

MINUTES
TECHNICAL COORDINATING, CITIZENS ADVISORY & POLICY
COMMITTEES MEETING
October 21, 2020

Meeting conducted via Zoom video conferencing. Handouts were emailed October 16 and 20, 2020 to include: (1) Agenda; (2) Minutes of the July 29, 2020 meeting (TCC); (3) Minutes of the August 6, 2020 meeting (CAC); (4) Minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting (PC) and (5) WRATS Project Status Report.

Ms. Jessica Bird called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. and ran through a few housekeeping items.

ATTENDEES

Jessica Bird	Steve Coté	Brian Powers	Bryan Wood
Greg Boike	Kaniz Sathi	Harland Smith	April Cunard
Tim Andrews	Robbie Dunbar	Forrest Walker	Michael Chidester
Vivian Canizares	Tom McQueen	John Harley	Joel Davenport
Bill Mulkey	Kate Hogan	David Hale	Michael Johnson
Tammy Sosebee	Harold Deal	Chad McMurrian	Adam Smith
Ken Robinson			

A motion was made by Mr. Greg Boike and seconded by Mr. Chad McMurrian to approve the July 29, 2020 TCC minutes as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.

According to Ms. Jessica Bird, a quorum was not present to approve the August 6, 2020 CAC meeting minutes. She said she would place the minutes on the agenda for the first CAC meeting in 2021.

A motion was made by Mr. Bryan Wood and seconded by Mr. Greg Boike to approve the August 11, 2020 PC minutes as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.

Recommendation/Adoption of 2045 MTP

Ms. Jessica Bird introduced Mr. Steve Coté and Mr. Brian Powers with RS&H, the consultant team working with the MPO on the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Mr. Powers explained that the MTP is required of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) every five years. He further explained that work on the WRATS 2045 MTP began over a year ago. Using a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Brian Powers briefed committee members on the 2045 MTP background, project recommendations, and public outreach update.

Mr. Brian Powers stated that there are 22 projects on the financially constrained list with eight projects in Band 1 and Bands 2 and 3 having seven projects in each of them. He explained that

the second public workshop was held virtually through the WRATS website due to the pandemic and was open September 1-30, 2020. Mr. Powers stated there were 106 views of the outreach materials and nine surveys completed with respondents reporting that the recommendations represent individual needs and the needs of the region. He ended the presentation by sharing general comments from respondents and associated projects in the plan to address transportation concerns.

Ms. Jessica Bird announced that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) did submit comments on the draft document and those comments have been addressed in the final document.

Mr. Chad McMurrian made a motion to recommend that the Policy Committee adopt the WRATS 2045 MTP. Mr. Ken Robinson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. John Harley made a motion to adopt the WRATS 2045 MTP. Mr. Robbie Dunbar seconded and the motion passed unanimously

WRATS Project Status Report

Mr. Harland Smith, GDOT District 3 Planning and Programming Coordinator, went through the project report that was emailed to committee members and briefly highlighted information on some of the projects including project manager comments.

Mr. Tom McQueen from the GDOT Office of Planning asked what the timeline is for project counts 13 and 14, which are the two quick response projects. Mr. Smith did not know but said he would get that information to Ms. Jessica Bird after the meeting. Ms. Bird said she would email it out to the group along with the project status report.

According to Mr. Tom McQueen, the final piece of the SR-96 widening project that picks up from project count 11 in Twiggs County and ends at I-16 will be moving forward thanks to a federal grant. Project count 11 is currently in long range.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Jessica Bird reminded the group that the next round of WRATS meetings would take place in February/March 2021. She said she is unsure of the format, but will contact committee members before those meetings.

Ms. Vivian Canizares asked Ms. Jessica Bird if safety targets are updated by administration modification because the deadline is February 2021. Ms. Bird explained that she would make the changes in house and notify the committee members about the changes in February/March 2021.

There being no further business, Mr. John Harley made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tim Andrews seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

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