
MINUTES
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Bindery @ Oakland, 445 W. Oakland Parkway
Leesburg, Georgia 31763

December 5, 2013

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Paul Forgey, Chairman TCC, Director Planning & Development Services
Ken Breedlove, City Engineering
Larry Cook, Dougherty County Public Works Director
Jennifer Newton, Transportation Planner
Steve O'Neil, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
Shane Pridgen, Georgia Department Transportation, District 4
(Representing Brent Thomas, Georgia Department of Transportation
Pre-Construction Engineer, District 4)
Ron Rabun, Lee County Administrator
Bob Takash, Albany Recreation Department
Cpt. Eddie Jones (Representing John Proctor, Albany Chief of Police)

ABSENT:

Yvette Aehle, S.W. Georgia Regional Airport Director
Jackie Battle, Dougherty County Chief of Police
Bill Bradley, Dougherty County Engineering Manager
William Eastin, Georgia Department of Transportation's Office of Planning
Transportation Planner, Atlanta
Tennasha Green-Gresham, Transit Planner, DARTS MPO
David Hamilton, Albany Transit Director
Bruce Maples, Vice-Chairman, City Engineering Director
Robert McDaniel, Southwest Georgia Regional Commission
Orlando Rambo, Destiny Tours
Phil Roberson, Albany Public Works Director
Hubert Smigelski, Marine Corp Logistic Base
Vacant, Albany Traffic Engineer Manager
Ryan Walker, Georgia Department of Transportation's Office of Planning
Transportation Planner, Atlanta

**NON-VOTING
MEMBERS**

PRESENT:

Bob Alexander, Leesburg City Manager

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ABSENT:

Dave Cox, Georgia Department Transportation, West GA Branch Chief
Sanford Hillsman, Albany Dougherty Planning Commission
Lee Johnston, Citizens' Advisory Committee Representative
Olivia Lewis, U.S. Department of Transportation, FHWA
Mary Teter, Planning Manager
Roy Tucker, Georgia Department Transportation
Office of Intermodal Programs, Atlanta

OTHERS

PRESENT:

Gloria Thompson, Administrative Assistant
Drew Murray, Planner I

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Forgey called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Mr. Forgey moved the approval of the minutes to the end of the agenda for lack of quorum.

TOPIC I – Proposed Bike Trail

Ms. Lynn Pflapsen, representative of the Mountain Bikers, presented a power point slide show and a map of the existing trail (on file); noting they are building use trails behind the civic center that are a safe place families to ride bikes with their kids; anybody can use it. Ms. Pflapsen stated IMBA is a nationwide powerful voice for all trails and they build sustainable trails that last. She informed the group IMBA will be in Albany February and will teach a class on how to build trails. Ms. Pflapsen pointed out the group needs tools donated and that is something the group has to supply.

Ms. Pflapsen responded to questions.

TOPIC II – Transit Report

No report

TOPIC III – Engineering Report

Mr. Breedlove asked if DOT still moving with the Westover extension; and noted the railroad at Jefferson project will be put off until after the New Year.

TOPIC IV – Airport Report

Ms. Newton read the following report in the absence of Ms. Ahele (memo on file): The City Commission approved the third and final phase of construction to complete the terminal complex improvements. The contract was awarded to Reeves Construction and they will begin construction in January or February. The project duration is expected to be 9 months and includes the following elements: expansion of the aircraft ramp behind the new terminal to accommodate larger aircraft; demolition of the old terminal building; creation of a rental car return lot and a short-term parking lot; and re-surfacing of the two existing parking lots.

TOPIC V – Transportation Enhancement Study for Lee County and Leesburg

Ken Rickett of Ellis, Rickett and Associates was present to give a report on the Enhancement Study (downtown area and traffic flow). He gave a brief overview of the areas that were studied, ways to improve parking and traffic flow around the courthouse, various proposals, and several recommendations for future development: landscape improvement lease and creation of a downtown retail – “neighborhood shopping area. He also discussed ways to improve the downtown view in front of the courthouse. Mr. Rickett addressed questions regarding the railroad and parking improvements.

Mr. Alexander discussed funding on the train depot project.

A discussion was held concerning location of a parking deck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 19, 2013)

A motion was made by Mr. Breedlove to approve the September 19, 2013 minutes as written. Mr. Cook seconded the motion, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

TOPIC VI – Discussion

Mr. Forgey stated Mr. Alexander has asked that Leesburg become a member of DARTS organization, currently it is Dougherty, Albany and Lee County. The metro area includes Leesburg, but is not a participating member. He related to Ms. Newton that this should go to the Policy Committee to change the by-laws.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.