

Policy Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 21, 2021

PRESENT:

Bo Dorough, **Chair**
Sharon Subadan
Christopher Cohilas
Rozanne Braswell

Billy Mathis
Bob Alexander
Van Mason
Ann Marie Day
Tom Caiafa
Jacqueline Williams

Michael McCoy

Mayor, City of Albany
Albany City Manager
Dougherty County Commission
Lee County Director of Planning &
Engineering
Lee County Commission
Leesburg City Manager
GDOT District Engineer, District 4
U. S. Department of Transportation FHWA
GDOT, Brach Chief
GDOT Office of Planning, Transportation,
Atlanta
Dougherty County Administrator

ABSENT:

Radney Simpson
Billy Breeden, **Vice-Chair**

GDOT Office of Planning
Mayor, City of Leesburg

STAFF PRESENT:

Paul Forgey
Kerrie Davis
David Hamilton
Tanner Anderson
Gwendolyn McDaniel

Director, Planning and Development
Transportation Planner III
Transportation Director
Planner I
Transit Planner

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dorough called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

REVIEW OF MINUTES (September 17, 2020)

Chris Cohilas moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Sharon Subadan, the motion carried.

TOPIC I

Transportation Update

Kerrie Davis

Metropolitan Planning 101 – UPWP

Transportation Planner Kerrie Davis explained that the Unified Planning Work Program or the UPWP is an annual budget for priorities funded by Federal Highway through the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Unified Planning Work Program Update (*Action Needed*)

The following priorities were reviewed:

FY 2021 Priorities: Freight profile, bicycle and pedestrian plan update, staff position(filled), implementation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan or MTP, and safety campaign

Kerrie stated that we'd filled the staff position, and we are in the process of implementing the Metropolitan Transportation plan. She also mentioned that the CTC discussed partnering with the Albany Police Department on our safety campaign. And we're going to reach out to the other police and sheriff's department within our jurisdiction to implement a robust safety campaign; one of the main priorities is public service announcements regarding distracted driving, DUI's and pedestrian and bicycle safety.

FY 22 Priorities:

Kerrie stated that the CTC and PC submitted the following comments: a review of bylaws, website update, a safety outreach program, the Oglethorpe Corridor, and a lighting study for the bypass. In essence, these are recommendations we would like to see for FY 2022.

FY 22 UPWP Budget:

Kerrie informed the committee that there is a Federal allocation of \$150,791.13 (80%) and a local match of \$37,697.80 for a total of \$188, 488.93 to utilize for FY 22.

The UPWP budget covers the following tasks:

- Operation and Administration
- Public Involvement (Community and Outreach & Participation Plan)
- Data Collection (Socio-economic data/EJ analysis, Land use monitoring, intermodal, bike/pedestrian, GIS development and applications)
- System Planning (Highway Freight Planning, Special studies)
- Transit Specifics (Short Range Transportation/Long Range Transportation Planning)

Chris Cohilas offered a motion to forward the UPWP draft to Federal Highway, GDOT, and the public for review; seconded by Sharon Subadan, the motion carried unanimously.

Comment-Safety Campaign: Expand the safety campaign to include speeding in residential neighborhoods.

Special called meeting on February 25, 2021.

Annual Safety Targets (*Action Needed*)

Kerrie noted that the following report is a rolling 5-year average.

For the calendar year 21 – There were 1,715 fatalities, 6407 serious injuries, and the fatality rate is at 1.23, serious injury rate 4.42, and non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries 6,186.5

Michael McCoy offered a motion to adopt the state's targets for 2021; seconded by Chris Cohilas, the motion carried unanimously.

PL Fund Request (*Action Needed*)

Followed by a brief discussion regarding the need for additional funds to complete the Bike and Pedestrian study and the freight profile.

Chris Cohilas offered a motion to approve the request to go before the PL Fund Committee to request an additional \$200,000.00 (total includes 20% required match) to update the Bicycle and Pedestrian Study Freight Profile; seconded by Michael McCoy, the motion carried unanimously.

PI # 00008384 – Signal Project

Kerrie informed the committee that the Downtown signal project is currently moving forward. She also stated that we would establish a team to review the signal project and forward the consensus to the City Commission.

TAP Project – Downtown Streetscapes

Kerrie informed the committee that Wood Environmental had been chosen as the TAP Project consultant.

TOPIC II Transit Update

Gwendolyn McDaniel

Gwendolyn informed the committee that Transit is currently waiting on approval of the procurement documents submitted to GDOT. Upon approval, Transit will move forward with offering the contract for bids.

TOPIC III Engineering Report

Kerrie reported on behalf of:

Ken Breedlove – City Engineering

- Street and alley paving projects are underway
- Gillionville/Westover, Oakridge, and Westover - ongoing safety projects near completion

- safety projects out for bid
- sidewalk projects underway on Magnolia, East Broad, and Old Dawson Road
- five traffic signal updates are underway on Roosevelt
- Oglethorpe bridge project is moving along

Jeremy Brown – County Engineering

- 2020 LMIG resurfacing and reclamation projects are moving forward
- 2021 LMIG submitted - 20 miles of resurfacing listed
- The Trailhead at Radium Springs completed
- working on the linkages from the Trailhead that will create a loop around the old golf course – project going out for bid
- received funding for the Stone Bridge repair
- three phases of alley paving's underway

Rozanne Braswell – Lee County

- currently paving Flowing Well Rd
- Resurfacing projects underway for Airport Rd, Richardson Rd, Palmyra subdivision, and Glendale subdivisions

Bob Alexander -No report

TOPIC IV**Airport Report**

David Hamilton

Mr. Hamilton introduced Mr. Shaun Cookson as the new SWGA Regional Airport Superintendent of Operations.

TOPIC V**Discussion**

Kerrie informed the committee that Management and Budget's office is considering changing the MPO threshold from 50, 000.00 to 100,000.00.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM.

Minutes submitted by:

Denise Clark

Administrative Assistant

Planning and Development Services