Committee. It would also remove the appearance that three or four people would be voting on the same issue. This would improve citizens' confidence that the roles and voting were in the right hands.

Dr. Gillespie was concerned that if the CTC Chairperson did not have a voting role on the TCC or the Policy Committees that the citizens' concerns would not be heard. Mr. Lusher assured Dr. Gillespie that the CTC would still be a recommending board and the Chairperson would act as a liaison between the TCC and CTC.

Mr. Sinyard requested a detailed list of titles and or positions for the next meeting to have a formal vote.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.