
MINUTES
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
April 16, 2008

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Howard Brown, Planning & Development Director
Alfred Lott, City Manager
Richard Crowdis, Dougherty County Administrator
Alan Ours, Lee County Administrator
Dr. Charles Gillespie, Citizen's Transportation Chairman
Bob Takash, Albany Recreation Department
David Hamilton, Transportation Planner
Bob Alexander, Lee County Director of Planning & Engineering
Brent Thomas, Georgia Department Of Transportation, Dist. 4
Walter House, City Engineering

**NON-VOTING
MEMBERS**

PRESENT:

Shane Prigden, GDOT
Carlos Gonzales, FHWA
Charlie Poole, APD
Ken Breedlove, City Engineering
Casey Moore, Lee County
Jennifer Newton, Administrative Secretary, SR

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 9: 05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Gillespie to approve the amended December 4, 2008 minutes. Mr. Crowdis seconded the motion, and the amended minutes were approved with the following votes:

Howard Brown	yes
Richard Crowdis	yes
Alfred Lott	yes
Alan Ours	yes
Bob Alexander	yes
James Younger	absent
Phil Roberson	absent
David Hamilton	yes
Bruce Maples	absent
Walter House	yes
Yvette Aehle	absent
Nedra Woodyatt	absent
Bob Takash	yes
Larry Cook	absent
Don Cheek	absent
Bryan Barnett	absent

Radney Simpson	absent
Robert Hughes	absent
Joe Sheffield	absent
Brent Thomas	yes
Morris Leverett	absent
Charles Gillespie	yes

TOPIC I

Mr. Hamilton stated that the TCC should make a recommendation to the DARTS Policy Committee to approve the FY10 UPWP. The document has been modified after making many changes from recommendations and comments from GDOT, FHWA, and members of the transportation committees. Mr. Hamilton will make a change on page seven of the document to correct the title of Ed Duffy. On page 22, he reviewed the budget for the 2010 fiscal year

A motion was made by Dr. Gillespie to recommend approval of the FY10 UPWP to the DARTS Policy Committee. Mr. Lott seconded the motion, and the FY10 UPWP was approved with the following votes:

Howard Brown	yes
Richard Crowdis	yes
Alfred Lott	yes
Alan Ours	yes
Bob Alexander	yes
James Younger	absent
Phil Roberson	absent
David Hamilton	yes
Bruce Maples	absent
Walter House	yes
Yvette Aehle	absent
Nedra Woodyatt	absent
Bob Takash	yes
Larry Cook	absent
Don Cheek	absent
Bryan Barnett	absent
Radney Simpson	absent
Robert Hughes	absent
Joe Sheffield	absent
Brent Thomas	yes
Morris Leverett	absent
Charles Gillespie	yes

TOPIC II & III

Mr. Hamilton stated that the TIP amendments were required by GDOT in order to receive stimulus funding for projects.

A motion was made by Dr. Gillespie to recommend approval of the TIP Amendments and recommend approval of the Federal-Aid Highway Resolution to the DARTS Policy Committee. Mr. Lott seconded the motion, and the TIP Amendments and Federal-Aid Highway Resolution were approved with the following votes:

Howard Brown	yes
Richard Crowdis	yes
Alfred Lott	yes
Alan Ours	yes
Bob Alexander	yes
James Younger	absent
Phil Roberson	absent
David Hamilton	yes
Bruce Maples	absent
Walter House	yes
Yvette Aehle	absent
Nedra Woodyatt	absent
Bob Takash	yes
Larry Cook	absent
Don Cheek	absent
Bryan Barnett	absent
Radney Simpson	absent
Robert Hughes	absent
Joe Sheffield	absent
Brent Thomas	yes
Morris Leverett	absent
Charles Gillespie	yes

TOPIC IV

Mr. Hamilton informed the committee that MPO by-laws were going to be provided to them for review and comments. They would then need to be approved by the DARTS Policy Committee.

TOPIC V

Mr. Alexander stated that GCA Inc., a traffic consultant out of Atlanta, is heading up the corridor study on US19 and US82. A stakeholders group has been formed. A workshop has been conducted. GDOT also did a study along US82 concerning driveways and safety issues. They are anticipating a draft report that will include recommendations for specific land use, transportation and traffic management along those two corridors. The draft report should be done by the end of the month.

TOPIC VI

Mr. Alexander noted that the population of Leesburg is 3,000 but when school is in session, the population jumps to 10,000. There is a congestion problem at the intersection of US19, St. Rt. 32, St. Rt. 195, and Fourth Street. Many solutions have been considered. The one that seems to work the best includes adding a dual left turn lane and stopping the west bound movement on Fourth Street. This concept has been approved by the City Council of Leesburg and Lee County. They are in the process of submitting this to GDOT.

TOPIC VII

Mr. Breedlove gave the Topics Report and noted that DOT was in the design stage for lock gates and bells at Jefferson and Roosevelt. There is a public hearing about that in the Candy Room, May 21st from five to seven.

TOPIC VIII

Mr. Gonzales reviewed the distribution of highway infrastructure investment funds pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. He added that a portion of the funds should be spent or obligated by June 30th. If it is not spent, it will go back into the pot and the subsequent deadline is March 2, 2010 for the second round of funding to be spent. The entire funding should be spent by September 30, 2015. He also noted that GDOT's Stimulus Implementation Team includes representatives from FHWA, FTA, ARC, OPB, and GRTA. The team recommends allocation of funds among the following categories: safety, bridges, new capacity, maintenance, and enhancement. Following approval of category funding levels: "scrub" local project list to document readiness and prioritizing STIP "shovel ready" eligible projects. Project selections based on proposed criteria, time of delivery, federal eligibility and available funding.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.