

CARTERSVILLE-BARTOW
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
JOINT POLICY AND TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2015 2:00 PM

Attendees:

Steve Taylor, Bartow Co. Commissioner	Lamont Kiser, Bartow Comm. Dev. Dir.
Peter Olson, County Administrator, Bartow County	Tom Sills, CBMPO Transportation Planner
Randy Gray, Bartow Road Department Dir.	Will Martin, Bartow Co. Comm. Dev.
Randy Mannino, Cartersville Plng & Dev	Wade Wilson, Cartersville City Engineer
Brooke Whorton, Bartow Admin. Tech	Pamela Madison, Adairsville City Manager
Kevin McBurnett, City of Emerson	Kyle Mote, GDOT (Via Phone)
Cherie Marsh, GDOT	Tom Caiafa, GDOT
Charles Jones, NWGRC	Lee Castro, City of Adairsville
David Acree, GDOT	

I. Welcome:

Policy Committee Chairman Peter Olson called the meeting to order.

II. Public Comment Period:

Policy Committee Chairman Peter Olson advised that there would be a Public Comment Period of ten minutes, however no one of the public had shown up to speak.

III. Approval of Minutes:

A. Policy Committee Chairman Peter Olson called for a motion of approval of the Joint TCC/Policy Committee minutes from May 20, 2015. Lee Castro made the motion, and Randy Mannino seconded the motion for approval. The vote was unanimous for approval.

B. Technical Coordinating Committee member Lamont Kiser made a motion to approve the Technical Coordinating Committee minutes from July 15, 2015. Randy Gray seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. Adopt FINAL Revised FY 2015b Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):

Transportation Planner Tom Sills advised that that the Final revised FY 2015b UPWP needed to be voted on. The Final version included unspent PL funds from FY 2014 in the amount of \$79,165.60 that was rolled over into the FY 2015b UPWP. At this time, Kyle Mote indicated that the MPO could not round up funds on the budget, and that Final PL numbers would need to be adjusted.

Policy Committee Chairman Peter Olson called for a vote of approval with the budget adjustments. Randy Mannino made the motion, and Commissioner Steve Taylor seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

V. DRAFT FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):

Transportation Planner Tom Sills briefly went over the UPWP. He indicated that the 2016 plan shows FTA funds in addition to FHWA funds. The UPWP includes feasibility analysis for Bartow Transit funds, pedestrian and bike routes, and park and ride lots.

Chairman Olson called for a vote to approve the Draft. Commissioner Steve Taylor made the motion, and Randy Mannino seconded the motion for approval.

VI. Public Information Open House June 16 @ Clarence Brown Center:

Tom Sills spoke briefly about the comments received during the Open House that was held on June 16, 2015. Highlights included the strengths and weaknesses of the transportation system, with special concern regarding railroad crossings, off ramp lanes, and future traffic studies in the LakePoint/Avatron area.

VII. 'Unconstrained' Project List:

The Unconstrained Project List was then presented, which is a list of all potential "wish-list" projects that have been identified, if there were no funding restrictions. . The 'Unconstrained' list was compiled by ARCADIS, is simply a total list of projects, and is not listed by priority. The MPO is to streamline this unconstrained list down to a complete list by September 2015. Transportation Planner Tom Sills asked the TCC and Policy Committee members for their input regarding any new projects, reminding them that projects such as railroad and bridge repairs come out of a lump sum, and do not have to be listed individually

At this time, the Boards discussed how the list was put together. The list was compiled using 2011-2012 projects that were gathered for the TIA which did not pass, the 2007 City/County LRTP, and 2007 crash data, which has since been re-reviewed by ARCADIS.

Policy Committee Chairman Olson called for a vote of approval of the 'Unconstrained' list. Steve Taylor made the motion, and Pam Madison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

VIII. Project Evaluation Matrix:

Transportation Planner Tom Sills gave a description of the Project Evaluation Matrix, which is a score and ranking system by ARCADIS using their Goals and Objectives which had been previously approved. The Matrix is a scientific way to prioritize projects.

Policy Committee Chairman Olson asked for a vote for approval of the ratification of the Project Evaluation Matrix. Randy Mannino made the motion for approval, and Pam Madison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IX. Other Business:

Tom Sills outlined the CBMPO LRTP Revenue Projections sheet for FY2016-2040, which shows an estimated 423 million in Roads Sources of Funding over the next 25 years. This budget projections does not include the Transportation Funding Bill that was passed this year.

X. Reports:

None.

XI. Project Update:

Transportation Planner Tom Sills discussed the Project Update sheet which shows updates and current status of projects in the CBMPO area. Highlights included the Glade Road project which is currently under environmental review, meetings with the Cities and GDOT on the Douthit Ferry project, the SR 113 project which will require a bat survey and an update of the wetland survey, and the Adairsville Bike-Pedestrian intersection improvement being cancelled. The Project Update sheet shows updates in red and will be included in the Minutes for reference.

At this time, Cherie Marsh from GDOT answered questions regarding new street lights at the Starbucks and Kroger locations on Main Street in Cartersville, and also introduced David Acree, who is a new representative of GDOT.

XII. Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Policy Chairman Peter Olson.