Attendees:

Al Pallone, City of Adairsville  Peter Olson, BC Administrator
Richard Osborne, City of Adairsville  Steve Taylor, BC Commissioner
Charles A. Robinson, GDOT  Megan Weiss, GDOT
Tommy Sanders, City of Cartersville  Joe Sutton, BC Road Department
Wade Wilson, City of Cartersville  Weldon Dudley, BC Transit Department
James Stephens, City of Euharlee  Kathy Gill, BC Clerk
Tom Sills, CBMPO  Joe Ciavarro, GDOT District Six

I. Welcome:

Peter Olson called the meeting to order. The meeting was located in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room in the Frank Moore Administrative Building at 135 West Cherokee Avenue, Cartersville, GA 30120.

II. Public Comment Period:

The floor was opened for public comments, however, no one from the public wished to speak.

III. *Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2019 meeting was made by Commissioner Steve Taylor. After a second of the motion from Steve Worthington, the minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. TIP and LRTP Amendment – PI 621410 Old Alabama

A. GDOT has asked Bartow County to revise the TIP and LRTP concerning the Old Alabama road improvement project to show the funding for UTIL and CST being authorized in FY 2020. There was no need for debate of the topic. With a motion made by Commissioner Taylor and second by Mayor Pallone the vote was unanimously in favor.

V. Project Updates

A. Local Governments

a. PI 0012599 Glade Road – Under construction. First traffic shift to occur within two weeks
b. PI 0015144 Cass-White Ph I – Under construction. Construction of Railroad bridge to commence in January 2020
c. PI 0015145 Cass-White Ph II – Concept report has been submitted to GDOT and is under review.
d. PI 0013532 LakePoint Parkway Extension – Road is scheduled to be open to traffic mid-month.

B. State and Federal

a. PI 0013238 Rome-Cartersville Development Corridor – Bartow County is requesting GDOT to move forward with advance acquisition of ROW along the corridor given the amount of development activity taking place in the area.
b. PI 0013296 I-75 at Cass-White Road Interchange Improvements – A public information open house on this project is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the District Six offices in White.

VI. LRTP 2050
A. Financial Projections
Several meetings between CBMPO staff, the LRTP consultants, and the GDOT Office of Planning have taken place to develop a set of funding projections that conform with historic patterns and GDOT practices. Over the past ten years Bartow County has received $119,526,357 in federal funds for an annual average of $11,952,636, far in excess of the $6.3 million annual amount initially shown in GDOT projections. The lower figure represented an average for urban areas across the state taking into account population size. Given that some of the federal funds received were in the category of maintenance funding, the committee will take a more conservative approach to determine the amount of federal funding that can realistically be expected to come into the CBMPO. The bottom line is that there is a reasonable basis to expect that the majority the currently identified and needed projects can be accommodated within a financially constrained plan and still have funds in the balance to be applied to new projects as their need arises.

B. LRTP and TIP Project Review
With the understanding that a reasonable basis exists to expect funding for the community’s needed projects the rest of the meeting was devoted to clarifying any issues surrounding the projects as identified and defined. The meeting reviewed the project listing provided by the LRTP consultants dated 8/31/19 (attached to these minutes). It was noted that the roundabout project at the entrance to the proposed Vineyard Park project off Red Top Mountain Road was not shown on the list and needed to be added. The project list was compiled originally from earlier plans and after consultation with the various communities located in the CBMPO service area. Each community was asked to identify their chief priority and these projects were identified as follows:

Adairsville: T-925 US 41 improvements near Adairsville High School
Cartersville: CB-508 Douthit Ferry (PI 007494)
Emerson: T-916 Old Alabama Road improvements between Red Top Mountain Road and SR 293
Euharlee: T-960 CR 628/Euharlee Road at Etowah River in Euharlee (PI 008601)
White: CB-426 US 411 Safety Improvement Corridor in White
Bartow County CB-504 Old Alabama Road Project (PI 621410)
Cass-White Ph II (PI 0015145)

There were no projects identified for the cities of Kingston and Taylorsville.

The next step in the process is to produce tables showing the projects meeting guidelines for being fiscally constrained. This will be presented to the TCC at their next meeting on September 18 and at a called Policy Committee meeting with the date TBD soon thereafter. The list approved in draft form will then be submitted to the Atlanta Regional Commission to pursue the required air quality conformity study and to get public comment before having the final plan adopted in February 2020.

VII. There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned.