

## **DARTS Citizens' Transportation Committee Minutes**

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

Hybrid Meeting – Zoom

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

B. Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

### **PRESENT**

Glenn "Tyler" Harris	Dougherty County (Virtual)
Van Mason	Lee County
Larry McClain	City of Albany (Virtual)
Brent Davis	Lee County (Chair)
Charles "Bruce" Capps	City of Albany (Virtual)
Perry Ford	Dougherty County (Virtual)
Roberto Pagan	City of Albany, Airport Superintendent

### **ABSENT**

Aaron Johnson	Albany/Dougherty Planning Commission (Vice-Chair)
Shawnasi Barron	City of Albany, Transit Superintendent

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Tanner Anderson	Planner II, City of Albany
Denise Clark	Planner II, City of Albany
Jason Tolbert	Planner II, City of Albany

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES (April 16, 2025)**

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

### **TOPIC I**

### **Transportation Update**

### **Tanner Anderson**

### **FY26 UPWP Admin Mod & Amendment**

T. Anderson gave a brief overview of the proposed PL Funds Studies for Lee County and the City of Albany that have been discussed over the past year.

Dawson Rd. Corridor Study

- Dawson Rd (Slappey Blvd to Lee Co./Terrell Co. line)
  - Total: \$200,000
  - 80%: \$160,000

- 20%: \$40,000

#### Lee Co. Comprehensive Road Study

- All areas except those not in the MPO.
  - Total: \$100,000
  - 80%: \$80,000
  - 20%: \$20,000

B. Capps asked if the studies would include stakeholder meetings and public meetings. B. Davis stated that 80% of what Lee County wanted in their Comprehensive Study is the Dawson Rd. Corridor. The committee discussed the possibility of combining the two studies and whether it would be a better idea to tackle Lee County and Albany's major corridors.

### **FY27 UPWP**

T. Anderson informed the committee Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 begins July 1, 2026 and ends June 30, 2027

The UPWP is a planning document that identifies and describes the MPO's budget and activities.

Activities include planning, studies, and technical support expected to be undertaken in a one-year period. Examples of Activities include Studies (Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, Freight Profile), Planning Documents (2050 MTP, FY27-30 TIP) Maintaining Comprehensive Data (Demographic & Employment Information, Traffic Counts and Congestion), Carrying out Recommendations of the MTP, Maintaining relationships with City/County Planning organizations to integrate land use and transportation planning.

T. Anderson stated the call for activities would go out in August 2025 and run through September 2025.

A few tasks that will be going on during FY 2026 will crossover into FY 2027, in regards to PL Funds Studies.

### **DARTS Public Participation & Bylaws Update**

T. Anderson informed the committee that the participation plan was recently updated to align with the State's public participation plan regarding amounts that constitute an amendment. T. Anderson stated that typically, after every long-range plan update, the public participation plan is revised to reflect practices learned during the update.

T. Anderson noted changes needed in the Public Participation Plan were addressing issues encountered in the 2050 MTP and to address public comment periods from 30 to 15 days, to be more consistent with other Georgia MPOs.

T. Anderson stated changes needed in the Bylaws would need to be updating the membership on the TCC Committee, updating Quorum Rules, and possibly adjusting the meeting schedule.

B. Capps stated it would be beneficial if there was more time between the meetings, so that everything can be passed on to the TCC and PC, as it seems like were not getting any feedback.

T. Anderson stated if the CTC wishes to move to a week out from the TCC and PC meeting they could do that. The idea was floated that the CTC meet on the second Wednesday and TCC and PC meet the third Wednesday.

T. Anderson informed the committee that a draft would probably go out for public review in August.

T. Anderson stated the bylaws can be changed by the Policy Committee. The only other update that needs to be made in the bylaws is filling in holes for membership and changing the number required for a quorum.

## **TOPIC II**

### **Transit Update**

#### **Shawnasi Barron**

T. Anderson stated S. Barron was absent. T. Anderson says that they will find a permanent contact, that RS&H is currently over planning activities and service for Transit. T. Anderson would be provided in the minutes. Transit states there are no updates at this time.

## **TOPIC III**

### **Aviation Update**

#### **Roberto Pagan**

R. Pagan provided an update on the airport. The City Commission approved the airport master plan and is with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for approval. Taxiway Charlie, Sierra, and commercial apron improvements went out for bid and Oxford Construction was the lowest bidder. Project will start in November and December.

T. Harris asked about how the Tri-Annual went in April, and what things were learned that they could improve on. R. Pagan stated that they learned a lot about the issues involving communication, especially between the Airport Fire Department and the Albany Fire Department. Following the exercise, a meeting or hot wash was held to figure out how we can improve.

## **TOPIC IV - Discussion**

T. Anderson stated the September Quarterly meeting will be moved up to August 2025.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by V. Mason, Seconded by B. Capps. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM

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