
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.