

DARTS Citizens' Transportation Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

Hybrid Meeting - Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Aaron Johnson 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
Aaron Johnson	Albany/Dougherty Planning Commission (Vice-Chair)
Larry McClain (Virtual)	City of Albany

ABSENT

Brent Davis	Lee County (Chair)
Charles "Bruce" Capps	City of Albany
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 (October 2, 2024)

T. Harris offered the motion to approve minutes, seconded by V. Mason and approved unanimously.

TOPIC I

Transportation Update

Tanner Anderson

FY 26 UPWP

The UPWP (Unified Planning Work Program) is a planning document that outlines the MPO's budget, planning activities, studies, and technical support anticipated for the upcoming year. T. Anderson informed the Committee that the draft FY26 UPWP is attached to the meeting agenda and is being prepared for public review.

Key activities included in this year's budget are:

- Studies such as the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan and the Freight Profile.
- Collaboration with planning departments in various jurisdictions to maintain the Comprehensive Plan, focusing on traffic counts, congestion data, and demographic and

employment information.

This FY26 UPWP will prioritize implementing the projects and policies identified in the recently completed 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Additional proposed activities include:

- The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant initiative.
- Studies for the Liberty Expressway and Dawson Road Corridor in Albany-Dougherty County.

Public Participation Plan Amendment

T. Anderson informed the Committee that GDOT has provided updated criteria and language for the Administrative Modification and Amendment Processes. These updates grant the MPO greater flexibility to make in-house adjustments to projects more efficiently. A PowerPoint slide with detailed numbers was also presented to illustrate the changes.

PM 1 Safety Target

States are required to set annual safety performance targets for their MPOs. The MPO has the option to either adopt the State DOT's targets or establish targets specific to its planning area. In practice, most MPOs align with the state targets. A PowerPoint slide was presented, providing detailed numbers to illustrate both previous and projected statewide safety targets.

TOPIC II

Transit Update

Jason Tolbert

J. Tolbert reported on upcoming revisions to the Blue and Purple Lines. These changes will enable better connectivity to key locations, including the Albany Mall and the Walmart on Gillionville Road. The goal is to implement these updates by the end of January 2025.

TOPIC III

Aviation Update

Roberto Pagan

In R. Pagan's absence, T. Anderson provided an update on the airport. He noted that the UPS cargo ramp expansion project is ongoing and that the Airport Master Plan is nearing completion. T. Harris expressed an interest in coordinating an Airport Overview and Flyover so that the CTC can get a bird's eye view of the city and the Southwest Georgia Regional Airport.

TOPIC IV - Discussion

A brief discussion took place concerning the 7th Avenue Railroad Crossing and Washington Extension Project. T. Anderson stated that no official decisions have been made at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM.

Submitted by: _____