**CALL TO ORDER**

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

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| **PRESENT**  Billy Breeden  Bob Alexander  Scott Chambers  Jackie Williams  Michael McCoy  Billy Mathis  Lorenzo Heard  Bo Dorough  Paul Forgey  Shaun Cookson | **(Chair)** Mayor, City of Leesburg  City Manager, City of Leesburg  District 4 Engineer, GDOT  Representative, GDOT (Proxy For Radney Simpson)  Dougherty County Administrator  Chairperson, Lee County Commission  **(Vice-Chair)** Chairperson, Dougherty County Commission  Mayor, City of Albany  Director, City of Albany Planning & Development  Superintendent of Operations, S.W. Georgia Regional Airport |
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| **ABSENT**  Steven Carter  Ken Breedlove  Jeremy Brown  Robert Griffin | City Manager, City of Albany  Traffic Engineering, City of Albany  Director, Dougherty County Engineering  Interim, Director of Engineering, City of Albany |
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| **OTHERS PRESENT**  Tanner Anderson  Denise Clark  Jason Tolbert  Shawnasi Barron | Planner II, City of Albany  Transportation Planner II, City of Albany  Transit Planner, City of Albany  Transit Superintendent of Operations, City of Albany |

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| **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** | (January 19, 2023) |  |

Motion to approve minutes by B. Dorough. Seconded and approved unanimously.

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| **TOPIC I** | Transportation Update | Tanner Anderson |

**FY24 UPWP**

T. Anderson stated that work began on the FY24 UPWP in September 2022 with the committee voting in January 2023 to send the document out for public review.

T. Anderson briefly went over the changes made from the draft document to the final document. He stated the biggest difference was the small change in the PL Funding amount. The total amount now is $221, 823.84 with the Federal match being $177,459.07 and Local match being $44,364.77.

T. Anderson stated a recommendation would be needed to send the document to the Policy Committee for approval.

*Motion to send out the document for public review was made by B. Alexander. Seconded by B. Dorough and passed unanimously.*

**2023 Safety Performance Targets & Report (PM2 & PM3)**

T. Anderson briefed members the committees recently voted to adopt the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Safety Performance Targets for PM1 in January 2023. Those targets are voted on every year.

T. Anderson stated that the target’s presented today are PM2 & PM3 Safety Targets that are adopted every 4-years. PM2 Targets are established to assess pavement condition and bridge condition for the National Highway Performance Program. T. Anderson informed the committee that in the FY21-24 TIP there was $872,000.00 programmed for bridge. PM3 Targets assess performance of the National Highway System, Freight Movement on the interstate system, and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program. T. Anderson informed the committee that in the FY21-24 TIP there was $247,000.00 programmed to address truck travel time reliability.

T. Anderson stated that these targets needed to be adopted before the June Quarterly meeting and the MPO had followed state targets previous times.

*B. Alexander made a motion to adopt the state targets. Seconded by B. Dorough and passed unanimously.*

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update:**

T. Anderson stated that the draft went out in January 2023. Comments were received by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and GDOT. An updated Bike-Pedestrian Plan was sent back out to the committee with the comments addressed. A formal resolution isn’t required for this document.

T. Anderson introduced Project Manager, Richard Fangmann with Pond & Co. to give a brief presentation on the Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan.

Discussion followed the presentation with questions regarding the project list and recommendations. B. Mathis asked when the public hearings were for this Bike-Ped Plan. T. Anderson informed everyone that we held 3 public outreach meetings with the last one being held in August at the Oakland Parkway library.

**2050 MTP**

T. Anderson informed members that proposals were received and reviewed by the PAG Committee. The Selected Consultant will go before the Host City (City of Albany). A draft should be available by Summer 2024 and adoption will be needed in Fall 2024.

**FY24-27 TIP**

T. Anderson stated that the MPO is currently working on the FY24-27 TIP. The TIP is a prioritization list of transportation projects over a 4-year period. The last update was done in June 2021. The FY24-27 will not be able to go in effect until the STIP is adopted, which is expected in August 2023. The draft will be going out in the next week with an adoption expected in June 2023.

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| **TOPIC II** | Transit Update | Jason Tolbert |

**Albany Transportation Center Update:**

Transportation Center is on schedule. A few changes have come up. Greyhound will service the Albany area but not have staff on site. The occupancy date is set for January 2023, and a ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled at later date.

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| **TOPIC III** | Engineering Update |  |

**City of Albany – Ken Breedlove:**

K. Breedlove is not present for update. T. Anderson brief members on report from Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC).

Current sidewalk projects are complete except for a few punch list items.

Phase B resurfacing projects are complete; Phase A is completed except for a few punch list items.

8th Ave Basin Combined Sewer Separation work is happening around Hover and 13th.

Subsurface Utility Contractors are working on Traffic Signals at the intersections of Broad & Broadway and Broad & Turner Field Rd. An Appraiser for property acquisition has been hired for N. Doublegate at Dawson Rd. We are reconsidering installing a new signal at Stuart and Nottingham without acquiring Right-Of-Way (ROW). Railroad work is being done on Monroe with 5-traffic signal in all on Roosevelt Ave. The Concept report was approved for the 16-Downtown Traffic Signals in February. The let date is for July 2025 but the project is a couple months ahead of schedule.

City Commission is considering providing an additional $1,000,000 from SPLOST & TSPLOST for traffic calming measures.

**Dougherty County - Jeremy Brown:**

J. Brown is not present for update. T. Anderson brief members on report from Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC).

Contractor should be onsite within the next week or so finishing up our LMIG Safety Action Plan, which includes replacing and adding new signage on 6 County roads which are: Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Eight Mile Road, Gravel Hill Road, Radium Springs Road, Holly Drive, and Tallahassee Road.

The Flint River Trail Segment from ASU (East Campus) to downtown (1.3 miles) is currently under construction. The majority of the mass grading is complete as well as most of the drainage infrastructure and retaining walls. Weather permitting, we expect to start pouring the actual concrete trail in a few weeks.

We will shortly be bidding out the third and final phase of alleys to be paved, which totals 5 alleys. We are currently drafting our drainage and construction easements that we will need for construction. We are hopefully to start construction this summer.

We also have a couple drainage improvements and paving projects currently in design that will affect several roads throughout Dougherty County. This will save up some aging infrastructure as well and pave some smaller, spaced-out dirt roads to help cut maintenance costs. Hope to have those out for bid by mid-late summer.

P&G also has a project underway that will affect traffic on Power & Trailer Lane, as well as Mock Road and Moultrie Road. The goal is to re-route the entering and exiting truck traffic to lessen the congestion on Moultrie Road. The construction for this project was set to begin this past Monday; however, complete plans have not been approved for construction yet.

**Lee County – Christi Dockery:**

Lee County’s Christi Dockery was not present. Report will be reflected in the minutes.

All LMIG road projects have been completely resurfaced. The project was delayed on two roads due to waiting on necessary railroad permits; however, once completed, the railroad corssing were greatly improved. Shoulder work and hydro seeding has also begun and while a few roads are still in need of striping and rumble strips, he stated that the project should be fully completed within a few weeks. A punch list will also be created for any repairs needed.

**Leesburg – Bob Alexander**

City of Leesburg is currently working the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) on Transportation Alternative Project (TAP) for Downtown Leesburg, that will include sidewalks and downtown beautification. We are currently looking for a let date of December 2025.

We also have a sidewalk project apart of the school connectivity study on Firetower Rd and SR 32/US19 that’s about 95% complete.

Our LMIQ Resurfacing projects are about 95% complete as well.

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| **TOPIC IV** | Airport Update | Shaun Cookson |

**General Aviation Terminal & Hangers:**

S. Cookson stated asbestos abatement has been completed on the terminal building and it has been demolished.

Parking lot improvements are taking place and terminal building is expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

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| **TOPIC V** | Agency Updates | GDOT/FHWA |

J. Longo informed members that there are a few updates with the upcoming TIP. DOT does have an equity tool which allows you to take your TIP projects and put it into a GIS Overlay with equity related data set.

Federal Highway announced a local match waiver of 2.5% for Y410 Funding. Implementation guidance has also been released for Y410 activity and there will be some webinars coming out to showing how to implement these activities.

J. Longo reminded everyone that Discretionary Grants and Federal Awards are subject to the requirements of Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R) 200. This is about requirements with procurement and how to use funds. There was a course recently released by NHI that goes over these requirements.

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| **TOPIC VI** | Citizens’ Transportation Committee |

T. Anderson informed the committee that the only concern brought over from the Citizens’ Transportation Committee was ridership with transit. Transit is working diligently to address those concerns.

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| **TOPIC VII** | Discussion/Comment |

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.

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| Submitted by: | Tanner Anderson |