**CALL TO ORDER**

P. Forgey called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

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| **PRESENT**  Paul Forgey  Tanner Anderson  Ken Breedlove  Robert Griffin  Jeremy Brown  Jackie Williams  Ted Hicks  Dennis Carter  Jason Tolbert  Jason Willingham  Joseph Longo  Vivian Canizares  David Hamilton  Don Gray  Christi Dockery  Joey Davenport  Larry McClain  Ann-Marie Day | (Technical Chair) Director, City of Albany Planning & Development  Planner II, City of Albany Planning & Development  (Vice-Chair) Traffic Engineering Manager, City of Albany  Interim Director, City of Albany Engineering  Project Engineer, Dougherty County Public Works  GDOT Office of Planning Representative  GDOT Office of Planning, Branch Chief (Non-voting)  District 4 Planning & Programming Coordinator, GDOT (Non-voting)  Transit Planner, Albany Transit  District 4 Preconstruction Engineer, GDOT  FHWA Representative (Non-voting)  GDOT Office of Planning Representative  Transportation Director, City of Albany  Facilities Management Director, City of Albany  County Manager, Lee County (Non-voting)  Co-Assistant County Manager, Lee County  Citizens’ Transportation Committee, Chairman (Non-Voting)  FHWA Planning Team Leader, (Non-Voting) |
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| **ABSENT**  Bob Alexander  Kenneth Johnson  Bruce Maples  Chuck Mathis  Michael Persley  Stacey Rowe  Beka Shiver  Billy Merritt  Brian C. Langford  Janine Miller | Director, City of Leesburg Public Works  Chief of Police, Dougherty County  Assistant City Manager, City of Albany  Director, Dougherty County Public Works  Chief of Police, City of Albany  Director, City of Albany Public Works  Representative, S.W. Georgia Regional Commission  Representative, Albany-Dougherty Planning Commission (non-voting)  Staff Representative, GDOT Office of Planning (non-voting)  Staff Representative, GDOT Office of Intermodal (non-voting) |
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| **OTHERS PRESENT**  Marina Rosen | Transportation Planner I, City of Albany |

**Approval of Minutes (June 22, 2023)**

Motion to approve minutes by K. Breedlove. Seconded by R. Griffin and approved unanimously.

**TOPIC I** **Election of Vice-Chair**

J. Brown made the motion to elect R. Griffin as Vice-Chair. Seconded by K. Breedlove and approved unanimously.

**TOPIC II Transportation Update Tanner Anderson**

**FY24-27 TIP**

T. Anderson stated the FY24-27 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a prioritized listing of transportation projects over a 4-year period that is developed and formally adopted by an MPO as part of the metropolitan transportation planning process, consistent with the metropolitan transportation plan, and required for projects to be eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S.C. and Title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. The TIP must be updated every other year and was last updated in June 2021. We have received comments from GDOT and FHWA; these comments were addressed and put into the comment section of the TIP. The FY24-27 TIP will not be able to go into effect until the STIP is adopted. Technical Chair P. Forgey stated that a recommendation is needed to pass this on to the Policy Committee for approval.

Motion to recommend sending the FY24-27 TIP on to the Policy Committee made by J. Brown. Seconded by K. Breedlove and approved unanimously.

**2045 Amendment #3**

T. Anderson informed the committee that the MPO is tasked with maintaining a fiscally balanced Metropolitan Transportation Plan (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 a change to the MTP prioritized project list. The 2045 Amendment #3 has been made available for public review for approximately two (2) months. The only comment made was regarding the Oglethorpe Bridge Project being in Band 2. Technical Chair P. Forgey stated that a recommendation is needed to pass this on to the Policy Committee for approval.

Motion to recommend sending the 2045 Amendment #3 to the Policy Committee for approval was made by J. Brown. Seconded by K. Breedlove and approved unanimously.

**2050 MTP**

T. Anderson stated that Metro Analytics was selected as our consultant in June 2023, and has begun socioeconomic data review. We did this data review on staff in 2020 which created our Base Year Data. They are doing the 2050 data review and are revising some of our 2020 data. They plan to come in October 2023, to meet with our Citizens’ Transportation Committee (CTC) because our Public Participation Plan outlines what the community wants to see happen. To answer a question from K. Breedlove, T. Anderson stated that the deadline for completion is November 2024, but the ideal completion date would be September of 2024. We must have at least four stakeholder meetings throughout the City of Albany and Lee County to satisfy our Public Participation Plan. We anticipate the Public Participation to begin in January. GDOT and our consultant will present the models to the TCC and PC. Technical Chair P. Forgey asked if governmental approval was needed on this. T. Anderson stated that he did not think so.

**FY25 UPWP**

T. Anderson gave a brief overview of the dates for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 which runs from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025. The UPWP document identifies and describes the MPO’s budget, planning activities, studies and technical support expected to be undertaken in a one-year period. Examples of activities include, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Freight Profile, Planning Documents (2050 MTP, FY 24-27 TIP), maintaining traffic counts and trip generation, carrying out recommendations of the MTP and maintaining relationships with City/County Planning Organizations to integrate land use planning with transportation planning. A Call for activities went out July 2023 and a Dawson Road Corridor Study was proposed by K. Breedlove. T. Anderson stated that the *Safe Streets and Roads for All* (SS4A) and the *Neighborhood Access Equity* (NAE) Grants have been applied for.

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| **TOPIC III** | **Transit Update** | **Jason Tolbert** |

J. Tolbert stated that Transit is still in the process of hiring drivers. The Transit Center is offering a $1,000 signing bonus after they have completed six (6) months. Transit will be participating in the City of Albany Job Fair on September 22, 2023, and hosting a Public Community Event on the same day.

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| **TOPIC IV** | **Engineering Update** |  |

**City of Albany – Ken Breedlove:**

K. Breedlove’s written report is incorporated by reference below.

* E. Broad Ave @ Turner field - traffic signal upgrade - Bid posted
* E. Broad Ave @ Broadway - traffic signal upgrade - Bid postedRFQ for upgrading the City's Traffic Management Center.
* RFQ for Nottingham Way upgrade and Whispering Pine roundabout, Engineering firm selected Infrastructure Systems Management, Steve Cassel), PE, PTOE.
* Commission approved list of streets for Street Resurfacing Phase C; Authorizing use of LMIG and TSPLOST Funds for 18.58 miles of roadway
* PI# 0010571-Westover Blvd from Albany Mall to N of Ledo Rd, 27% Complete, Contract completion date 10/31/2024
* R/R Safety Project installing 5-traffic signals on Roosevelt Ave, Construction Percent 35% Complete.
* PI# 0017843-Gillionville at ASU West & Magnolia, Slappey & Lippitt, Oglethorpe at
* Radium Springs, Thornton, Edison, & Loftus, Oakridge at Radium Springs, Clark at Turner Field, Mock, & Cordele (10) isolated intersections on GDOT roads. Field Survey83%, Preliminary Plans 50%, Let Date 12/15/2025
* PI# 0008384 16- Intersections downtown, design funded by GDOT, Approved ConceptReport, PFPR 2/19/2024, FFPR 5/7/2025, Letting 7/15/2025 Southeastern

Engineering — is doing the project design — Flint & Madison, Monroe, Jackson,

Washington, Pine & Davis, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Washington, Broad & Davis Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Washington, Front and Highland at Jackson

* PI# 0015401- Albany Downtown Streetscape, Approved Concept Report, PFPR 1/18/2024, FFPR 1/31/2025 Letting 7/3/2026, plans to improve five (5) streets in the historic commercial center of the City including improvements to Pine Avenue (2 blocks), N. Front Street (1 block), West Broad Avenue (l block), North Washington Street (1 block) and North/South Jackson Street (2 blocks). These improvements will be funded with a Transportation Assistance Grant (TAP) from GDOT.
* 12-Speed tables sites, Construction have started
* The City Commission has approved TSPLOST fund for 10 alleys
* SR91 Jefferson Street from 7th Ave to Society Ave closed to traffic, Detour in place on N. Washington St. and N. Jackson St. The 2nd Avenue phase is scheduled to start September 25th . East and west roadways between 7th Ave. and Society Ave. will be intermittently blocked due to construction.
* Lake Park subdivision Summit from the lake Cornella to Three Oaks, storm pipe installed, and sidewalk 440 ft work continues and final roadway paving.
* 8th Ave basin at Hover area laying pipe to Station 25+18 and lack about 260' more feet.

**Dougherty County - Jeremy Brown:**

J. Brown’s informed the committee that the ASU to Downtown multipurpose trail is slowly wrapping up. There is approximately 1,700 LF of trail llft to pour. The portions on the trail that have already been installed, are being backed up and stabilized. Locations that require the installation of handrails should begin next week and trail signage is in production. Weather permitting, we hope for the project to be substantially complete by mid to late October. 5 drainage improvements that affect 4 County roads were just approved by the Commission this past Monday. The projects will include the replacement of ageing culvert pipes. The roads include Lovers Lane, Mud Creek, Tarva Road and Eight Mile Road. Expecting to begin work in the coming month. Finalized all remaining easements needed for the last Phase of the County's alley paving. Working to complete the bid documents and should be put out for bids in the next few weeks. Also putting together the documents to release the County's next resurfacing package which will include approximately 47 miles of roads.

Technical Chair P. Forgey asked J. Brown if he knew anything about storm piping at Williamsburg and Hwy. 19 South. J. Brown was familiar with this and has had questions from others, but did not know who placed it there or why.

**Lee County – Christi Dockery:**

C. Dockery for Lee County was not present and T. Anderson gave the report. T. Anderson gave the report on behalf of Lee County Engineering. This month, the Georgia Department of Transportation will begin accepting applications for the FY 2024 LMIG Program. The county’s formula amount for 2024 is $690,908.06, plus our 30% local match of $207,272.42 comes to a total of $898,180.48 to put towards various road projects. This is an increase of $82,528.29 from FY2023. All electronic LMIG applications must be received no later than February 1, 2024. Roads Projects expected in 2024 will happen on the following roads: Argyll Place, Aylesbury Place, Berkeley Road, Cambridge Road, Carillon Court, Carowind Drive, Chokee Road, Coosaw Court, Coston Road (dirt road), Country Drive, Creek Isle Drive

Creekshire Court, Creekview Drive, Danbury Lane, Doris Drive, Foxworth Drive, Halifax Place, Huntingdon Drive, Johns Drive, Knollwood Drive, Lavender Lane, Longleaf Drive, Margate Drive, Marion Court, Midway Street, Morning Mist Drive, Muckalee Lane, New York Road, Pebble Ridge Drive, Pineview Drive, Pinewood Road, Red Bay Court, Springlake Drive, Towne Lane, Victorian Court, Village Lane, Warrington Road, Willard Court and Wiregrass Way

**Leesburg – Bob Alexander**

T. Anderson stated Leesburg was not present, but a report would be reflected in the minutes. the City of Leesburg is currently working with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) on a Transportation Alternative Project (TAP) for Downtown Leesburg, that will include sidewalks and downtown beautification. Bids are out for putting in a parking lot in the downtown area to encourage more business activity. An application has been submitted to FHWA for an updated school connectivity study.

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| **TOPIC V** | **Airport Update** | **Tanner Anderson** |

Corporate Hanger & General Aviation Terminal:

D. Hamilton stated that the GA Terminal is coming along very well and is on schedule for completion in January 2024, and he believes the Corporate Hangars are 99% complete. He invited everyone to come to the airport to get a great idea of how the layout/landscape of the airport has changed. He reiterated how well the General Aviation Project is going and how excited he is to see the completion.

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

T. Anderson introduced GDOT/Modern Mobility Partners. B. North with GDOT Planning then introduced K. Renier with ICF/ Modern Mobility Partners who gave a presentation featuring the latest updates to GDOT’s Carbon Reduction Strategy. No questions were asked of GDOT.

J. Longo of FHWA reported that FY23, SS4A Grant Awards are expected to be announced in October; 15 awards were made in Georgia last year and he looks forward to potentially working with us. Also, on October 30, 2023, GDOT and FHWA, GA Division, will be hosting a *Discretionary Grant* *Symposium*. He will provide the registration information to T. Anderson for any who would like to attend.

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| **TOPIC VII** | **Citizens’ Transportation Committee** |

L. McClain stated that there were no concerns or topics from the Citizens' Transportation Committee (CTC) that needed to be discussed.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION:**

J. Willingham with GDOT asked a question regarding the vote on moving the bridge replacement on Oglethorpe to Band 1, using FY24 construction funds. T. Anderson had to refer this question to GDOT Planning. GDOT Planner V. Canizares replied to J. Willingham’s question by stating that we need to wait for the STIP adoption to be signed by the Governor as this is the standard process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After meeting the program of projects requirements as established by the FTA pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 5307(c) this Quarterly Meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee adjourned at 9:45 AM.

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| Submitted by: | Tanner Anderson |