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**MINUTES**  
**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
Central Square Government Complex, 240 Pine Avenue, Suite 380  
Albany, Georgia 31702  
**April 18, 2013**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Paul Forgey, Chairman TCC, Director Planning & Development Services  
Bob Alexander, Vice-Chair, Lee County Director of Planning & Engineering  
Bill Bradley, Dougherty County Engineering Manager  
Ken Breedlove, City Engineering  
Jennifer Newton, Transportation Planner  
Tennasha Green-Gresham, Transit Planner, DARTS MPO  
Bob Takash, Albany Recreation Department  
Brent Thomas, Georgia Department of Transportation  
Pre-Construction Engineer, District 4  
Larry Cook, Dougherty County Public Works Director  
David Hamilton, Albany Transit System Director  
Orlando Rambo, Destiny Tours  
Jackie Battle, Dougherty County Chief of Police

**ABSENT:**

Yvette Ahle, S.W. Georgia Regional Airport Director  
Gerald Goosby, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission  
Bruce Maples, Engineering Director  
Vacant, Albany Traffic Engineer Manager  
Vacant, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission  
John Proctor, Albany Chief of Police  
Phil Roberson, Albany Public Works Director  
Hubert Smigelski, Marine Corp Logistic Base  
Ryan Walker, Georgia Department of Transportation's Office of Planning  
Transportation Planner, Atlanta

**NON-VOTING  
MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Olivia Lewis, U.S. Department of Transportation, FHWA  
Dave Cox, GDOT Planning (in absence of Cynthia VanDyke)  
Shane Pridgen, Georgia Department Transportation, District 4

**NON-VOTING  
MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:**

Mary Teter, Planning Manager  
Roy Tucker, Georgia Department Transportation  
Cynthia VanDyke, State Transportation Planning Administrator  
Sanford Hillsman, Albany Dougherty Planning Commission  
Dinorah Hall, Citizens Transportation Committee Chairman

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT:**

Vanessa Ross, Georgia Division Federal Highway Administration  
Paul Posey, Georgia Department of Transportation  
Gloria Thompson, Administrative Assistant

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Alexander called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in the immediate absence of Paul Forgey.

Ms. Newton introduced Gloria Thompson, Administrative Assistant, who will be recording the minutes and asked that the members identify themselves when making motions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (December 6, 2012)

Mr. Takash had a question concerning the Forrester Parkway Study. He asked if there was a recommended alignment. Mr. Alexander stated it was a recommended general alignment until we get into talking with individual property owners and get their review. Since that time there have been different variations, but basically the general alignment is to come across Glendale and hook-up with Hickory Grove on US 19.

There being no corrections or changes, a motion was made by Mr. Cook to approve the December 6, 2012 minutes. Mr. Breedlove seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with the following votes:

Bob Alexander	yes	Paul Forgey	absent
Bill Bradley	yes	Yvette Aehle	absent
Ken Breedlove	yes	Gerald Goolsby	absent
Jennifer Newton	yes	Bruce Maples	absent
Tennasha Gresham	yes	John Proctor	absent
Bob Takash	yes	Phil Roberson	absent
Brent Thomas	yes	Hugh Smigelski	absent
Larry Cook	yes	Ryan Walker	absent
David Hamilton	yes		
Orlando Rambo	yes		
Jackie Battle	yes		

**TOPIC I – FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program**

Ms. Newton pointed out the following items in the UPWP:

- page 9, a meeting schedule for the year;
- page 22 Planning grant in the amount of \$172,066.21 (80/20 split) and for transit side, \$145,855.79 (80/10/10 split). (Noting the difference from last year is mostly money in the long range plan category, as this is the year to start the basic 5 year long range plan.)

Mr. Alexander said this is the time to ask for the Corridor Study. In response Mr. Breedlove stated Old Dawson Road/Tallassee Road has a lot of area in county undeveloped and there is a number of traffic issue in the Pointe North area and it might be time to do a Corridor Study for Old Dawson Road.

Mr. Alexander gave a brief history on Old Dawson Road, noting when the Liberty by-pass was planned in the 60's, the original plan was to go from East Albany to Blalock, to Jefferson, to Slappey, to Dawson Road, and to Gillionville Road. However, the county had so much residential growth there was no way to get the by-pass extended and the east/west traffic had to be on Old Dawson Road. Mr. Alexander remarked that a good plan would have a road in place before development occurs.

Mr. Breedlove stated a study could make recommendations on road size and development so that funding could be used more efficiently.

A discussion followed.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker to approve the FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Cook seconded the motion, and motion passed with the following votes:

Bob Alexander	yes	Paul Forgey	absent
Bill Bradley	yes	Yvette Aehle	absent
Ken Breedlove	yes	Gerald Goolsby	absent
Jennifer Newton	yes	Bruce Maples	absent
Tennasha Gresham	yes	John Proctor	absent
Bob Takash	yes	Phil Roberson	absent
Brent Thomas	yes	Hugh Smigelski	absent
Larry Cook	yes	Ryan Walker	absent
David Hamilton	yes		
Orlando Rambo	yes		
Jackie Battle	yes		

## TOPIC II – Transit Report

Ms. Gresham reported on the following:

- a public meeting was held to make adjustments to current routes and add an additional route or two; one being the Pointe North/Meredyth Drive area; and relieving an existing route
- bringing shelters into ADA compliance

## TOPIC III – Discussion

Ms. Newton stated Denorah Hall, Chairperson Citizens Transportation Committee could not be present, but wanted to propose an idea to adopt a natural bike path project. Mitch Mercer spoke to the CTC about a natural bike path, along the Flint River from Oglethorpe to Wells Avenue. They understand funding will have to be corporate and INBA certified – cost of construction of a trail. The CTC would like permission to get numbers and information together and bring back to TCC to see if it is feasible and possibly go on to Policy Committee. It is all off road, no concrete, no bridges, but it has to be built by certified people.

A discussion was held concerning being located in Greenspace area (no land acquisition). Mr. Alexander suggested discussing with city manager, since it is all in the city and possibly bringing in the recreation department to discuss funding. He added it would be worthwhile to have a presentation.

## ADJOURNMENT

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