

CARTERSVILLE-BARTOW
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
JOINT POLICY AND TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 20, 2015 10:00

Attendees:

Lamont Kiser, Bartow Comm. Dev. Dir.	Weldon Dudley, Bartow Transit
Tom Sills, CBMPO Transportation Planner	Trish Sullivan, Euharlee City Manager
Randy Gray, Bartow Road Department Dir.	Tommy Sanders, City of Cartersville
Randy Mannino, Cartersville Plng & Dev	Wade Wilson, Cartersville City Engineer
Brooke Whorton, Bartow Admin. Tech	Pamela Madison, Adairsville City Manager
Todd Heath, City of Emerson	Sam Grove, Cartersville City Manager
Kevin McBurnett, City of Emerson	Kyle Mote, GDOT
Lane McMillan, Bartow County	Tom Caiafa, DGOT
Valerie Gilreath, Bartow County	Habte Kassa, ARCADIS
	Jing Xu, HNTB

I. Welcome:

Policy Committee Vice Chairman Randy Mannino called the meeting to order.

II. Public Comment Period:

Policy Committee Vice Chairman Randy Mannino advised that there would be a Public Comment Period of ten minutes, however no one of the public had shown up to speak.

III. Approval of Minutes:

A. Policy Committee Vice Chairman Randy Mannino made a motion of approval of the Policy Committee minutes from May 6, 2015. Kyle Mote seconded the motion for approval. The vote was unanimous for approval.

B. Technical Coordinating Committee Chairman Tommy Sanders called for a motion to approve the Technical Coordinating Committee minutes from April 15, 2015. Pam Madison made the motion, and Lamont Kiser seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

IV. GDOT presentation of CBMPO Computer Model- 2010 and 2040 'Do Nothing' versions:

At this time, Habte Kassa with GDOT presented the 2015 Cartersville MPO Regional Travel Demand Model Update. He gave a brief background of the purpose of the

computer model, as Federal legislation requires an updated Long Range Transportation Plan every five years from Metropolitan Planning Organizations. As the newest MPO, the Cartersville-Bartow division will use the computer model information provided by GDOT to create the first LRTP that is due to be adopted on or before March 26, 2016. The CBMPO will also need to provide projects to Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) for Air Quality Analysis by the end of August, 2015. Mr. Kassa advised that the Travel Demand Model (TDM) uses transportation network characteristics and gathered socioeconomic data to identify deficiencies and prioritize projects for the CBMPO to focus on. Major activities by GDOT included the preparation of socioeconomic data, development and validation of Base Year 2010 Model, development of 2040 Do-Nothing Scenario, and a system performance evaluation. Mr. Kassa also explained that the Level of Service (LOS) is based on Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) 2010 methodology, it was derived using the TDM, and compares volumes along the roadway to the capacity of that roadway. Once the 2010 data was validated, it was used to make the 2040 LOS projections and will be used at the Public Information Meeting in June.

A presentation of the model and its results was made by Jing Xu, consultant with HNTB which has the contract with GDOT to maintain the TDM.

At this time, Tom Sills, Kyle Mote and Habte Kassa discussed the model, and changes that could be made to the LOS based on employment or socioeconomic data. Mr. Mote advised that the model is based on average traffic, but does not incorporate signals, stop signs, trains or peak traffic periods. Mr. Kassa said that if any concerns arise about certain roads, that the model can be reevaluated, to which Mr. Sills advised that he felt that Tennessee Street and Main Street needed to be looked at further.

Randy Mannino then called for a vote by the Policy Committee to enact a Resolution to adopt the base year (2010) and 2040 “Do-nothing” Traffic Demand Model. Kevin McBurnett made the motion, and Kyle Mote seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

V. Project List for ‘Existing+Committed Model’:

At this time, there were no updates to the Project List.

VI. ARCADIS presentation-Transportation Needs Discussion:

ARCADIS representative Tim Preece gave a presentation regarding where ARCADIS is in helping the CBMPO LRTP Development. Completed tasks by ARCADIS included Goals and Objectives, 2010 Socio-Economic Data, Existing Conditions, 2040 Socio-Economic Data and Evaluation Methodology and Performance Measures. Mr. Preece advised a lot of work was necessary to present projects to ARC for air quality conformity. He also went over ARCADIS’ “SWOT” tool, which stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats in regards to the transportation system.

At this time, Transportation Planner Tom Sills and the Committees discussed some weaknesses that were of concern, including transit hours and accessibility and pedestrian traffic. There was also discussion about how GDOT sets the level of federal funding to be used in the LRTP. The MPO was told that the figure would be based upon federal and state funding received in the recent past that had been spent in Bartow County and would not include revenues derived from the recently passed Transportation Funding Act in the General Assembly.

VII. Public Information Open House June 16 at Clarence Brown Center:

Tom Sills briefly went over the plan for the Public Information Open House to be held at the Clarence Brown Center on June 16th, 2015 between the hours of 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM in Etowah Room #4. This will be an informal, drop-in event to show the public the progress of the CBMPO and will be a chance to gather information from the public on their thoughts regarding transportation needs in the County. The comments and ideas gotten from the public will then be given to the Technical Coordinating Committee at the next meeting, which will fall the day after the Open House on June 17, 2015.

VIII. Other Business:

None at this time.

IX. Reports:

A. None

X. Adjourn:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairman Randy Mannino.