
MINUTES
DARTS POLICY COMMITTEE

Central Square Complex, 240 Pine Avenue, Room 380
Albany, Georgia 31702

April 19, 2012

PRESENT: Jeff Sinyard, Chairman, Dougherty County Commission
Richard Crowdis, Dougherty County Administrator
Ed Duffy, Lee County Administrator
Dorothy Hubbard, Mayor, City of Albany
Tony Massey, Lee County Administrator
Joe Sheffield, GDOT District Engineer
Radney Simpson, GDOT Planning (voting for Cynthia VanDyke)
James Taylor, City Manager

ABSENT: Cynthia VanDyke, State Transportation Planning Administrator

OTHERS

PRESENT: Bob Alexander, Lee County Director of Planning & Engineering
Dave Cox, Georgia Department of Transportation
Krystal Fowler, Georgia Department of Transportation
Dr. Charles Gillespie, Citizen's Transportation Chairman
Gerald Goosby, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
Bruce Maples, Engineering Director
Ginette Mills, Administrative Secretary, Sr.
Jennifer Newton, Transportation Planner
Shane Pridgen, Georgia Department of Transportation, Dist. 4
Brent Thomas, Georgia Department of Transportation

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (December 1, 2011)

There being no corrections or changes, a motion was made by Mr. Simpson to approve the December 1, 2011 minutes. Ms. Hubbard seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with the following votes:

Richard Crowdis	yes
Ed Duffy	yes
Dr. Dorothy Hubbard	absent
Tony Massey	yes
Joe Sheffield	yes
Radney Simpson	yes (in the absence of Cynthia VanDyke)
Jeff Sinyard	yes
James Taylor	yes
Cynthia VanDyke	absent

FY13 UPWP REVIEW

Ms. Newton reviewed the DARTS 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (FY13 UPWP), and noted that Page 9 of the document will be revised to reflect the following changes that were approved today. The Citizens Transportation Committee meetings have been extended from 30 minutes to 1 hour, and the meetings will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

EAST DOUBLEGATE STUDY UPDATE

Mr. Breedlove reported that they are moving forward with the East Doublegate study, and everything should be presented to the DARTS Policy and Technical Committees during the September 2012 meetings.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT ACT UPDATE

Mr. Goosby gave a brief overview of recent meetings that have been held to promote the TSPLOST legislation. Project delivery, project management, fundraising, and promotional opportunities were among key topics discussed during the meetings. Mr. Goosby also pointed out upcoming meetings in Albany that will be used as educational tools to help educate the public about TSPLOST.

Mayor Hubbard inquired about the method that has been used to disseminate information about the TSPLOST meetings. She commented on the importance of timing when scheduling meetings, and suggested that future meetings be scheduled after 5:00 p.m. so that more citizens can attend them. Members agreed that there is a lot of misconception and misinformation floating around about TSPLOST; therefore, additional meetings need to be held to address those issues. A brief discussion was also held on various outreach efforts that can be used to help explain TSPLOST within the community.

FY13 UPWP VOTE

A motion was made by Mr. Simpson to approve the DARTS FY13 UPWP. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion, and the DARTS FY13 UPWP was unanimously approved with the following votes:

Richard Crowdis	yes
Ed Duffy	yes
Dr. Dorothy Hubbard	absent
Tony Massey	yes
Joe Sheffield	yes
Radney Simpson	yes (in the absence of Cynthia VanDyke)
Jeff Sinyard	yes
James Taylor	yes
Cynthia VanDyke	absent

DISCUSSION

There was no additional business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.