

CARTERSVILLE-BARTOW
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2018 2:00 P.M.

Attendees:

Kevin McBurnett, Emerson
Cynthia Burney, GDOT
Charles A. Robinson, GDOT
Joseph Ciavarro, GDOT
Richard Osborne, Adairsville
James Swift, Daily-Tribune

Peter Olson, Bartow County
Randy Mannino, City of Cartersville
Tamara Brock, City of Cartersville
Steve Taylor, Bartow County
Cindy Williams, Chamber of Commerce
Tom Sills, CBMPO Transportation
Planner

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 was present to speak.

III. Approval of Minutes

Policy Committee Chairman Peter Olson called for a motion of approval of the Policy Committee minutes from August 1, 2018. Commissioner Taylor made the motion, and Tamara Brock seconded the motion for approval. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. Draft Unified Planning Work Program

Transportation Planner Tom Sills presented a final version of the UPWP. Tom advised that the final document has undergone two public review periods. Comments received from FHWA and GDOT were received and incorporated into the document. Kevin McBurnett made the motion to adopt the FY 2019 UPWP, and Tamara Brock seconded the motion. The vote for approval of the FY 2019 UPWP was unanimous.

V. Other Business

Tom Sills briefly provided several updates.

A. Long-Range Transportation Plan

1. Horizon Year. The need to correlate the horizon year with the air quality conformity analysis has necessitated the need to move the plan horizon year to 2050.
 2. GDOT provides assistance to the smaller MPOs in the state by estimating future travel demands. They do this using what is referred to as a Gravity Model which relies upon the principal that large businesses, shopping malls, etc. attract more trips than do smaller business operations. The Atlanta Regional Commission to our immediate south is using a visioning/scenario planning approach which is based upon the belief that no one factor controls future outcomes but looks to the inter-relatedness of the various factors such as income, housing costs, land use, employment, etc. to estimate what changes will occur in transportation. The CBMPO will need to examine which approach it wants to use in developing the update to the LRTP/TIP due in February 2020.
 3. Administrative Modifications. Several have been undertaken since the last Policy Committee meeting in August. Administrative modifications are allowed where there is no impact on budget, funding sources, or movement of the project into or out of the TIP. In accordance with the Performance Measures mandates of the federal government the following have been addressed and added to the LRTP: Transit Asset Management targets (acceptance of the state targets), Congestion Management/Air Quality (CMAQ) Performance targets (coordinated with those of the Atlanta Regional Commission), and the initial System Performance Report (again using state targets as the benchmark). In addition, PI 0012599 Glade Road/Wildflower Tr to Camp Dr was amended to note that federal funds for construction had been authorized. Because it has been moved into Construction Authorized status, the project will not appear in our next TIP update.
- B. Annual MPO Certification. The CBMPO has undergone an annual certification process with GDOT and FHWA. The final report is forthcoming from GDOT.

VI. Project Updates

- A. Local Government activity
1. A Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant application was submitted for \$575,000 to re-pave the roads within the Gatewood Park camping area and to improve the parking lot at the beach access within the park.
 2. Two TAP Grant proposals for sidewalk improvements along the Glade Road and Grassdale Road corridors were submitted as discussed at the August meeting.
 3. Bartow County requested a cost estimate for improving the lighting at the SR 20/I-75 interchange. The resulting options were each over a million dollars so the project has been put on hold for the time being.

4. The CBMPO received approval from the State PL Funds committee for its funding applications to support the LRTP planning effort (\$70,000) and to do a feasibility study for developing a separate grade railroad crossing within the City of Cartersville (\$60,000). Both projects will be underway after the beginning of next year.

5. Other Project Reports

0012599 Glade Road – awaiting GDOT issuance of Notice to Proceed.

0015144 Cass-White Ph I – under construction as of this week

0015145 Cass-White Ph II – Cost estimate received and concept meeting to be held before end of the year.

0013532 LakePoint Parkway – under construction. Site visit to be held following the Policy Committee meeting.

0007494 Douthit Ferry – no report

B. State and Federal Projects

621410 Old Alabama – Bartow County is awaiting GDOT approval of funding for this project. An amendment to the TIP may be necessary to accommodate the phasing of the project. Charles Robinson will follow up with CBMPO staff to deal with this issue.

0013238 Rome-Cartersville Development Corridor – Advance acquisition of the LGI property has been approved and property negotiations are underway.

VII. Adjourn:

An invitation was made to those present to participate in a site visit to the LakePoint Parkway construction site to observe the placement the railroad bridge beams as part of the railroad bridge construction process.

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