

DARTS Citizens' Transportation Committee Minutes

Wednesday, October 2, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

Hybrid Meeting - Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Tanner Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

PRESENT

Glenn "Tyler" Harris	Dougherty County
Jason Tolbert	City of Albany, Transit Planner
Van Mason	Lee County
Brent Davis	Lee County (Chair)
Charles "Bruce" Capps	City of Albany
Larry McClain (Virtual)	City of Albany
Vincent Matheney (Virtual)	Metro Analytics

ABSENT

Aaron Johnson	Albany/Dougherty Planning Commission (Vice-Chair)
Roberto Pagan	City of Albany, Airport Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 17, 2024, and June 12, 2024)

T. Harris offered the motion to approve minutes, seconded by B. Capps and approved unanimously.

TOPIC I

Election of Vice-Chair

T. Harris offered the Motion to nominate A. Johnson as Vice-Chair of the Citizens' Transportation Committee, seconded by B. Davis and approved unanimously.

TOPIC II

Transportation Update

Tanner Anderson

2050 MTP Update

V. Matheney of Metro Analytics delivered an in-depth PowerPoint presentation to the Board, providing an update on the progress of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to date. Following the presentation, the Board engaged in extensive discussion on the subject.

T. Anderson stated that this would be going out for public review over the next month.

FY24-27 TIP and 2045 Amendment

T. Anderson stated that we are gaining information from GDOT regarding the proposed amendment to move the (16) Downtown Traffic Signal Project from FY28 to FY26. This project is in the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase and should move forward in conjunction with the Downtown Streetscape Project. The Amendment to add NEVI charging stations to the 82 corridor will not require local funds. The proposed funding is for PE and Construction in the amount of \$1,280,000. The Amendment to widen a portion of Oglethorpe from Radium Springs to Thornton Dr. has been eliminated pending the result of the GDOT scoping phase.

Public Participation Plan Amendment

T. Anderson stated that GDOT has given us new verbiage on the Administrative Modification Process and Amendment Process giving the MPO a bit more leeway, in-house, to make quick adjustments on projects.

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 with a call for activities (Aug-Sept 2024) where we will begin asking for studies throughout the jurisdictions, e.g. SR 32 corridor study, Albany-Dougherty Liberty Expressway, SS4A, etc.

TOPIC III

Transit Update

Jason Tolbert

J. Tolbert provided an update, stating that Albany Transit is getting closer to full staffing and is participating in the upcoming City of Albany Job Fair on October 8, 2024. They are hoping to implement extended Saturday transit hours from 2:15 to 6:00, beginning January 2025.

TOPIC IV

Aviation Update

Roberto Pagan

T. Anderson shared the airport update in R. Pagan’s absence, stating that the airport continues its UPS cargo ramp expansion project, runway painting and markings, fence line clearing to increase visibility, and LED lighting upgrades.

TOPIC V - Discussion

A brief discussion took place concerning the coordination between GDOT and local jurisdictions on various ongoing projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 AM.

Submitted by: _____