

Policy Committee Minutes

Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 10:00 A.M.
Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Christopher Cohilas
Bo Dorough
Sharon Subadan
Richard Bush
Rozanne Braswell

Chair, Dougherty County Commission
Mayor, City of Albany
Albany City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Leesburg
Lee County Director of Planning & Engineering
Assistant State Planning Administration, GDOT

ABSENT:

Russell McMurry
Van Mason
Michael McCoy
Billy Mathis
Bob Alexander
Don Gray
Barry Brooks

GDOT Commissioner
GDOT District Engineer, District 4
Dougherty County Administrator
Lee County Commission
Vice-Chair Leesburg City Manager
Facilities Maintenance Director
City of Albany, Assistant Manager

STAFF PRESENT:

Kerrie Davis
Paul Forgey
David Hamilton
Gwendolyn McDaniel
Tanner Anderson
Denise Clark

Transportation Planner, DARTS MPO
Planning and Development Director
Transportation Director
Transit Planner
Transportation Planner
Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Cohilas called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

REVIEW OF MINUTES (April 16, 2020)

Radney Simpson offered a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Seconded by Sharon Subadan, the motion carried unanimously.

TOPIC I

MPO 101 – Public Participation Plan

Kerrie Davis introduced Tanner Anderson as the new MPO Planner I. Kerrie stated that Tanner will be assisting with the DARTS MPO projects.

Tanner used a PowerPoint presentation to review modifications to the online engagement tools, virtual meeting procedures, and the MTP, TIP, and UPWP.

He highlighted additions to the General Public outreach efforts that will include Social Media platforms, Virtual meetings, and reformatting the DARTS webpage. (Powerpoint on file)

In conclusion, he noted that the revised plan will be forwarded to the Committee for their review. The plan will be available to the public for a 45-day review comment period.

Kerrie mentioned that public transportation buses will be utilized as a platform to inform the public of the 45-day comment period.

Kerrie advised the committee that the draft plan will be an action item on the September meeting agenda. (PowerPoint on file)

TOPIC II

Transportation Update

Kerrie Davis

Public Participation Plan Update

- Kerrie informed the committee that they will receive the second revised draft with GDOT and FHW comments for their review. She also stated that the document will be available to the public for a 45-day comment period. Kerrie also mentioned that there will be a virtual Public hearing in 30 days to elicit comments as well as comment cards on the DARTS website. We're also working with Transit to advertise on the buses. Advertising platforms are DARTS Facebook, Albany Herald, and the Southwest GA newspaper

Transportation Improvement Plan Update

- Kerrie stated that the 2021 -2024 Transportation improvement Plan will be presented for consideration during the September 2020 meeting.

I # 00008384 – Signal Project

- Kerrie informed the committee that the RFP is in progress and the Downtown signal project is set forth to be released for bids soon. The project will replace 16 signals.

TOPIC III

Transit Update

Gwendolyn McDaniel

Albany Transportation Center Update

Gwendolyn stated that the Albany Transportation Center will be relocating to the First T building behind the Civic Center by June 29th.

Note the Transportation Center timeline of completion.

- The demolition of the old transportation center will take place around mid-July 2020.
- The new transportation center has a projected timeline for completion during the first quarter of FY 2022.

TOPIC IV

Engineering Report

Engineering Report

Ken Breedlove – Kerrie Davis reported – City Engineering

- Phase II resurfacing project almost complete
- Phase III resurfacing project has been awarded to Oxford
- Thirteen alley paving projects will be presented before the Commission in July' 2020
- The downtown Connector trail -Completion of the traffic signals at the northeast corner of Jefferson and 4th Ave will offer connectivity from Thronateeska to North Monroe
- The Rails to Trails project has been out to bid – no decision has been made.
- Palmyra sidewalk project almost complete
- Connectivity from Pine Avenue on the southeast corner of Davis street almost complete
- GAP sidewalk projects almost complete
- Finished the hurricane project repairs almost complete
- Finished installing the rubber panels at the railroad crossing at West Gordon

Jeremy Brown – County Engineering- Kerrie Davis reported

- Radium Trailhead - phase 1 and phase II are underway – parking lot currently being graded out, the foundation will be poured soon
- Moving forward with the bid to connect the Trailhead with other concrete trails along the route leading to the golf course pond
- LMEG - Safety action plan project finished twenty miles of striping and RPMS
- Speed tables installed on Riverpoint Drive near the clubhouse
- Eight-mile railroad crossing project complete -
- 2020 LMEG resurfacing project is underway – currently working with TTL
- Alley paving bid documents in progress

Bob Alexander- Leesburg – Rosanne Braswell reported

- City and County joint GDOT TAP project underway will consist of State Route 3/US 19 and State Route 32 – near the courthouse

Rozanne Braswell - Lee County

- Currently in the working on T-SPLOST projects

- Paving project underway in the Canuga Subdivision

TOPIC V

Airport Report

David Hamilton

Terminal Design

- Terminal design has been presented to the Aviation Commission – 85 percent complete
- Quail Hunt theme inside the terminal
- Consist of taxiway and access way improvements on the North end of the terminal
- Storage hangers are being installed on the North end of the new terminal
- Future improvements on the South end of the airport

TOPIC VI

Discussion

Elections will be on the September agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Denise Clark

Administrative Assistant

Planning and Development Services