Attendees:

Lamont Kiser, Bartow Comm. Dev. Dir.  Randy Mannino, City of Cartersville
Tom Sills, CBMPO Transportation Planner  Lee Castro, City of Adairsville
Peter Olson, Bartow County  Sam Grove, City of Cartersville
Brooke Whorton, Bartow Admin. Tech  James Stephens, City of Euharlee
Al Pallone, City of Emerson  Matthew Fowler, GDOT (by phone)
Weldon Dudley, Bartow County  Tommy Sanders, City of Cartersville
Chip Burger, AECOM  Jennifer Hibbert, AECOM

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 from the public was in attendance to speak.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Policy Committee Chairman Peter Olson called for a motion of approval of the Policy Committee minutes from November 2, 2016. Randy Mannino made the motion, and Sam Grove seconded the motion for approval. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. FY 2018-2021 TIP Update:

Transportation Planner Tom Sills advised that once the LRTP was developed, the TIP was a document that also had to be developed. The TIP is a four year document that is updated annually, with GDOT giving the updates on the projects in the TIP. The CBMPO is tasked with updating the TIP and amending the LRTP as needed. This Draft needed to be voted on and approved by the Policy Committee so it could go into the Public Review period to start June 21st and run for thirty days. After the review period, the Draft will come back to the TCC for a recommendation of approval in July and the Policy Committee will vote on the Final Draft in August. TIP changes include projects that were no longer
in the TIP due to being let including Highway 140, Leake Mounds, Highway 113, Bartow Carver, and Lakepoint.

At this time, Policy Committee Chairman Peter Olson called for a vote. Randy Mannino made a motion for approval, and Sam Grove seconded the motion. The motion to approve the 2018-2021 Draft TIP was unanimous.

V. Transit Expansion Feasibility Study- Presentation:

Transportation Planner Tom Sills advised that AECOM had made a presentation at the last TCC meeting in April regarding the Transit Development Plan. AECOM representatives Chip Burger and Jennifer Hibbert made the presentation to the Policy Committee as well. AECOM’s recommendations included a fixed route service with three fixed routes in Cartersville running on a 60 minute frequency. It would require four additional buses, 3 for operations and 1 spare. They also looked at a commuter options that would run at 30 minute intervals that would require an additional 2 buses. If this system was implemented, the 5307 funds would pay for the additional buses in the first year of operation.

Jennifer Hibbert indicated that this would be a complement to the existing service in Bartow County. As a rural community, Bartow County has been receiving continual 5311 federal funding, but with Cartersville now being recognized as an urbanized area, 5307 federal funding would now be available, along with limited-time CMAQ funding. The CMAQ funding would be available for a three year period during which the 5307 funding could be banked and used at a later date.

VI. Other Business:

None at this time.

VII. Project Updates:

Project updates include the Douthit Ferry project being pushed to 2020, and the Old Alabama Road having a Notice to Proceed being issued, with a Let date on that project in July, 2017.

VIII. Adjourn:

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