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**MINUTES**  
**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
Central Square Complex, 240 Pine Avenue, Room 380  
Albany, Georgia 31702  
**September 20, 2012**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Mary Teter, Interim Planning & Development Services Director  
Yvette Ahle, S.W. Georgia Regional Airport Director  
Bob Alexander, Lee County Director of Planning & Engineering  
Ken Breedlove, City Engineering  
Randy Casagrande, Albany Traffic Engineering Manager  
Don Cheek, Dougherty County Chief of Police  
Gerald Goosby, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission  
Bruce Maples, Engineering Director  
Jennifer Newton, Transportation Planner  
John Proctor, Albany Chief of Police  
Bob Takash, Albany Recreation Department  
Brent Thomas, Georgia Department of Transportation

**ABSENT:**

Bill Bradley, Dougherty County Engineering Manager  
Larry Cook, Dougherty County Public Works Director  
David Hamilton, Albany Transit System Director  
Orlando Rambo, Destiny Tours  
Phil Roberson, Albany Public Works Director  
Hubert Smigelski, Marine Corp Logistic Base  
Lesa Walker, GDOT

**NON-VOTING**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Dave Cox, GDOT Planning (in absence of Cynthia VanDyke)  
Shane Pridgen, GDOT  
Dr. Charles Gillespie, Citizens' Advisory Committee Representative

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:**

David Anderson, Marine Corp Logistic Base  
Reginald Brown, Albany Police Department  
Ed Duffy, Lee County Commissioner  
Tennasha Green-Gresham, Transit Planner  
Dinorah Hall, Citizens Committee Member  
Nancy Hilliard, Marine Corp Logistic Base  
Olivia Lewis, U. S. Department of Transportation, FHWA  
Tony Massey, Lee County Administrator  
Jason McCoy, Citizens Committee Member  
Ginette Mills, Administrative Secretary, SR  
Ryan Walker, GDOT

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 21, 2012)**

There being no corrections or changes, a motion was made by Mr. Maples to approve the June 21, 2012 minutes. Ms. Aehle seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with the following votes:

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

## **TSPLOST UPDATE**

Mr. Goosby reported that the TSPLOST referendum did not pass in the Southwest Georgia region, and the referendum will not be considered again due to poll results. It was noted that only three regions throughout the entire state passed the legislation. Mr. Goosby thanked everyone involved with setting up the project lists, and those that helped get the facts out to citizens so that they could make an informed decision. He commented that although their efforts fell short, hopefully they will be able to find other ways to generate the revenue needed for a lot of the transportation related projects in the Southwest Georgia region.

## **TRANSIT REPORT**

Ms. Gresham reported that the Transit Department held several public meetings last month to introduce route proposals to the community. She noted that all routes are currently being evaluated to determine additional ways to operate more efficiently. In addition, extensive research and a lot of public outreach are being conducted to improve services for the local community. Transit is also reviewing the Meredyth Drive area to determine whether a route needs to be added to that section of the city. Ms. Teter asked if there is still a dedicated route for Walmart's Cordele Road location. Ms. Gresham replied that there is still a route for that area, but it is not a dedicated route.

## **VICE CHAIRPERSON ELECTION**

Mr. Maples made a motion to nominate Mr. Alexander as the Vice Chairperson of the Technical Coordinating Committee. Ms. Aehle seconded the motion, and the nomination was unanimously approved with the following votes:

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

## **EAST DOUBLEGATE STUDY UPDATE**

Vamshi Mudumba and Dustin O'Quinn, LAI Engineering, were present to review the results of the East Doublegate/Weymouth Drive Traffic Study. Mr. Mudumba used a PowerPoint presentation (on file) to discuss the reason for the investigation, the engineering study process, conclusions, and recommendations. Speed studies, traffic counts, crash data analysis, and findings were also discussed during the presentation. Excessive speeding and significant deer related crashes were identified in the study, but the study did not identify any significant commercial cut through traffic. Based on the traffic patterns and circulation, LAI Engineering concluded that East Doublegate Drive and Weymouth Drive should remain as an urban collector street. LAI Engineering made the following recommendations: increase enforcement, install temporary speed trailers, add deer crossing signs, and provide LED radar speed sign displays.

Dr. Gillespie commented on behalf of citizens that live in the area, and noted that most of the residents sold their homes because of excessive speeding in the neighborhood. He stated that residents are still concerned about the safety of their children, and getting in and out of their driveways. Dr. Gillespie pointed out that the reason residents are selling their homes is a major factor that was not mentioned in the study. He contends that this is a psychological component that needs to be considered through interviews, etc. Mr. O'Quinn replied that it is not their position to make assumptions because their studies are based on facts and things that are quantifiable.

## **DISCUSSION**

Mr. Cox introduced Bryan Walker as the new staff member in GDOT's Planning Department. Mr. Walker will replace Krystal Harris, and attend the TCC meetings moving forward.

Dr. Gillespie presented pictures of a safety hazard that he reported several weeks ago, and he noted that the issue has not been addressed yet. He stated that there needs to be a system in place to report simple safety hazards, and have them addressed immediately. He feels that members should not have to go through the lengthy process of reporting them to committees.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.