

CARTERSVILLE-BARTOW
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
JOINT POLICY AND TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2015 10:00 AM

Attendees:

Peter Olson, County Administrator, Bartow County	Tom Sills, CBMPO Transportation Planner
Randy Mannino, Cartersville Plng & Dev	Kyle Mote, GDOT
Brooke Whorton, Bartow Admin. Tech	Tom Caiafa, GDOT
Cherie Marsh, GDOT	Charles Jones, NWGRC
Radney Simpson, GDOT	Todd Heath, City of Emerson
Wade Wilson, City of Cartersville City of Adairsville	Dennis Thayer, City of Euharlee

I. Welcome:

Policy Committee Chairman Peter Olson called the meeting to order. Several of those in attendance were serving dual roles as members of one committee and representatives of their respective jurisdictions on the other.

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 had shown up to speak.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Policy Committee Chairman Peter Olson called for a motion of approval of the Joint TCC/Policy Committee minutes from September 16, 2015. Radney Simpson made the motion, and Dennis Thayer seconded the motion for approval. The vote was unanimous for approval of the Joint TCC/Policy Committee minutes from September 16, 2015.

IV. Adopt DRAFT 'Financially Constrained' Project List:

Transportation Planner Tom Sills spoke about the 'Financially Constrained' Project List, which meets budgetary requirements for what is projected to come to the area in the next 25 year period. Locally funded projects of importance are shown on the list but are not included in the Federal funding and include the Cass-White road widening and Paga Mine Road. Paga Mine Road is in the Long Range 2 Tier, from 2030-2040, so it can be modeled with air quality conformity, but may be moved up depending on talks with the Avatron Theme Park representatives. For now, it is showing in the 2030-2040 model. Tom

Sills explained that we are expecting a traffic impact study on the Avatron project by November 6, 2015. There will be some modifications needed at the intersections with 75 and Old Allatoona Road and Red Top Mountain Roads. The ‘Financially Constrained’ Project List meets the Federal requirements for being constrained on the use of Federal Funds and is ready to be put out in Draft form.

GDOT had questions at this time concerning the budget figures lining up. Some figures came out of earmarked money, and some figures are local, which will not show in Federal figures. Items have been tagged on the spreadsheet that have to line up in the Federal ‘Financially Constrained’ budget. What is being proposed on the Financially Constrained List are projects where costs do not exceed the anticipated Federal, State, and Local funding. The Federal STP fund where projects pull funding from is required to be financially constrained and is approximately 423 million. The document is the project plan for the Cartersville Bartow community and it was important that the community had the projects being built shown in this document.

At this time, Peter Olson asked for a vote to adopt the “Constrained” Project List. The TCC voted, and Dennis Thayer made the motion, and Todd Heath seconded the motion. The Policy Committee voted, Dennis Thayer made the motion, and Weldon Dudley seconded the motion. The vote for adopting the “Constrained” Project List was unanimous for approval.

V. Adopt FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program:

Transportation Planner Tom Sills advised that the Final version of the UPWP is ready for adoption. The final version incorporates all comments received on the draft. At the suggestion of the GDOT Office of Planning, an amendment to add the following information will be added: representatives of FHWA and GDOT Planning to be added to the TCC voting page. The public participation language will also be changed in the Final version.

At this time, Peter Olson asked for a vote to adopt the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program with proposed amendments. The TCC voted, and Dennis Thayer made the motion, and Todd Heath seconded the motion. The Policy Committee voted, Dennis Thayer made the motion, and Weldon Dudley seconded the motion. The vote for adopting the FY 2016 UPWP with amendments was unanimous for approval.

VI. Other Business:

At this time, Transportation Planner Tom Sills discussed the schedule to adopt the LRTP by the March 2016 deadline. Until ARC has submitted their Air Quality Conformity information, the Draft plan cannot be put out for public review. Currently, the schedule has a Joint PC and TCC meeting on December 2, 2015 to recommend the Draft LRTP, then there will be a public comment period from December 4, 2015 through January 5, 2016. The second public information meeting will be scheduled for January 3 or 5, 2016, followed by a TCC meeting on January 20, 2016 to recommend approval of the Final LRTP with incorporated comments. On February 3, 2016 the Policy Committee will be set to approve the Final LRTP, prior to the deadline of March 26, 2016.

Discussion was then had concerning the different dates available for the public information meeting, and it was decided that the public information meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

Tom Sills advised that the Draft LRTP would be given to members by November 20, 2015, and earlier if possible. It was also discussed that it would be important for FHWA to see the Draft before the recommendation for approval so that their comments can be incorporated fairly early in the process.

VII. Project Update:

Transportation Planner Tom Sills then discussed project updates which included state funding being made available the State Route 113 project, which is now set to Let in July 2016. This project would no longer be shown on the Unconstrained Project List, as it has been funded.

VIII. Adjourn:

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