
MINUTES
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Central Square Complex, 240 Pine Avenue, Room 380
Albany, Georgia 31702
June 21, 2012

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Mary Teter, Interim Planning & Development Services Director
Bob Alexander, Lee County Director of Planning & Engineering
Bill Bradley, Dougherty County Engineering Manager
Ken Breedlove, City Engineering
Fred Broome, GDOT Planning (voting for Hubert Smigelski)
Randy Casagrande, Albany Traffic Engineering Manager
Don Cheek, Dougherty County Chief of Police
Larry Cook, Dougherty County Public Works Director
Gerald Goosby, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
Tennasha Green-Gresham, Transit Planner
David Hamilton, Transit Deputy Director
Krystal Harris, Georgia Department of Transportation
Bruce Maples, Engineering Director
Jennifer Newton, Transportation Planner
Orlando Rambo, Destiny Tours
Brent Thomas, Georgia Department of Transportation

ABSENT:

Yvette Aehle, S.W. Georgia Regional Airport Director
John Proctor, Albany Chief of Police
Phil Roberson, Albany Public Works Director
Hubert Smigelski, Marine Corp Logistic Base
Bob Takash, Albany Recreation Department

**NON-VOTING
MEMBERS**

PRESENT:

Dave Cox, GDOT Planning (in absence of Cynthia VanDyke)
Olivia Lewis, U. S. Department of Transportation, FHWA
Shane Pridgen, GDOT

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Caitlyn Cooper, Regional Director, Connect Georgia
Ed Duffy, Lee County Commissioner
Dinorah Hall, Citizens Committee Member
Tony Massey, Lee County Administrator
Jason McCoy, Citizens Committee Member
Ginette Mills, Administrative Secretary, SR

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Teter called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 19, 2012)

There being no corrections or changes, a motion was made by Mr. Cook to approve the April 19, 2012 minutes. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with the following votes:

Yvette Aehle	absent	Krystal Harris	yes
Bob Alexander	yes	Bruce Maples	yes
Bill Bradley	yes	Jennifer Newton	yes
Ken Breedlove	yes	John Proctor	absent
Fred Broome	yes (voting for Hubert Smigelski)	Orlando Rambo	yes
Randy Casagrande	yes	Phil Roberson	absent
Don Cheek	yes	Hubert Smigelski	absent
Larry Cook	yes	Bob Takash	absent
Gerald Goosby	yes	Mary Teter	yes
Tennasha Green-Gresham	yes	Brent Thomas	yes
David Hamilton	yes		

FY 2013-2016 TIP

Ms. Newton reviewed several projects in the FY 2013-2016 TIP, and opened the floor for discussion.

There being no discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Alexander to recommend that the FY 2013-2016 TIP be forwarded to the DARTS Policy Committee for approval. Mr. Casagrande seconded the motion, and the FY 2013-2016 TIP was recommended for approval with the following votes:

Yvette Aehle	absent	Krystal Harris	yes
Bob Alexander	yes	Bruce Maples	yes
Bill Bradley	yes	Jennifer Newton	yes
Ken Breedlove	yes	John Proctor	absent
Fred Broome	yes (voting for Hubert Smigelski)	Orlando Rambo	yes
Randy Casagrande	yes	Phil Roberson	absent
Don Cheek	yes	Hubert Smigelski	absent
Larry Cook	yes	Bob Takash	absent
Gerald Goosby	yes	Mary Teter	yes
Tennasha Green-Gresham	yes	Brent Thomas	yes
David Hamilton	yes		

TRANSIT REPORT

Mr. Hamilton reported that due to budget constraints, the Albany Transit System has decided to eliminate the Sunday services effective July 1, 2012. They have moved forward with the design phase of the multimodal project, and an official vote should take place next week. Mr. Hamilton also introduced the new Transit Planner, Tennasha Green-Gresham.

Mr. Rambo commented that several citizens have approached him regarding the elimination of Sunday transit services. He requested an effective way to communicate the concerns of the citizens, and Mr. Hamilton replied that he would be the point of contact for any concerns regarding this issue.

TOPICS REPORT

Mr. Casagrande reported that there has been some movement on the Roosevelt and Jefferson construction project, which consists of widening Roosevelt Avenue as it approaches Jefferson Street. He noted that gates, lights, and bells will be installed at the site. Oxford Construction Company received the bid, and the project completion date is December 31, 2012.

EAST DOUBLEGATE STUDY UPDATE

Mr. Casagrande reported that they have received four quotes, ranging from \$17,000 to \$45,000, on the East Doublegate/Weymouth proposal. One quote is within the budget parameter, and they are in the process of reviewing the references. The responses have been good, and they anticipate moving forward with the study very soon. The study will consist of speed studies, traffic counts, and the possibility of reclassifying East Doublegate from a collector street to a local residential street.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT ACT UPDATE

Caitlyn Cooper, Regional Director at Georgia Connect, commented on her efforts to get the facts out about TSPLOST. She has travelled across the state of Georgia advocating the passage of the referendum. The floor was opened for discussion, and then turned over to Mr. Alexander for a review of the projects in this area.

Mr. Alexander pointed out that the DARTS area, which includes all of Dougherty County and two-thirds of Lee County, has \$172 million dollars worth of projects. This amount includes the 25% discretionary funds, which go back to the local government. He gave a detailed review of several projects in the plan, and he discussed the impact that they will have on the region. He also reviewed labor statistics for the metropolitan area of Albany, which includes Dougherty, Lee, Terrell, Worth and Baker counties. He commented that 7,000 jobs have been lost over the past four years, and that some type of stimulus needs to be developed to bring those jobs back. He noted that passing the TSPLOST referendum would create 8,500 jobs, and it would also address recent criticism regarding minority participation. He further noted that 55% of the federal funds coming into this area would require federal participation from minority businesses.

Mr. Goosby stated that they have conducted numerous meetings all across the region in an effort to educate citizens about TSPLOST. Several meetings have been scheduled in the local area over the next few weeks, and community outreach will continue until the election.

DISCUSSION

There was no general business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.