

CARTERSVILLE-BARTOW
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2014 10:00 A.M.

Attendees:

Tom Sills, CBMPO Transportation Planner	Tommy Sanders, City of Cartersville
Wade Wilson, City of Cartersville	Cherie Marsh, GDOT
Weldon Dudley, Bartow Transit	Tom Caiafa, GDOT
Lamont Kiser, Bartow Community Dev.	Pamela Madison, City of Adairsville
Brooke Whorton, Bartow Admin. Tech.	David Howerin, NWGRC
Will Martin, Bartow Engineering	Julie Meadows, NWGRC

I. Welcome:

Technical Coordinating Committee Chairman Tommy Sanders called the meeting to Order.

II. Public Comment Period:

Technical Coordinating Committee Chairman Tommy Sanders advised that there would be 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 Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes (11-19-14):

Technical Coordinating Committee Chairman Tommy Sanders called for a motion for approval of the Minutes from the TCC Meeting on November 19, 2014. Weldon Dudley made a motion for approval on the Minutes. Lamont Kiser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval of the Minutes.

IV. Functional Classification Change for Blackacre Road:

Transportation Planner Tom Sills briefly gave an update of the proposed functional classification change for Dabbs Bridge/Blackacre Trail which runs through Bartow, Cobb, and Paulding Counties. Cobb and Paulding Counties have recommended a downgrade to GDOT of this section of road that runs through Bartow County from a major to a minor collector. In order to coordinate planning and funding with those counties, Transportation Planner Tom Sills asked a vote from the Technical Coordination Committee to recommend changing this from a local classification in Bartow County to a minor collector classification instead of a major collector as was done at an earlier meeting. TCC Chairman

Tommy Sanders called for a vote to approve the classification change. Weldon Dudley made the motion, and Tom Caiafa seconded the motion for approval of the Bartow County classification change from local to minor collector for Dabbs Bridge/Blackacre Trail.

V. 2010 Socio-economic Data:

Tom Sills gave a status update of the collection of the socio-economic data which will be used for the GDOT traffic model. Mr. Sills explained that the CBMPO Staff had been collecting employment numbers, school enrollment, and income levels from 2010. This coincides with Census year data collection and will be forwarded to GDOT. Mr. Sills informed the TCC members that employment information had been received from the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC), but the information was not accurate, and the numbers are being re-checked manually by Staff. The data was due to GDOT by November, however inaccurate information has delayed that from happening. GDOT is to take the employment data and use it for the 2040 population projections, which will possibly be available to the TCC at January's scheduled meeting.

Tom Sills advised Committee members that there are 215 Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ) in Bartow County, and GDOT will use the data to calibrate their computerized traffic model with the 2010 traffic counts. Once calibrated, the 2040 data will be added and the results will help determine which projects should be in the CBMPO's Long Range Transportation Plan. This collection of data is an intensive and integral part of CBMPO Staff's duties at this time, and its importance was reiterated to the City officials in attendance. Chairman Tommy Sanders called for a vote to ratify the approach taken by staff and ask that the information requested by Tom Sills be provided as quickly as possible. Bartow County Community Development Department Director Lamont Kiser made the motion, and Wade Wilson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous for approval.

VI. Other Business:

None at this time.

VII. Reports (project updates, next steps/meetings, staff activities):

Transportation Planner Tom Sills briefly went over the MPO Project Updates sheet, which shows updates in red and will be included with the Minutes. Next steps include getting the 2010 data in, and getting the 2040 model completed. Staff activities include having a public hearing in the Fall of 2015 to share the information gathered with interested public parties. Mr. Sills updated the committee on his efforts to secure transit funding. ARC had funding available at some point, but the funds were transferred to MARTA. At this time, the funds had been requested back from MARTA, but an answer had not been received at meeting time.

VIII. Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Technical Coordinating Committee Chairman Tommy Sanders.