

DARTS Citizens' Transportation Committee Agenda

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 9:00 A.M.

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Citizens' Chair Bruce Capps called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

PRESENT

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| Charles "Bruce" Capps | (Citizens' Chair) City of Albany |
| Larry McClain | (Citizens' Vice-Chair) City of Albany |
| Glenn "Tyler" Harris | Dougherty County |
| Sonya Johnson | Leesburg |

ABSENT

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| Tommy Gregors | Dougherty County |
| Billy Merritt | City of Albany Planning Commission |
| Chris Phillips | Lee County |

STAFF PRESENT

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| Tanner Anderson | Planner II, City of Albany |
| Shaun Cookson | Superintendent of Operations, S.W. Georgia Regional Airport |
| Jessica Savage | Administrative Specialist, City of Albany |

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 15, 2021)

Motion to approve minutes as is by Larry McClain. Seconded and approved unanimously.

TOPIC I

Transportation Update

Tanner Anderson

MPO 101 – Unified Planning Work Program 2023:

Fiscal year budget needs to be completed and includes physical improvements to transportation system, non-infrastructure transportation services and programs, and integration of transportation and land-use. Numbers are not yet available but was told to proceed with activities by GDOT and to distribute for public review. Meeting planned for 3rd week of February.

Current FY23 activities include:

- 2050 MTP Kickoff is required by GDOT and the Federal Highway to be done every 5 years.
- Road Safety Plan is a GDOT pilot program which will start in Dougherty County and if successful will expand into Albany, Leesburg, and Lee County. Plan will increase funding on local roads for paving and signage.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update and Adoption began this fiscal year and will continue into the next. Rough draft to be distributed by beginning of FY23 for review. Adoption by September or a called meeting at the end of calendar year 2022.
- New Staffing is required for both the Transportation Planner II and Planner I position.

Proposed FY23 activities include:

- Street grid system evaluation and expansion of alley ways.

- Public private partnership between transit and Harlem Business District.
- Electrification policy study and roadmap for implementation. If funding is not available for the study, an Electrical Charging Station Map will be made available for the public.
- Bylaw Change to include more frequent meetings.

FY22 proposed activities included a review of bylaws, website update, safety outreach program, The Oglethorpe Corridor, and lighting study for the bypass.

Annual Safety Targets:

Distributed by GDOT. Goal is to stay at or below: Number of fatalities target is 1671. Number of serious injuries target is 8443. Fatality rate target is 1.21. Serious injury rate was 4.61. Total number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries target is 793.

2022 Freight Profile Update:

Metro Analytics selected as consultant. Advisory committee will consist of CTC, TCC, and Freight Stakeholders. Draft document by May 2022. Adoption in either June or September 2022.

2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan:

Accepted in December 2021. POND selected as consultant. Advisory committee will consist of DARTS committee members and stakeholders. Proposed 9-month work schedule. Adoption by September 2022.

Participation Plan Update: *(Recommendation Needed)*

Plan has been updated to comply with Transits Title VI, pages have been reformatted, and MTP/TIP has been clarified. MPO's partnership with Albany Transit System and English/Spanish ads in different media was also added. Enlargement of the CTC was removed due to not aligning with DARTS Bylaws.

Motion that the CTC is in agreement with the Participation Plan as written and recommends its adoption to the TCC and PC made by Tyler Harris. Seconded and approved unanimously.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP Grant):

Public outreach meeting held late July/early August. Concept team plans to meet January 2022. Environmental Assessment Phase I is waiting to be conducted.

PL Fund Request:

2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Request approval of Technical Coordinating Committee and Policy Committee to apply for \$150,000 funding (80/20 share). If approved, will go to Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations and hopefully go out for bid before the end of the fiscal year.

TOPIC II

Transit Update

Shawnasi Barron

Albany Transportation Center Update:

Presented by T. Anderson. Transportation Center is on schedule and projected completion date is Mid to Late October of 2022.

TOPIC III

Airport Update

Shaun Cookson

General Aviation Terminal:

New terminal will meet needs of general aviation community and fixed based operator operations.

Corporate Hanger:

New hanger increases corporate hangers from 2 to 6. Will allow for additional large corporate aircrafts to be considered based at ABY which increases tax base.

Current Progress:

Began late September 2021. Final permits are being issued. First concrete foundation pours started Jan 2022. Fuel truck parking area completed Dec 2021.

B. Capps expressed interest in having CTC members attending Airport Board meetings to make suggestions and for informational purposes. S. Cookson informed him that those meetings are open to the public. Additionally, B. Capps requested those meetings be published routinely. T. Anderson stated that he can distribute invitations to public meetings, as well as post them on the DARTS website.

TOPIC IV

Discussion

B. Capps discussed a memo he distributed. Suggested the CTC speak to the TCC and PC regarding electrification and its impact on our community. Suggested a database be discussed with the TCC and PC to further reach the public. Discussed the Oglethorpe Ave Bridge Project, the bridge's design for pedestrians and cyclists, and the usefulness of the design as it relates to Downtown Albany. Dr. S. Johnson stated that the committee needs to understand and agree with his concerns if he intends to address GDOT. In agreement, it was stated that he would compile and distribute documents relating to the project and the committee can discuss later.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 AM.

Submitted by: Jessica Savage
Approved by: Tanner Anderson