

**DARTS Policy Committee Agenda**  
Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.  
Virtual Meeting - Zoom

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Policy Chair Billy Mathis called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

**PRESENT**

Billy Mathis	(Policy Chair) Chairperson, Lee County Commission
Bo Dorrough	Mayor, City of Albany
Bob Alexander	City Manager, City of Leesburg
Steven Carter	City Manager, City of Albany
Scott Chambers	District 4 Engineer, GDOT
Tom Caiafa	Branch Chief, GDOT

**ABSENT**

Chris Cohilas	Chairperson, Dougherty County Commission
Michael McCoy	Dougherty County Administrator
Jannine Miller	Staff Representative, GDOT Office of Planning
Rozanne Braswell	Director of Planning & Engineering, Lee County
Billy Breeden	(Policy Vice-Chair) Mayor, City of Leesburg

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tanner Anderson	Planner II, City of Albany
Bob Alexander	Director, City of Leesburg Public Works
Jeremy Brown	Director, Dougherty County Engineering
Shaun Cookson	Superintendent of Operations, S.W. Georgia Regional Airport
Bruce Capps	Chairperson, Citizens' Transportation Committee
Radney Simpson	Staff Representative, GDOT Office of Planning
Jessica Savage	Administrative Specialist, Planning and Development

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (September 16, 2021)

Motion to approve minutes by Mayor Dorrough. Seconded and approved unanimously.

**TOPIC I**

Transportation Update

Tanner Anderson

**MPO 101 – Unified Planning Work Program 2023:** *(Action Needed)*

Interests includes physical improvements to transportation system, non-infrastructure transportation services and programs, and integration of transportation and land-use.

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

Current FY23 activities include:

- 2050 MTP Kickoff which is a long-range transportation plan for the next 20 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.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update and Adoption carryover from FY22 into FY23. Plans for

adoption by beginning of FY23.

- New Staffing to fill the Transportation Planner II and Planner I position.

CTC Proposed FY23 activities passed to TCC include:

- Street grid system evaluation and expansion of alley ways
- Public private partnership between transit and Harlem Business District which is underway according to Transit.
- Electrification policy study and roadmap for implementation. Discussion of an Electrical Charging Station Map to be made available for the public.
- Bylaw Change which was corrected by the TCC. Instead, a subcommittee will be used in the 2050 MTP to increase participation and will consist of TCC members.

Action needed in order to send rough draft for review.

Motion to approve Unified Planning Work Program Update by Mayor Dorough. Seconded and approved unanimously.

**Annual Safety Targets:** *(Action Needed)*

Distributed by GDOT to MPOs and is based on 5-year rolling average. 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.

Motion to approve Annual Safety Targets by Mayor Dorough. Seconded and approved unanimously.

**Participation Plan Update:** *(Action Needed)*

Plan has been updated to comply with Transits Title VI, state MPO's partnership with Albany Transit System, and include public outreach efforts to limited-English proficiency communities. Clarification of phrases and description of Planning documents, as well as reformatting of pages. Enlargement of the CTC was removed due to not aligning with DARTS Bylaws.

Motion to approve Participation Plan Update by Mayor Dorough. Seconded and approved unanimously.

**PL Fund Request:** *(Action Needed)*

2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Requesting approval to apply for \$150,000 funding - 80/20 share with \$120,000 towards the Federal Highway and \$30,000 towards local MPO. If approved, application will be submitted to Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO).

Motion to approve PL Fund Request by Mayor Dorough. Seconded and approved unanimously.

**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. Kickoff meeting by the end of January.

Mayor Dorough addressed Rails to Trails concern and the availability of funding. Questioned if MPO submitted a letter of support for the Rails to Trails project. T. Anderson stated that he would discuss composing letter of support with Technical Chair P. Forgey and submit letter with signatures of approval.

Motion that the committee submit a letter of support for the request for funding that has been submitted in the ongoing litigation by Mayor Dorough. Seconded and approved unanimously.

Additionally, City Manager S. Carter will provide documents concerning Rails to Trails to T. Anderson, which will be distributed to committee.

**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.

**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**

Engineering Update

**City of Albany – Ken Breedlove:** - Absent

**City of Leesburg - Bob Alexander:**

Moving forward with concept plan for TAP and Downtown area with projected submission to DOT within the next month. Additionally, there is a contract to put in sidewalks along US 19, State Route 32, and Firetower Rd.

**Dougherty County - Jeremy Brown:**

Completed 2020 LMIG resurfacing and full depth reclamation project. Currently preparing bid documents for 2021 LMIG and 2021 LMIG Safety Action Plan which will include sign repair on 8 arterial roads and resurfacing and striping of 26 miles of the County. Finalizing 2022 LMIG package to submitted GDOT by February 1, which includes resurfacing 22 miles of roads. Applying for 2024 Off-System Safety Project with GDOT which will provide for audible striping, centerline and edge striping for 8 Mile Rd and Lily Pond Rd. Wrapping up Spring Run Bridge

rehabilitation which will connect Phases 2 and 3 of Radium Area Multipurpose Trail Segments. Project went out for bid and will add 2.5 miles of walking trails to Flint River Trails Master Plan. Working on EDA Grant for funding of multipurpose trail to connect Albany State University with downtown and Radium Springs area.

**Lee County – Rozanne Braswell:**

Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to direct the awarded LMIG SAP Grant funds towards the investment of improving the safety of county road system. Projects include New York Rd, Stocks Dairy Rd, Lovers Ln, and Graves Springs Rd. Improvements include restriping, raised pavement markers, and updated signs with reflective post covers. These road projects are currently underway with a projected completion date of Mid-January. TSPLOST Funds in the resurfacing of the Glendale Subdivision and the Bronwood Rd. Pheasant Dr extension will begin in January and will intersect with Hailey Dr to alleviate traffic on HWY 33.

**TOPIC IV**

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.

**TOPIC IV**

Discussion

Mayor Dorough mentioned the Lighting Study and the lack of lighting at the intersection of the bypass and Oglethorpe Blvd. Also, suggested moving forward with the Electrification Plan due to having limited charging stations available. Further discussion ensued regarding the installation of charging stations.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Submitted by: Jessica Savage  
Approved by: Tanner Anderson