

CARTERSVILLE-BARTOW  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING  
COMMISSIONER'S HEARING ROOM  
MAY 6, 2015 2:00 P.M.

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**Attendees:**

Steve Taylor, County Commissioner	Kyle Mote, GDOT Planning
Tom Sills, CBMPO Trans. Planner	Tom Caiafa, GDOT Planning
Peter Olson, County Administrator	Kevin McBurnett, City of Emerson
Sam Grove, City of Cartersville	Lee Castro, City of Adairsville
Brooke Whorton, Bartow Admin. Tech.	Lane McMillan, Bartow County

**I. Welcome:**

Policy Committee Chairman Peter Olson called the meeting to Order.

**II. Public Comment Period:**

Chairman Olson advised that there would a public comment period of ten minutes, however there were no members of the general public that had shown up to speak.

**III. Approval of Minutes for February 2, 2015 Policy Committee meeting:**

Peter Olson called for a vote for approval of the February 2, 2015 Policy Committee meeting minutes. Kevin McBurnett made the motion, and Sam Grove seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval of the February 2, 2015 Policy Committee minutes.

**IV. UPWP Revisions to FY 2015b contract:**

At this time, Transportation Planner Tom Sills spoke about the revisions to the FY 15b UPWP contract. The CBMPO is currently asking the GDOT to roll over the \$98,957 from FY 2014's funding into the current FY 2015b UPWP funding. Chairman Peter Olson called for a vote to approve the Draft with the revisions. Kyle Mote made the motion for approval, and Sam Grove seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval of the UPWP FY 2015b contract with the funding revisions.

**V. LRTP/TIP Outreach Proposal:**

At this time, Tom Sills then briefly went over the plans for the LRTP/TIP Outreach Proposal. Mr. Sills told of his plans to speak with each City in the area to introduce the CBMPO and go over the processes involved.

The CBMPO is also currently expecting the GDOT baseline computer models to be received by May 20, 2015 for the Long Range Transportation Plan. This information will then be used in the Public Information Transportation Open House to be held on June 16, 2015 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Clarence Brown Center. The purpose of the Outreach Program is to get materials out to the public and get their input regarding transportation needs or issues in the area. Tom Sills also advised that he was working with Bartow County GIS in regards to an interactive transportation map.

The Committee discussed amongst themselves the federal requirements of reaching out to the public.

At this time, Chairman Olson called for a vote on the ratification of the approach to the Outreach Program. Sam Grove made the motion, and Kevin McBurnett seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Tom Sills also advised the Committee that he had been contacted by the school system, and that they were very interested in being involved in the MPO process. The recommendation was to have Jody Elrod from the school board join the Technical Coordinating Committee. Chairman Olson called for a vote to add Jody Elrod to the TCC. Kevin McBurnett made the motion, and Sam Grove seconded the motion. The motion to add Jody Elrod to the Technical Coordinating Committee was unanimous for approval.

#### **VI. Passage of Transportation Funding Act of 2015:**

Transportation Planner Tom Sills spoke to the Committee about the passage of the Transportation Funding Act of 2015, and referred to the Final Conference Report that was in the meeting materials and on the website. He advised that the funding will not show up until the State's FY 17 (July 2016-June 2017) budget. The hotel/motel/alternate fuel fees should be in the State's FY 16 budget.

#### **VII. 2040 Socioeconomic Data:**

Tom Sills then went over the 2040 Socioeconomic data that was displayed on large maps. This information was gathered from ARCADIS, 2010 Census information, historical data and extensive work by CBMPO Staff. This information is identified as CBMPO Forecast maps, and include 2040 Population Density, 2040 Employment Density, and 2040 Employment Center forecasts in Bartow County. Federal regulations require this information and more to be updated every four years.

#### **VIII. Other Business:**

- A. FLAP Grants-Project Framework Agreements
  - 1. Bartow-Carver- Approved
  - 2. Glade Road/Clark Creek Bridge- Awaiting GDOT signature

## **IX. Reports:**

### **A. Project Updates:**

At this time, Tom Sills went over the MPO Project Update Sheet dated May 2015. All updates are shown in red and are included in the Minutes for reference.

### **B. Staff Activities:**

#### **1. FY 15b Transit Contract in process with GDOT**

#### **2. Public Information Open House June 16 at Clarence Brown Center**

Tom Sills went over the plans for the Public Information Open House, advising that Bartow Transit, bike trails, and commute options are some of the ideas for the transportation tables to be displayed for public information. The GDOT 2040 projection model maps will also be displayed showing projected traffic issues. The hope is to gather information from the public regarding the transportation needs in the County.

At this point, County Commissioner Steve Taylor, Technical Coordinating Committee Chairman Peter Olson and Tom Sills discussed that the Open House would need to be advertised several times in the media.

## **X. Adjourn:**

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