**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  Jackie Williams  Jason Tolbert  Jason Willingham  Jeremy Brown  Amanda Nava-Estill  Don Gray (Virtual)  Joe Longo  Roberto pagan | (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  GDOT Office of Planning Representative  Transit Planner, Albany Transit  District 4 Preconstruction Engineer, GDOT  Project Engineer, Dougherty County Public Works  Director, Planning & Development, Lee County  Facilities Management Director, City of Albany  FHWA  SOWEGA Regional Airport, Superintendent of Operations |
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| **ABSENT**  Joey Davenport  David Hamilton  Bob Alexander  Kenneth Johnson  Bruce Maples  Chuck Mathis  Michael Persley  Stacey Rowe  Beka Shiver  Janine Miller  Angel Gray  Christie Dockery  Ann-Marie Day  Dennis Carter  Barry Brooks  Vivian Canizares | Planning & Development, Lee County  Transportation Director, City of Albany  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  Staff Representative, GDOT Office of Intermodal (non-voting)  Deputy Director, City of Albany Planning & Development (Non-Voting)  County Manager, Lee County (Non-Voting)  FHWA Planning Team Leader (Non-Voting)  District 4 Planning & Programming Coordinator, GDOT (Non-voting)  Assistant Administrator Dougherty County  GDOT, Assistant Office Head, Rural & Metro Planning |
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| **OTHERS PRESENT**  Marina Rosen  Denise Clark | Transportation Planner II, City of Albany  Planner II, City of Albany |

**Approval of Minutes (October 3, 2024)**

Motion to approve minutes by A. Nava-Estill. Seconded by K. Breedlove and approved unanimously.

**TOPIC I Transportation Update Tanner Anderson**

**2050 MTP (*Recommendation Needed*)**

T. Anderson provided an update on the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). After a year and a half of development, the draft plan was released for public review and comment from October 9, 2024, to November 8, 2024. Feedback was received from GDOT and FHWA, which was addressed by the consultant, Metro Analytics. No public comments were submitted. As the adoption deadline is November 21, 2024, a motion to send a recommendation to the Policy Committee was requested.

Motion to recommend sending this to the Policy Committee for adoption was made by K. Breedlove. Seconded by J. Willingham and approved unanimously.

**Public Participation Plan Amendment (*Recommandation Needed*)**

T. Anderson reported that we have worked with GDOT the past several months to update our current Administrative Modification process. The revised standards aim to streamline the procedure, allowing the MPO to move projects forward more efficiently. The board was provided with an outline of the updated Threshold Changes. Language changes/additions for Public Participation Amendments were also discussed.

Motion to recommend sending this to the Policy Committee to send out for Public Review was made by R. Griffin. Seconded by A. Nava-Estill and approved unanimously.

**FY26 UPWP**

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a planning document that outlines the MPO’s budget, planning activities, studies, and technical support expected to be conducted over a one-year period. T. Anderson informed the Committee that the FY26 UPWP call for activities was open from August through September 2024, during which study suggestions were solicited across jurisdictions. Examples of proposed studies include the SR 32 Corridor Study, Albany-Dougherty Liberty Expressway (including the segment between Slappey Boulevard and Blaylock Street), Dawson Road studies, and SS4A initiatives. The Board engaged in discussion regarding these proposed activities.

**PM 1 Safety Performance Targets**

T. Anderson presented the PM1 Safety Performance Targets for 2025 and the previous year’s targets. T. Anderson noted the rolling average of traffic fatalities is projected at 1600 which is down from last year’s total of 1680. Also, the vote on PM 1 Safety Targets will typically take place in January.

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

J. Tolbert provided an update, stating that Albany Transit is getting closer to full staffing with two bus lines reopening in the East Albany area. There are continued plans to extend Saturday transit hours from 2:15 to 6:00, beginning January 2025, with the implementation of split shifts.

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| **TOPIC III** | **Airport Update** | **Roberto Pagan** |

R. Pagan reported that the airport's UPS cargo ramp expansion project remains on schedule, with a projected completion date in April 2025. Additional updates include ongoing runway painting and markings, LED lighting upgrades, and the addition of a third flight at 11:00 AM.

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| **TOPIC IV** | **GDOT/FHWA Update** |  |

J. Williams reported no updates from GDOT Planning. J. Longo provided information on Discretionary Grants for Resiliency Improvements and PL funding opportunities available through February 24, 2025. Additionally, J. Longo extended congratulations to the MPO on the successful adoption of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

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| **TOPIC V** | **Discussion** |

P. Forgey opened the floor for miscellaneous discussion. It was shared that the current bylaws need to be updated, as well as quorum rules. There being nothing further, P. Forgey moved for adjournment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM.

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| Submitted by: | Tanner Anderson |