**CALL TO ORDER**

Bo Dorough called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

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| **PRESENT**  Bo Dorough  Deron King  Jason Willingham  Jackie Williams  Billy Breeden  Roberto Pagan  Amanda Nava-Estill  Joseph Longo | **(Chair),** Mayor, City of Albany  Dougherty County Administrator  GDOT District 4, Preconstruction Eng. (Proxy for S. Chambers)  Rep. GDOT Office of Planning  Mayor, City of Leesburg  SOWEGA Regional Airport, Superintendent of Operations  Director, Lee Co. Planning & Dev. (Proxy for C. Dockery)  FHWA Representative |
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| **ABSENT**  Terrell Jacobs  Lorenzo Heard  Bob Alexander  Joey Davenport  Bruce Maples  Scott Chambers  Jeremy Brown  Robert Griffin  Luke Singletary  Christie Dockery  Ken Breedlove  Barry Brooks  Dennis Carter  Vivian Canizares | City Manager, City of Albany  Chairman, Dougherty County Commission  City Manager, City of Leesburg  Chief Building Inspector, Lee County  Assistant City Manager, City of Albany  District 4 Engineer, GDOT  Director, Dougherty County Engineering  Interim, Director of Engineering, City of Albany  Chairperson, Lee County Commission **(Vice-Chair)**  County Manager, Lee County  Traffic Engineering, City of Albany  Assistant Administrator Dougherty County  District 4 Planning & Programming Coordinator, GDOT  GDOT, Assistant Office Head, Rural & Metro Planning |
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| **OTHERS PRESENT**  Tanner Anderson  Denise Clark  Paul Forgey  Jason Tolbert  Marina Rosen | Planner II, City of Albany  Planner II, City of Albany  Director, Planning & Development, City of Albany  Transit Planner, City of Albany  Transportation Planner II, City of Albany |

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| **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** | (October 3, 2024) |  |

Motion to approve minutes by B. Breeden. Seconded by A. Nava-Estill and approved unanimously.

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| **TOPIC I** | **Transportation Update** | **Tanner Anderson** |

**2050 MTP (Action 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.

**Motioned to adopt the 2050 MTP was made by A. Nava-Estill.** Seconded by J. Willingham and approved unanimously.

**Public Participation Plan Amendment (Action 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 send out for Public Review was made by B. Breeden. Seconded by J. Willingham 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 a brief discussion regarding these proposed activities. T. Anderson stated that this topic will be brought back to the Board in January to send out for Public Review.

**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** |  |

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** | **Agency Updates** | **GDOT/FHWA** |

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/Comment** |

B. Dorough inquired about the status of the Oglethorpe Bridge Project, specifically regarding the bidding process and award. J. Willingham confirmed that the $32.9 million demolition and reconstruction project has been awarded to Southern Concrete. The project schedule is contingent upon EPD approvals, with construction anticipated to begin after the start of the new year. J. Willingham also reported that Southern Concrete is currently constructing work bridges to ensure compliance with the 12-month timeframe for roadway traffic closure. The Rails to Trails project was also briefly discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

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| Submitted by: | Tanner Anderson |