

# DARTS Technical Coordinating Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

Hybrid – 240 Pine Ave. Suite 380, Albany, GA 31701

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## CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pro-Tem B. Alexander called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

## PRESENT

Bob Alexander	<b>(Chair Pro-Tem)</b> , City Manager, City of Leesburg
Scott Chambers	District 4 Engineer, GDOT
Jackie Williams	Representative, GDOT Office of Planning
Billy Breeden	Mayor, City of Leesburg
Joey Davenport	Chief Building Inspector, Lee County
Amanda Nava	Lee County (Proxy For Christy Dockery
Bruce Maples	Assistant City Manager, City of Albany (Proxy For Derrick Brown)

## ABSENT

Bo Dorough	<b>(Vice-Chair)</b> , Mayor, City of Albany
Lorenzo Heard	<b>(Chair)</b> Chairperson, Dougherty County Commission
Ken Breedlove	Traffic Engineering, City of Albany
Jeremy Brown	Director, Dougherty County Engineering
Robert Griffin	Interim, Director of Engineering, City of Albany
Joseph Longo	FHWA Representative
Barry Brooks	Dougherty County Assistant Administrator
Luke Singletary	Chairperson, Lee County Commission
Christie Dockery	County Manager, Lee County

## OTHERS PRESENT

Tanner Anderson	Planner II, City of Albany
Paul Forgey	Director, Planning & Development, City of Albany
Jason Tolbert	Transit Planner, City of Albany
Marina Rosen	Transportation Planner II, City of Albany

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES (February 21, 2024)

T. Anderson stated before the approval of minutes that according to Robert's Rule of Order that a Chairman Pro-Tem would need to be elected with the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair but with current attendance they did have enough for a quorum. B. Maples motioned to elect Bob Alexander as Chairman Pro-Tem. Seconded by B. Breeden and approved unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes by B. Maples. Seconded by A. Nava and approved unanimously.

## TOPIC I

**Transportation Update**

**Tanner Anderson**

## **2050 MTP**

T. Anderson updated the committee with a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the following information:

- GDOT and Metro Analytics are on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Network model, the 6<sup>th</sup> Network Project is being compiled. The 6<sup>th</sup> Network consists of projects that address Model Concerns with Level of Service (LOS) while also addressing public comment and Federal Guidelines and Planning Standards.
- Stakeholder and Public Outreach Meeting will be held in June 2024
- Draft expected in June/July 2024
- Adoption in October/November 2024.

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

T. Anderson updated the committee with a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the following information:

- The DARTS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is updated every Census Cycle and based on the population of each jurisdiction
- This change will affect the 20% match on planning funds (PL) for studies
- The MOU will need a vote from the committee in June.

### **P.I. 0008384 (FY24-27 TIP/MTP Amendment #3)**

T. Anderson stated there will be a FY24-27 TIP/MTP Amendment #3 P.I. 0008384, Signal System Upgrade @ 16 locations – Phase IV, that will need a vote in June. A detailed project sheet will be sent out for the committee's review. K. Breedlove stated that this will be a dramatic improvement for the city and will work hand in hand with the Streetscape Project. T. Anderson further presented the following:

- Preliminary Engineering (PE) - \$641,000.00 – 100% Federally Funded
- Construction (CST) - \$4,591,852.23 – 50% Federally Funded, 50% Local (City of Albany)
- Construction set for FY28; proposed amendment moves the project to FY26.

## **TOPIC II**

### **Transit Update**

**Jason Tolbert**

J. Tolbert began the Transit Report by stating they have gone live with the My Ride App. This will allow Albany Transit passengers to see locations in real-time. ASU students will participate in this pilot program. He further added that Transit is going to extend its Saturday hours from 2:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. beginning July 2024. No further questions were presented.

## **TOPIC III**

### **Engineering Update**

**City of Albany – Ken Breedlove:** T. Anderson presented, in K. Breedlove's absence, a summary of the city's current projects:

- Traffic Signal upgrade @ E. Broad and Turner Field pending commission approval in May
- E. Broad @ Broadway – re-bidding
- Traffic Management Center kick-off meeting was on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Design plans are scheduled

for completion and ready for bid by the end of July

- PI#0010571-Westover Blvd. from Albany Mall to the north of Ledo Rd., one bridge deck will be poured on 4/18/24. The project is 58% complete, and the completion schedule is 12/14/24.
- PI #0011727 R/R Safety Project installing (5) traffic signals on Roosevelt Ave., construction pending Norfolk Southern preempt connections
- PI #0017843 Gillionville @ ASU West and Magnolia, Slappey and Lippit, Oglethorpe @ Radium springs, Thornton, Edison and Loftus, Oakridge @ Radium springs, Clark @ Turner Field, Mock and Cordele (10) isolated intersections on GDOT roads in the city. PFPR 3/21/24 completed, R/W authorization 9/24, FFPR 3/25. Let date 12/15/25
- PI #00088385 (16) intersections downtown, design funded by GDOT, approved concept report, PFPR completed 4/2/24, FFPR 5/7/25, Letting 7/15/2025, Southeastern engineering is doing the project design, Flint and Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Washington, Pine and Davis, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Washington, Broad and Davis, Madison, Monroe and Jackson, Washington, Front and Highland @ Jackson
- PI #0015401 Albany Downtown Streetscape, approved concept report, PFPR completed 1/24/24, FFPR 1/21/25, Letting 7/3/26, plans to improve (5) streets in the historic commercial center of the city including improvements to Pine Ave. (2 blocks), N. Front Street (1 block), West Broad Ave. (1 block), N. Washington St. (1 block) and North/South Jackson Streets (2 blocks), these improvements will be funded with a Transportation Assistance grant (TAP) from GDOT
- PI #0013992 will replace the existing bridge on SR 520BU/US 82BU over the Flint River, let date 4/18/24 (??)
- (3) speed table sites (Winterwood, Ingleside and Pearce), pending bids
- SR91 Jefferson Street from Society Ave. to W. Broad Ave. is closed to through traffic; a detour is in place on N. Washington Street and N. Jackson Street. East and West movement will remain open until construction closes the intersections
- (2) new design projects: E. Broad Ave. sidewalks from Church St. to E. Walmart area and Washington Street extension, east of the R/R tracks from N. Front Street at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to Jefferson Street. Due to the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue R/R grade crossing

#### **Dougherty County - Jeremy Brown:**

T. Anderson presented, in J. Brown's absence, that Phase III Alleys have been bid out; construction is to begin soon. No questions were presented.

**Lee County – Amanda Nava:** A. Nava stated Lee County has several LMIG projects happening and a bridge repair project on New York Road. The Lee County Board of Commissioners awarded Oxford Construction projects totaling over \$5 million. A. Nava further stated that Lee County is closing out TPLOST-1 and working on a project list for TSPLOST-2.

#### **Leesburg – Bob Alexander:**

B. Alexander stated two (2) parking lots in the downtown area of Leesburg are currently under construction, and the GDOT LMIG Safety Projects (sidewalks) on Fire Tower Road have been completed.

**TOPIC IV****Airport Update**

R. Pagan reported that the airport, along with their consultant J-Aviation, is rolling out parts of a 20-year Master Plan. He further stated that the General Aviation Terminal is complete, and the ribbon-cutting ceremony is pending minor contractor issues. No further questions were presented.

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

J. Williams of GDOT had no updates at this time. No questions were asked of GDOT.

T. Anderson presented a summary of J. Longo's comments from the TCC Meeting including reports that FHWA's Greenhouse Gas Performance Measure has been challenged in court and is on hold at this time. He further provided information on the EV Charging Infrastructure Playbook that J. Longo will be sharing for the committee's reference. GDOT's Workzone Safety Week was also mentioned.

**TOPIC VI****Discussion/Comment**

B. Maples asked what the status was for the SR133 Project. S. Chambers replied that it was on schedule. T. Anderson stated that the let date for the Oglethorpe Bridge Project is tomorrow, Friday, April 19, 2024. T. Anderson also brought up a Complete Street Policy/Ordinance and whether the MPO should pursue this if we could get the local jurisdictions' backing, in our next FY. He further commented on the Transportation Investment Act (TIA); a regional TSPLOST, 10-year program for consideration in our next FY. There being no further questions, B. Alexander moved for adjournment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

Submitted by: Tanner Anderson