**CALL TO ORDER**

T. Anderson stated that Chair, B. Breeden would not be attending. The chair or vice-chair would need to be present to lead the meeting. A vote would be needed to elect a temporary chair this meeting. Motion to elect B. Dorough to lead the meeting was made by B. Brooks. Seconded by S. Carter.

B. Dorough called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

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| **PRESENT** Bob AlexanderSteven CarterScott ChambersTed HicksJackie WilliamsBarry BrooksLorenzo HeardBo DoroughChristi Dockery | City Manager, City of LeesburgCity Manager, City of AlbanyDistrict 4 Engineer, GDOTBranch Chief, GDOT Office of PlanningRepresentative, GDOT Office of PlanningDougherty County Assistant Administrator**(Vice-Chair)** Chairperson, Dougherty County CommissionMayor, City of AlbanyCounty Manager, Lee County |
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| **ABSENT**Billy MathisBilly BreedenKen BreedloveJeremy BrownRobert Griffin | Chairperson, Lee County Commission**(Chair)** Mayor, City of Leesburg Traffic Engineering, City of AlbanyDirector, Dougherty County EngineeringInterim, Director of Engineering, City of Albany |
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| **OTHERS PRESENT**Tanner AndersonDenise ClarkJason Tolbert | Planner II, City of AlbanyTransportation Planner II, City of AlbanyTransit Planner, City of Albany |

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| **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** | (April 20, 2023) |  |

Motion to approve minutes by S. Carter. Seconded and approved unanimously.

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

**FY24-27 TIP**

T. Anderson stated the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a prioritization list of transportation projects over a 4-year period and current projects happening in the MPO. 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 MPO is aiming to adopt the document in September 2023. Committees should have received a draft of the document and we are asking for the committee’s action to send it out for public review for 30-days.

*Motion to send out the document for public review was made by B. Brooks. Seconded by S. Carter and passed unanimously.*

**2045 MTP Amendment #3**

T. Anderson informed the committee that the MPO is tasked with maintaining a fiscally balance Metropolitan Transportation (MTP) and TIP. During the development of a TIP update the MTP must be amended to reflect the refined project costs for project phases that have not yet been “Authorized” meaning the funding is committed in the TIP but not yet available for expenditure. The adjustment in funding totals and anticipated year of expenditure (YOE) have resulted in changed to the MTP prioritized project list. The 2045 Amendment #3 has been made available for everyone and is going out for 30-day public review. 8 MTP projects have been impacted by this amendment.

B. Dorough asked about P.I. 00013992 (Oglethorpe Bridge Replacement) and what year it was pushed back to. T. Anderson stated FY 2027, based off Federal and State funds available. If the funds were to become available before FY2027, the project would undergo an Amendment or Administrative Modification to push the project back up. T. Anderson also stated that there is a possibility before the Adoption of the FY24-27 TIP that the project gets pushed into FY24, as a lot can change between public review and adoption.

**2050 MTP**

T. Anderson stated that the selected consultant is awaiting final approval by the Host City (City of Albany). The highest scoring consultant was not selected but this was due to the separate factor of funding. The selected consultant was the second highest scoring consultant on the list. A work session was held on June 6, 2023, and a vote would be made on June 28, 2023. A draft should be available by Summer 2024 and adoption will be needed in Fall 2024.

**FY25 UPWP**

T. Anderson gave a brief overview of the dates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 that runs from July 1, 2024 and end June 30, 2025. This document covers the day-to-day activities of the MPO including Studies and technical support. A Call for activities would go out July 2023 and run until September 2023. T. Anderson stated that the MPO will be wrapping up its 2050 MTP update during FY25. If a study is wanting to be conducted by the committees we would apply to the Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO) in March 2025. It has been suggested in the past few meetings that we look at doing a major corridor study that would look at roads like Dawson Rd, Slappey Blvd and the Liberty Bypass. T. Anderson stated that he believed the last corridor study that the MPO conducted was the Nottingham Way Corridor Study that led to the Westover Extension project.

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

**Albany Transportation Center Update:**

J. Tolbert provided an update on the bus driver shortage. Currently, the Transit staff is setting up at a job fair to encourage applications. The Transit Center is offering a $1,000 signing bonus. We have incorporated some digital billboards and other signage around the city to encourage drivers. We have hired and trained 4 new drivers.

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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).

Designs are being modified for the Stuart at Nottingham to stay within the Right-of-Way (ROW).

A Railroad Safety project is underway with the installing of 5-Traffic Signals on Roosevelt.

GDOT is currently undertaking PI # 0008384. This is intersection improvements to ASU West & Magnolia, Slappey & Lippitt, Oglethorpe at Radium Springs, Thorton, Edison, and Loftus, Oakridge at Radium Springs, Clark at Turner Field Rd, Mock and Cordele.

The Concept Report has been approved for PI# 008384. This is 16 intersection improvements in Downtown Albany. Those intersections are as follows:

* Flint Ave @ Madison -*Flint Ave @ Monroe*
* *Flint Ave @ Jackson*  -*Flint Ave @ Washington*
* *Pine Ave @ Davis*  -*Pine Ave @ Madison*
* *Pine Ave @ Monroe*  -*Pine Ave @ Jackson*
* *Pine Ave @ Washington*  -*Broad Ave @ Davis*
* *Broad Ave @ Madison*  - *Broad Ave @ Monroe*
* *Broad Ave @ Jackson*  -*Broad Ave @ Washington*
* *Broad Ave @ Front*  -*Highland @ Jackson*

The Albany Downtown Streetscape project is awaiting Preliminary Field Plan Review (PFPR) and the let date for this project is July 15, 2026.

Bid documentation is being completed by Central Services for 12-speed table sites with specification complete.

The Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project has led to through traffic to be half July 10 for SR91 (Jefferson St.) from 7th Ave. to 1st Ave. The Lake Park subdivision will have closures for Summit from the Lake Cornella to Three Oaks, this will be for 2-3 weeks and leave Lullwater, Robinhood, and W. Lakeridge blocked.

**Dougherty County - Jeremy Brown:**

J. Brown is not present for update. D. Clark briefed members on report from Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC).

D. Clark stated that currently the Albany State University (ASU) to Downtown Multipurpose trail has seen mass grading be completed with drainage infrastructure in place. Over a half mile of the 1.3 miles of the trail has been poured. Currently forming and pouring the portion of the trail that is on the dike behind ASU’s athletic fields. This is very slow going as concrete trucks cannot travel on the dike and all concrete must be transported with Georgia Buggies. Weather permitting, project should be substantially complete in August or September.

**Lee County – Christi Dockery:**

T. Anderson gave the report on behalf of Lee County Engineering due to technical issues from Ms. Dockery

On October 11, 2022, the Lee County Board of Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled voting session to discuss the LMIG application and its accompanying projects. The Board unanimously voted to allocate the 2023 LMIG funds of $627,424.76 with a 30% local match for a total of $188,227.23 to complete the paving of Fairethome Drive, Heathridge Court, Hearthstone Drive, Sterling Drive, Pewter Court, Willow Lake Drive, Fair Oaks Court, Hickory Ridge Court, Ravenwood Court, Maplewood Court, Cannon Drive, Quail Street, Stanley Street, Northwood Drive, Balmoral Drive, Brittany Lakes Drive, Elgin Drive, Montrose Drive, Sportmans Club Road, Graves Spring Road, Cedric Street, and Lumpkin Road West.

On December 13, 2022, the Lee County Board of Commissioners met for a regularly scheduled voting session and unanimously voted to award the bid for the 2023 LMIG Resurfacing Project to Reeves Construction Company for $1,977,781.35. As of June 6, 2023, Reeves Construction Company has completed this project.

**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 2025. Leesburg has also recertified is Locally Administered Project (LAP) Certification and its good through 2026. Currently, with T-SPLOST money were are putting in sidewalks on Firetower Rd, State Route 32 and US 19.

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 |  |

**General Aviation Terminal & Hangers:**

T. Anderson informed the committee of Mr. Cookson’s departure from the Airport Superintendent and that we wished him well in his future endeavors.

T. Anderson stated that the GA Terminal is still progressing. Last of the structural steel is being put up right now, and work is still on track for completion in December of this year. For the Hangars, the generators have been installed on their pad, and the transfer switch is enroute. Once the transfer switch is installed, the hangars will have reached completion. Director Hamilton and the Aviation Commission are working through leasing of the hangars.

S. Carter encouraged everyone to ride by the Airport and look at the new facilities. B. Dorough stated that he knew a few developers who were impressed with the current developments at the airport.

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

J. Longo was not present. T. Anderson briefed the committee on new Bicycle & Pedestrian guidance that has been made available to the public.

T. Anderson stated that the City/County would be applying for the Safe Streets For All Grant (SS4A). The deadline to apply is July 10th.

J. Williams and T. Hicks stated there was no updates from GDOT.

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

T. Anderson informed the committee that no concerns have been passed onto the Technical or Policy Committees from the Citizens’ Transportation Committee.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.

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| Submitted by: | Tanner Anderson |