
MINUTES
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
102 Starksville Avenue (Kinchafoonee Room)
Leesburg, Georgia 31763
December 1, 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
Ken Breedlove, City Engineering
Randy Casagrande, Albany Traffic Engineering Manager
Gerald Goosby, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
Brent Thomas, GDOT
Yvette Aehle, S.W. Georgia Regional Airport Director
Bob Takash, Albany Recreation Department
David Hamilton, Transit Deputy Director

ABSENT:

John Proctor, Albany Chief of Police
Phil Roberson, Albany Public Works Director
Larry Cook, Dougherty County Public Works Director
Don Cheek, Dougherty County Chief of Police
Orlando Rambo, Destiny Tours
Marco Trigueros, GDOT
Bill Bradley, Dougherty County Engineering Manager
Hubert Smigelski, Marine Corp Logistic Base

**NON-VOTING
MEMBERS**

PRESENT:

Shane Pridgen, GDOT
Dr. Charles Gillespie, Citizen's Transportation Chairman

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Commissioner Gloria Gaines
Todd Long, Georgia Department of Transportation
Bob Langstaff, Albany City Commissioner, Ward 5
Ginette Mills, Administrative Secretary, SR

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Teter called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 16, 2011)

There being no corrections or changes, a motion was made by Mr. Maples to approve the June 16, 2011 minutes. Ms. Aehle 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	yes
Dwain Cosby	absent
Bob Takash	yes
Larry Cook	absent
Bill Bradley	absent
Don Cheek	absent
Bob Alexander	yes
Gerald Goosby	yes
Jennifer Newton	yes
Marco Trigueros	absent
Brent Thomas	yes
Ken Breedlove	yes
Randy Cassagrande	yes
Orlando Rambo	absent
Hubert Smigelski	absent

TOPIC I (Transit Report)

Mr. Hamilton provided an update on the new transit buses. He reported that the first of six new transit buses arrived last month. The buses have a new color scheme, new technology, and they are much more “green” than the current buses. The new buses are expected to last beyond the 500,000-mile mark, and the City hopes to get 10 to 12 years out of the fleet.

TOPIC II (Project Status Update)

Mr. Thomas gave an update on the status of the SR 520/Clark Avenue from Turner Field Road to Cordele Road Project (#0002409), and addressed questions from the committee.

TOPIC III (East Doublegate Road Classification)

Mr. Gillespie expressed concern about the speeding on East Doublegate Road. He noted that residents in the area are very concerned about this issue, and would like to see it resolved before a fatal accident occurs in that neighborhood. Dr. Gillespie further commented that there were eight to ten houses for sale on the street, and the owners assured him that they were moving because of the speeding traffic. Residents in the area voiced their concerns during the Citizens Committee Meeting, and everyone agreed that speed bumps would help control some of the speeding. Members asked Commissioner Langstaff to request that the road be reclassified from a collector street to a local residential street.

Mr. Langstaff commented on the issue, and noted that there has always been a combination of speeding and congestion in that area. Mr. Langstaff stated that he would like to know the cons of reclassifying the road from a collector street to a local residential street before asking the City Commission to adopt a resolution to change the classification of the street. Mr. Duffy addressed his concerns, and Mr. Maples provided information on the process of road reclassification. Mr. Taylor stated that this is certainly a problem worth addressing, but finding a solution could be very complicated. He requested that the committee take a look at the issue, and develop a couple of plans to present to the community for input.

TOPIC IV (Transportation Investment Act Update)

Ms. Teter noted that Mr. Long would discuss this topic in detail during the Darts Committee Meeting.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Aehle provided an update on the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport. She reported that they are in the stage of gathering information for making the site an international terminal. She discussed the advantages of becoming an international terminal, and noted that there are only two other international terminals in the state of Georgia; Savannah and Atlanta. Ms. Aehle commented that the terminal would have a positive impact on the community, and eventually become an economic boom for the city.

Commissioner Langstaff asked whether there was a cost savings associated with the Broad Avenue Bridge. A discussion was held on the topic, and it was determined that there is no real savings.

A brief discussion was held on The Transportation Investment Act and the accountability of funds. Due to time constraints, Ms. Teter announced that the discussion would be continued at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.