

MINUTES
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
October 26, 2016

Ms. Jessica Bird called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m. Handouts were distributed to include: (1) Agenda; (2) Minutes of the July 27, 2016 meeting; (3) Transportation Performance Management/Safety Performance Measures Sheet; (4) Russell Parkway Extension Alternatives Map; and (5) WRATS Project Status Report.

ATTENDEES

Jessica Bird	Decius Aaron	Paul Schwindler	Daniel Dobbins
Adam Smith	Timothy Andrews	Rick Robinson	Ken Robinson
Bill Schwanebeck	John Marshall	Vivian Canizares	Derek McElheny
Bill Mulkey	David Hale	Mike Brumfield	Krystal Stovall-Dixon
Kristine Piquette			

A motion was made by Mr. Daniel Dobbins and seconded by Mr. Ken Robinson to approve the July 27, 2016 minutes as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.

Transportation Performance Management Update

Ms. Jessica Bird briefed the committee on the completion status of proposed and final Transportation Performance Management (TPM) rules. She announced that the deadline for phase-in of new requirements under the Metropolitan and Statewide Planning rule is May 27, 2018. Ms. Bird explained that at the last meeting back in July she covered those new requirements such as a performance-based planning approach, additional planning factors, and an expanded list of providers/agencies to involve/consult. She stated that the WRATS 2040 LRTP and TIP would need to be amended to include the new requirements in order to meet the May 2018 deadline. The Highway Asset Management Plan final rule was published on Monday, October 24 and an extended comment period closed for the MPO Coordination proposed rule on the same day, shared Ms. Bird.

Ms. Bird then turned the discussion to safety performance measures target setting. She discussed information concerning target setting for Georgia DOT and WRATS which included deadlines, methodologies, requirements, assessment and penalty, and miscellaneous notes. Ms. Bird emphasized that WRATS can either agree to support Georgia DOT's targets or establish any number of numerical targets specific to the metropolitan planning area. She explained that after each final rule is published and becomes effective, Georgia DOT has one year to set its targets for the respective performance measures and WRATS will set targets 180 days after that. Every time this process takes place, the LRTP and TIP will need to be amended for the new performance measures and targets, stated Ms. Bird. She also added that the Georgia DOT was thinking about establishing a performance measures subcommittee for target coordination using participants from the Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO).

MPO Coordination NPRM Update

Staff from the Macon MPO and Warner Robins MPO submitted comments regarding the MPO Coordination proposed rule by the deadline of August 26, stated Ms. Jessica Bird. She explained that the comment period was extended to October 24 and the USDOT was looking for specific comments concerning the costs associated

with the proposed rule as far as MPO consolidation and/or production of joint documents and studies. Ms. Bird announced that 584 comments were received and that WRATS would now wait and see if a final rule is published. She also gave information about a USDOT initiative called MPOwerment which is a series of one-day meetings/roundtable discussions happening across the country in an effort to help with the challenge of working together to make better decisions regionally and locally.

Russell Parkway Extension-Peach County

The committee members were asked by Ms. Jessica Bird to review an alternatives map created for the Russell Parkway Extension Study in 2010. Ms. Bird reminded the committee that Mr. Paul Schwindler, Peach County Public Works Director, announced at the last meeting in July that Peach County was awarded a grant from the Georgia Transportation Infrastructure Bank (GTIB) for this project. Mr. Schwindler explained that Peach County was not awarded the full amount it asked for and was asking if the Georgia DOT might be able to make up the difference.

Mr. Adam Smith, GDOT District 3 Preconstruction Engineer, recommended that Mr. Schwindler write a letter to Mr. Jay Roberts, GDOT Director of Planning. Ms. Vivian Canizares, GDOT Planner II, advised Mr. Schwindler to include the background information concerning the funding shortage. Mr. Smith also suggested contacting the State Aid office in an attempt to acquire supplemental Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds. According to Mr. Schwindler, the GTIB funds have a September 2018 deadline; therefore, at least the first phase of the project from Housers Mill Road to Lake View Road will be built, but the scope of the project will be reduced if Georgia DOT cannot provide any funding. He said that Peach County plans to contribute \$350,000 toward the project, so they would need between \$300,000 and \$400,000.

SR-247C/Watson Boulevard Improvements

Ms. Jessica Bird explained that she wanted to make the committee aware of two upcoming improvement projects on SR-247C/Watson Boulevard. According to Ms. Bird, the first project is a sidewalk addition on the north side from Corder Road to Houston Lake Road. She further explained that the City of Warner Robins will be completing this project using local SPLOST funds. The City has a proposal for engineering and a construction cost estimate on the agenda for the Mayor and Council meeting on November 7, stated Ms. Bird.

The second project described by Ms. Bird is a streetscape from SR-247 to Davis Drive which includes decorative lighting, landscaping, and curb and gutter improvements. She explained that this project will be partially funded using a repurposed congressional earmark.

Update on WRATS Project Status Report

Mr. Adam Smith provided a project report with project manager comments to the committee members and briefly reported on most of the projects. Mr. Smith offered to answer questions and/or provide more information pertaining to any project.

Ms. Jessica Bird asked about the construction status of the SR-96 widening project. Mr. Smith said that he did not know, but he would contact the project manager to get more information.

There being no further business, Mr. Ken Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mike Brumfield seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

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