

CARTERSVILLE-BARTOW  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
JOINT POLICY AND TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 2:00 PM

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**Attendees:**

Steve Taylor, Bartow Co. Commissioner	Lamont Kiser, Bartow Comm. Dev. Dir.
Peter Olson, County Administrator, Bartow County	Tom Sills, CBMPO Transportation Planner
Tommy Sanders, City of Cartersville	Will Martin, Bartow Co. Comm. Dev.
Randy Mannino, Cartersville Plng & Dev	Wade Wilson, Cartersville City Engineer
Brooke Whorton, Bartow Admin. Tech	
Kathy Gill (for Lane McMillan), Bartow County	Kyle Mote, GDOT (Via Phone)
Cherie Marsh, GDOT	Tom Caiafa, GDOT
Valerie Gilreath, Bartow County	Lee Castro, City of Adairsville
Radney Simpson, GDOT	Tim Preece, ARCADIS
Regan Hammond, ARCADIS	Charles Jones, NWGRC

**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:**

Policy Committee Chairman Peter Olson called for a motion of approval of the Joint TCC/Policy Committee minutes from August 19, 2015. Randy Mannino made the motion, and Lamont Kiser seconded the motion for approval. The vote was unanimous for approval of the Joint TCC/Policy Committee minutes from August 19, 2015.

**IV. ARCADIS Presentation:**

Regan Hammond with ARCADIS gave a presentation regarding the project evaluation process for the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). She indicated that the CBMPO was on schedule to have the LRTP adopted in February 2016, ahead of the deadline in March 2016. At this stage, completed tasks for the LRTP included Goals and Objectives, 2010 and 2040 Socio-Economic Data, and project evaluation, among others. Ms.

Hammond explained that the Federal Government requires performance-based planning, which was laid out on page four of the ARCADIS presentation. The Project-Level Evaluation Process sheet shows the process in which projects were grouped into three tiers using like to like project type comparisons, cost, and known support to receive a score on the “Unconstrained” Project List.

**V. Adopt DRAFT “Unconstrained” Project List**

Transportation Planner Tom Sills briefly went over the “Unconstrained” Project List. He indicated that there was a meeting conducted where the original Unconstrained list was narrowed down to projects that were higher in priority. There was much discussion between Board members regarding the funding of projects and how the money in the budget was to be allocated. Kyle Mote of GDOT explained that the four year tier for the LRTP (2015-2018) was not limited to funding shown on the project sheet, and that the plan is re-adopted every four years. GDOT (Georgia Department of Transportation) receives Federal dollars, and then distributes those funds to the MPOs for projects addressed in their Long Range Transportation Plans. In addition, Mr. Mote explained that since the Cartersville-Bartow MPO is in an air quality non-attainment area, that amendments must be coordinated through the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) which handles the conformity modeling for the Atlanta region.

Transportation Planner Tom Sills asked for clarification on the TIP, as the Old Alabama Road projects take up \$53 million in federal and state funding by itself, and the 2016-2019 TIP budget projection would seem to have only \$60 million allocated for the next four years. The LRTP is to show Federal and State funded projects, and any projects that impact air quality and financial conformity.

Peter Olson responded to earlier GDOT inquiries about the SPLOST funding figures in the TIP. Bartow County is currently estimating revenues of 5 million dollars per year. Mr. Simpson advised that the CBMPO be conservative in showing projected funds as the revenue stream is based on historical data and the local match should not depend upon prospective future funding. And, he pointed out, in order for GDOT to fully review the project list, GDOT needs to see the dollar figure splits between Federal, State, and locally matched funds and the allocation of these funds within the MPO LRTP.

At this time, Community Development Director Lamont Kiser asked for clarification from GDOT regarding Federal and State splits and the budget. It was explained that Federal and State funding go through a traditional split of 80/20 and does not include maintenance projects; and that the MPO was to look at the budget as an overall total like a figure in a checkbook, and the approximately 423 million in the budget is to be spread out over twenty years. Kyle Mote also explained the TIP further, saying that GDOT picks projects from the draft TIP by Fiscal Year and Congressional Districts; that the TIP is a fluid document that can be amended as needed, but that funding has to be constrained.

GDOT’s Cherie Marsh advised that the CBMPO needs to document revenue being brought in, and the Federal Government wants to see that the funds the MPO have allocated in the budget will be available. She asked that Tom Sills share the financial information that he had with her and Mr. Mote, and to show the designation between Federal and State programs separately so that GDOT could offer their help and advice.

At this time, Peter Olson asked for a vote to adopt the “Unconstrained” Project List. Bartow County Commissioner Steve Taylor made the motion, and Radney Simpson seconded the motion. The vote for adopting the “Unconstrained” Project List was unanimous for approval.

**VI. Other Business:**

None at this time.

**VII. Project Update:**

Transportation Planner Tom Sills then discussed the Project Update sheet which shows updates and the current status of projects in the CBMPO area.

**VIII. Adjourn:**

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