
MINUTES
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
April 14, 2011

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mary Teter, Interim Planning & Development Services Director
Jennifer Newton, Transportation Planner
Bob Alexander, Lee County Director of Planning & Engineering
Bruce Maples, Engineering Director
Lesa Walker, GDOT
Ken Breedlove, City Engineering
Dwain Cosby, Albany Transit System Director
Randy Casagrande, Albany Traffic Engineering Manager
Gerald Goosby, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
Brent Thomas, GDOT
Orlando Rambo, Destiny Tours

ABSENT:

John Proctor, Albany Chief of Police
Phil Roberson, Albany Public Works Director
Yvette Aehle, S.W. Georgia Regional Airport Director
Bob Takash, Albany Recreation Department
Larry Cook, Dougherty County Public Works Director
Bill Bradley, Dougherty County Engineering Manager
Don Cheek, Dougherty County Chief of Police
Hubert Smigelski, Marine Corp Logistic Base

**NON-VOTING
MEMBERS**

PRESENT:

David Hamilton, Transit Deputy Director
Shane Pridgen, GDOT
Dr. Charles Gillespie, Citizen's Transportation Chairman
Radney Simpson, Georgia Department of Transportation Planning

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Richard Bramlett, Albany Public Works
Byron Rushing, GDOT
Davida Walker, GDOT
Tony Massey, Lee County Administrator
Ed Duffy, Lee County Administrator
Richard Fangmann, Pond, Inc.
Jim Gray, GCA Engineering
Ritchey Marbury, Civil Engineer
Matthew Inman, EMC Engineering
Peggy Hegarty, Planner II
Ginette Mills, Administrative Secretary, SR

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Teter called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 16, 2010)

There being no corrections or changes, a motion was made by Mr. Alexander to approve the September 16, 2010 minutes. Mr. Maples seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with the following votes:

Mary Teter	yes
John Proctor	absent
Phil Roberson	absent
Bruce Maples	yes
Yvette Aehle	absent
Dwain Cosby	yes
Bob Takash	absent
Larry Cook	absent
Bill Bradley	absent
Don Cheek	absent
Bob Alexander	yes
Gerald Goosby	yes
Jennifer Newton	yes
Lesa Walker	yes
Brent Thomas	yes
Ken Breedlove	yes
Randy Cassagrande	yes
Orlando Rambo	yes
Hubert Smigelski	absent

TOPIC I (FY 12 UPWP)

Mr. Hamilton noted that Topic I on the agenda should be corrected to read FY12 UPWP for the year 2012.

Mr. Hamilton reviewed the DARTS 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (FY12 UPWP). He referenced the DARTS meeting schedule listed on Page 9, and asked members to mark their calendars with the upcoming fiscal year meeting dates. Mr. Hamilton announced the 2012 contract totals for highway and transit planning purposes, and opened the floor for discussion.

There being no discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Maples to recommend approval of the DARTS FY 12 UPWP to the Policy Committee. Ms. Walker seconded the motion, and the approval of the DARTS FY 12 UPWP was recommended with the following votes:

Mary Teter	yes
John Proctor	absent
Phil Roberson	absent
Bruce Maples	yes

Yvette Aehle	absent
Dwain Cosby	yes
Bob Takash	absent
Larry Cook	absent
Bill Bradley	absent
Don Cheek	absent
Bob Alexander	yes
Gerald Goosby	yes
Jennifer Newton	yes
Lesa Walker	yes
Brent Thomas	yes
Ken Breedlove	yes
Randy Cassagrande	yes
Orlando Rambo	yes
Hubert Smigelski	absent

TOPIC II (Bike and Pedestrian Plan)

Mr. Fangmann @ Pond, Inc. gave a presentation on the Bike and Pedestrian Plan. He noted that additional information could be found on the website and the DARTS fact sheet. He stated that the purpose of the plan is to provide a bicycle and pedestrian plan for the Albany Region that establishes goals and objectives for safe and efficient bicycle and pedestrian travel as well as a list of prioritized pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects. The draft goals of the plans were presented to the public, the stakeholder committee, the advisory committee, and to the DARTS MPO for comments and revisions. Mr. Fangmann highlighted the plan’s goals, strategies, policies, programs, and projects. He also discussed several new traffic control devices that will be included in the list of projects (share roads, hawk signals, road diet, and wayfinding). Mr. Alexander commented that he felt that this study was very timely, and he added that the study is currently being used by the city of Leesburg as part of their request for SPLOST.

A motion was made by Mr. Alexander to recommend approval of the Bike and Pedestrian Plan to the Policy Committee. Mr. Maples seconded the motion, and the approval of the Bike and Pedestrian Plan was recommended with the following votes:

Mary Teter	yes
John Proctor	absent
Phil Roberson	absent
Bruce Maples	yes
Yvette Aehle	absent
Dwain Cosby	yes
Bob Takash	absent
Larry Cook	absent
Bill Bradley	absent
Don Cheek	absent
Bob Alexander	yes
Gerald Goosby	yes
Jennifer Newton	yes

Les Walker	yes
Brent Thomas	yes
Ken Breedlove	yes
Randy Cassagrande	yes
Orlando Rambo	yes
Hubert Smigelski	absent

TOPIC III (Transit Report)

Mr. Cosby reported that increases in gas prices nationwide have resulted in transit increases in as much as 2 ½ %. He noted that a consulting firm would be handling the Comprehensive Operation Analysis Study which is projected to start within the next month or so. The first phase of the Albany Transit System Marketing Plan has been completed, and a Kickoff Meeting has been held for the second phase of the plan. Transit is anticipating the arrival of approximately thirty-five new buses. The first group of buses is scheduled to arrive in October, and the second group should be here by January. Each bus will be totally green with the latest GPS system, automatic vehicle locator system, and key surveillance. The environmental assessment of the Multimodal Project has been completed, and they are looking forward to the design phase and public comment.

TOPIC IV (Topics Report)

Mr. Casagrande referenced the Railroad Report listed on Page 2 of the Topics Report, and noted that the only change was to the Jefferson and Roosevelt Railroad Crossing. He stated that a preliminary field review was held on November 16, 2010, and Moreland-Altobelli Associates is currently making corrections to the design changes that were brought up in that review.

TOPIC V (Westover Extension Project)

Mr. Alexander stated that Jim Gray would provide an update on the Westover Extension Project, and Matthew Inman would give an update on the Lee County construction.

Mr. Gray @ GCA Engineering gave a presentation on the background and current activities of the project. He discussed the results of the Nottingham Way Alternative Corridor Study, the 3 Phases of the Nottingham Way Implementation, and the design overview of the extension. The total estimated cost for the East-West construction project is 9.7 million dollars. Mr. Inman @ EMC Engineering reported that the section between Fussell Road and Ledo Road has been designed and completed. He stated that funds are available for the project, and it should be ready for construction by early Fall. Mr. Alexander acknowledged Ritchey Marbury's involvement with this project, and he thanked him for his efforts.

Mr. Alexander announced that he would like to make a recommendation to the Policy Committee for the Westover Extension Project to be included in the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Hamilton requested that someone from the DOT provide information on how to proceed with moving the project from the Long Range Transportation Plan into the TIP. Mr. Simpson replied that this is the perfect time and a motion could be made today.

Mr. Alexander made a motion to recommend that the Policy Committee approve moving the Westover Extension Project into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion, and the recommendation to the Policy Committee to approve moving the Westover Extension Project into the TIP was approved with the following votes:

Mary Teter	yes
John Proctor	absent
Phil Roberson	absent
Bruce Maples	yes
Yvette Aehle	absent
Dwain Cosby	yes
Bob Takash	absent
Larry Cook	absent
Bill Bradley	absent
Don Cheek	absent
Bob Alexander	yes
Gerald Goosby	yes
Jennifer Newton	yes
Lesa Walker	yes
Brent Thomas	yes
Ken Breedlove	yes
Randy Cassagrande	yes
Orlando Rambo	yes
Hubert Smigelski	absent

TOPIC VI (Transportation Investment Act Update)

Mr. Goosby was present to give an update on the implementation of the Transportation Investment Act. He reported that the Regional Commission has received 179 projects totaling a little more than a billion dollars. All of those projects have been reviewed for accuracy and transmitted onto GI. The next step involves creating a list of approved projects that will benefit the region as well as promote economic development. The list will then be sent to the Roundtable Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, Dr. Gillespie gave a brief update on the developments that are taking place at the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.