

Citizens' Transportation Committee Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 9:00 A.M.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Larry McClain
Jackie Williams
Ann Marie Day
Surendra Pandey
Peter Ngwafu
Tyler Harris
Bruce Capps
Thomas Caiafa
Sonja Johnson

ABSENT: Diane Slomka
Lee Johnston
Henry Allen Braggs
Billy Merritt

STAFF: David Hamilton, Transportation Director
Gwendolyn McDaniel, Transportation Planner
Kerrie Davis, Transportation Planner III
Tanner Anderson, Transportation Planner I
Denise Clark, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS:

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Harris called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (June 17, 2020)

Surendra Pandey offered a motion to accept the minutes of June 17, 2020, as submitted; seconded by David Hamilton the motion carried unanimously.

TOPIC I

Election of Chair

The chair opened the floor for nominations.

Bruce Capps offered a motion to elect Surendra Pandey as the newly elected Chair of the CTC; seconded by Peter Ngwafu the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further elections, nominations were closed.

TOPIC II

Transportation Update

Kerrie Davis

MPO 101 –

Unified Planning Work Program 2022

Kerrie stated that staff will review the current DARTS MTP to ensure that the CTC is following all of the documents.

MPO 101 – Unified Planning Work Program 2022

UPWP – Unified Planning Work Program

The annual allocation of the planning dollars received from Federal Highway to identify planning priorities and activities.

Kerrie stated that the committee will focus on the goals and priorities for the FY22 UPWP.

Upcoming FY 2021 goals:

- Implementation of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan

FY 2022

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update
- Hiring one staff person – Done
- Safety Campaign – Pedestrian accidents and Safety
- Flight profile
- Call for project – Committee, and Community

Participation Plan Update

Surendra Pandey offered a motion to forward the Participation Plan with the necessary updates to the Technical Committee; seconded by Bruce Capps the motion carried unanimously.

Follow up:

- Standing agenda item on the Technical Committee to discuss what happens in the CTC meetings and review bylaws.
- Review plans on pages 5, 6, and 7 regarding the Committee hierarchy and meeting structure.
- DARTS web page – Updates are in the process

Functional Classification Change

Request – Mr. Kevin Vamper

Kerrie gave a brief overview of the functional classification change for 102 Flint Ave., submitted by Kevin Vamper.

She informed the committee that 102 Flint Ave is currently listed as a local road and backs up to a residential area.

Traffic counts were submitted to justify classification changes, hence did meet the travel volume for reclassification.

Followed by a discussion.

Mr. Vamper was present to represent the reclassification request.

The request must be reviewed by the MPO committees before forwarding to GDOT.

No recommendation is needed at this time.

Lee County

Kerrie stated that Lee County has submitted sixteen functional classification changes for roadways and systems in Lee County. There will be a presentation to GDOT concerning the classification changes.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Committee will receive a copy of the TIP. This program must be updated every four years to discuss funding for upcoming short- and long-term projects.

Downtown Signal Upgrade Project – 16 Signals

Updating 16 traffic signals in downtown Albany - bids will go out in September- project slated to begin in January 2021.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP Grant)

Working with GDOT - Bids have been received and awarded.

TOPIC III

Transit Update

David Hamilton

Albany Transportation Center update

David stated that the existing center has been demolished.
Approval from FTA on the Archeological report by Nov. 30th.
Design and Development plans were completed in June of 2020.

Future Estimated Projections:

- Submit plans to Planning and Development Services for review. Comments are due Oct. 30th
- Issue a bid for construction on Nov. 9th - day opens on Dec. 4th.
- Award a construction contract on Jan. 8, 2021
- Issue a notice to proceed by Jan 11, 2021
- Project completion of Jan-2020

Followed by a discussion regarding:

Cameras have been installed
safety officers are on site
coordinated with the Civic Center staff to have the rear lights turned on.
Albany Utilities will research additional lighting.
Gazebos have been provided for inclement weather

Thomas Caiafa left the meeting at 9:49 AM.
David Hamilton left the meeting at 9:50 AM.
Ann Marie Day left the meeting at 9:50 AM.

Transit Development Plan (TDP)

Gwendolyn McDaniel

Extensive financial and operational data collection effort is complete

- Existing Conditions Report is 85% complete and incorporates socioeconomic population and employment data from the DARTS 2045 MTP
- Public and Stakeholder Engagement process is underway with the first digital public workshop slated for early October.
 - o Will include strategies for both technology-based input and options for those with limited or no access
 - o Will include a 360 virtual public workshop platform where participants can engage with consultants and staff, view materials such as maps and presentations, and provide feedback via ArcGIS Pro mapping tools and surveys.
 - o Public survey is in draft format and will launch before the virtual public workshop
- Bus Stop Improvements Program is underway with focused data collection and analysis, peer system review, and coordination activities ongoing.
- BRT Corridor Identification element of the TDP is underway with data collection completed and preliminary corridors undergoing screening for appropriate characteristics needed to support enhanced transit.
- Project is currently on schedule for recommendations in January 2021

TOPIC IV

Discussion

Oglethorpe Bridge update:

Right of way acquisition in 2021

construction will begin in 2025

Bridge inspection report underway

An environmental study has been submitted

Corridor plan for Oglethorpe Blvd.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:19 AM.

Minutes submitted by,

Denise Clark

Administrative Assistant

Planning and Development Services