

DARTS Technical Coordinating Committee Agenda

Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 9:00 A.M.

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Tanner Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

PRESENT

Angel Gray	Planning Manager, City of Albany Planning & Development (<i>Chair by Proxy</i>)
Scott Chambers	District 4 Engineer, GDOT
Tanner Anderson	Planner II, City of Albany Planning & Development
Shaun Cookson	Superintendent of Operations, S.W. Georgia Regional Airport
Jason Willingham	District 4 Preconstruction Engineer, GDOT
Stacey Rowe	Director, City of Albany Public Works
Donald Gray	Director, City of Albany Facilities Management
Jeremy Brown	Director, Dougherty County Engineering
Kaniz Sathi	Representative, GDOT Office of Planning Transportation
Beka Shiver	Representative, S.W. Georgia Regional Commission
Tom Caiafa	Branch Chief, GDOT (<i>non-voting</i>)
Ann-Marie Day	FHWA Representative, USDOT (<i>non-voting</i>)
Dennis Carter	District 4 Planning & Programming Coordinator, GDOT (<i>non-voting</i>)
Bruce Capps	Chairperson, Citizens' Transportation Committee (<i>non-voting</i>)

ABSENT

Paul Forgey	(Technical Chair) Director, City of Albany Planning & Development
Rozanne Braswell	(Technical Vice-Chair) Director of Planning & Engineering, Lee County
Ken Breedlove	Traffic Engineering Manager, City of Albany
Shawnasi Barron	Transit Operations Supervisor, DARTS MPO
Chuck Mathis	Director, Dougherty County Public Works
Kenneth Johnson	Chief of Police, Dougherty County
Bruce Maples	Managing Director, City of Albany Engineering
Michael Persley	Chief of Police, City of Albany
Bob Alexander	Director, City of Leesburg Public Works
Steven Carter	City Manager, City of Albany
David Hamilton	Transportation Director, City of Albany
Radney Simpson	Staff Representative, GDOT Office of Planning (<i>non-voting</i>)
Jannine Miller	Staff Representative, GDOT Office of Intermodal (<i>non-voting</i>)
Sanford Hillsman	Chairperson, Albany-Dougherty Planning Commission (<i>non-voting</i>)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 16, 2021)

Motion to approve minutes by Don Gray. 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. A. Day stated that this evaluation needs to show partnership with MTP.
- 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. Ann-Marie Day suggested that a subcommittee should be used in the 2050 MTP to increase participation and would consist of TCC members.

Motion to approve Unified Planning Work Program Update, with the inclusion of more frequent meetings using subcommittee in place of bylaw change, by Don Gray. 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 Chair by Proxy Angel Gray. Seconded and approved unanimously.

Participation Plan Update: *(Action Needed)*

Plan has been clarified, explanation of the MTP and TIP, and pages have been reformatted. Update was needed to comply with Transits Title VI, state MPO's partnership with Albany Transit System, and include public outreach efforts to limited-English proficiency communities. Enlargement of the CTC was removed due to not aligning with DARTS Bylaws.

Motion to approve Participation Plan Update by Don Gray. 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). If approved, application will be submitted to Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO) in March.

Motion to approve PL Fund Request by Kaniz Sathi. 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 by June of 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.

A. Day asked that Federal Highway be included in the advisory committee, 2022 Bicycle Plan Update, and the 2022 Freight Profile Update.

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

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 restriping 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 on 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.

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.

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

B. Capps addressed the need of a plan for the electrification of fleets and the effect of EVs on the local economy. He also stated that as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan progresses, there are alternative avenues of transportation that need to be explored. Additionally, he suggested the development of contact database to connect with the public. D. Gray suggested he include P. Bednar of City of Albany Fleet Management in conversations concerning the electrification of fleets.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM.

Submitted by: Jessica Savage
Approved by: Tanner Anderson