

# DARTS Citizens' Transportation Committee Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

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## CALL TO ORDER

Tanner Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

## PRESENT

Jason Tolbert	City of Albany, Transit Planner
Roberto Pagan	City of Albany, Airport Superintendent
Brent Davis	Lee County (Chair)

## ABSENT

Peter Ngwafu	Lee County
Aaron Johnson	Albany/Dougherty Planning Commission
Larry McClain (Excused)	City of Albany
Glenn "Tyler" Harris (Excused)	Dougherty County
Charles "Bruce" Capps (Excused)	City of Albany

## OTHERS PRESENT

Tanner Anderson	Planner II, City of Albany
Marina Rosen	Planner II, City of Albany

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January 17, 2024)

B. Davis tabled the approval of minutes until next meeting, due to significant absence of members from the meeting.

## TOPIC I

Transportation Update

Tanner Anderson

## 2050 MTP

T. Anderson informed the committee that Metro Analytics is working to finalize a draft financial feasibility plan while working with GDOT to finalize Universe of Projects. Once the projects list is completed, prioritization will begin. The Stakeholder & Public Outreach Meetings are scheduled for June 20, 2024, at the Government Center Building, and June 24, 2024, at the Oakland Library. The MTP Draft is expected in June/July of 2024 with its adoption in October/November 2024. B. Davis questioned whether there was good attendance at these meetings with T. Anderson responding in the affirmative.

## P.I. #0008384 FY24-27 TIP/MTP Amendment #2 (Signal System Upgrade @ 16 Locations Phase IV)

T. Anderson stated that he has not heard back from GDOT's Office of Financial Management (OFM). We currently know that it will be pushed up from FY27 to FY25 but are unsure about the

allocation of money for construction costs as the FY27 rates were inflated. During the presentation, T. Anderson mentioned the purpose and cost of this project. The project is for downtown traffic signals. The cost of pre-liminary engineering (PE) is \$641,000.00, and the phase is 100% Federally Funded.

T. Anderson also presented the Construction (CST) cost. The cost of this project is \$4,591,852.23 and will be 50% Federally Funded, 50% Local (City of Albany).

**P.I. #0020327 FY24-27 TIP Amendment #3 (SR 520 FM Turner Field Road to Johnny Autumn/Bethel Church Road, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations)**

T. Anderson stated that the Construction (CST) cost of this project is \$1,025,000 with \$820,000 in Federal funding and \$205,000 in State funding (80/20 share between Federal and State). Construction is set for FY25. There was some dialogue regarding where the charging stations would be placed, e.g. ride shares, gas stations, etc.

**P.I. #0013562 FY24-27 TIP/2045 MTP Amendment (SR 520BU FM SR 91 to CS 905/Thornton Drive)**

T. Anderson stated the original project intentions were to expand Oglethorpe from 4 to 6 lanes, but the traffic does not currently warrant this. According to GDOT, the scoping phase of this project will conclude by the end of this year. They will then present to GDOT's Office of Financial Management and Planning, different scenarios/alternatives for moving forward. The Committee brought up the Oglethorpe Bridge Project and its timeline. T. Anderson responded that it will still move forward with 4 lanes as planned.

**FY 26 UPWP**

The UPWP is a planning document that identifies and describes the MPO's budget, planning activities, studies, and technical support expected to be undertaken in a one-year period. T. Anderson informed the Committee that the FY26 UPWP will start up in July with a call for activities where we will begin asking for studies throughout the jurisdictions, e.g. corridor study, EV studies, etc.

**TOPIC II**

Transit Update

Jason Tolbert

**Transit Update**

J. Tolbert provided a transit update, stating that the extension of Saturday transit hours from 2:15 to 6:00, is to begin January 2025. This extension is needed, but staffing is an issue now. He further stated that Transit is in the training phase for the Trip Spark App and will be testing it on the ASU Rams Rush Transit Route soon.

**TOPIC III**

Airport Update

Roberto Pagan

**Airport Update**

R. Pagan shared that the airport's next project is the cargo expansion. He mentioned that a contractor has been selected and is going through the procurement process. Hopefully, they will start in late October or early November. The General Aviation Terminal ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on Monday, June 17, 2024.

**TOPIC IV**

Discussion

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There was no further discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_