

MINUTES
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
April 26, 2023

Ms. Jessica Bird called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. Handouts were distributed to include: (1) Agenda; (2) Minutes of the October 26, 2022 meeting; (3) Minutes of the February 22, 2023 meeting; (4) 2050 MTP Schedule; and (5) WRATS Project Status Report.

ATTENDEES

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| Jessica Bird | Tiffany Bibb | Chad McMurrian | Ken Robinson |
| Shannon Bryant | Greg Boike | Harland Smith | Jackie Williams* |
| Casey Langford* | Olivia Lewis* | | |

*participated via Zoom

A motion was made by Mr. Chad McMurrian and seconded by Mr. Greg Boike to approve the October 26, 2022 minutes and the February 22, 2023 minutes as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.

Recommendation to adopt FY 2024 UPWP

Ms. Jessica Bird announced that she received updated federal amounts since the meeting in February. She explained that the PL amount decreased from approximately \$234,000 to \$233,000 and the Y410 amount increased from approximately \$5,500 to \$6,500. The local match has been waived for Y410 in FY 2024. There is still a small local match showing due to some adjustments from FY 2023 she said. Ms. Bird also mentioned that she received three comments with regard to the removal of the Air Quality sub-element. After consulting with GDOT and the Interim MPO Director, Mr. Terry Wood, the Air Quality sub-element was removed; however, the task of attending Middle Georgia Clean Air Advisory/Green Team meetings was added to the Program Coordination sub-element.

According to Ms. Bird, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a planning document that the MPO produces each year. The document covers work to be performed by the MPO from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and includes information such as the various tasks to be completed and the anticipated costs and funding sources for each task. She stated that the total budget for the FY 2024 UPWP is \$96,625.00 with a twenty percent local match of \$19,325.

Mr. Greg Boike with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission asked about how the funds were shown for Sub-Element 5.1: Complete Streets. The federal amount and local match did not equal the total. Mr. Casey Langford with GDOT Planning explained that it is not a true 80/20 split. Ms. Jessica Bird said she would follow up after the meeting to make sure the funds are shown correctly before the Policy Committee (PC) meeting next month.

Mr. Greg Boike made a motion to recommend that the PC adopt the FY 2024 UPWP provided the funds are shown correctly for Sub-Element 5.1: Complete Streets. Mr. Ken Robinson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Recommendation to amend 2045 MTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP (PM2 & 3)

Ms. Jessica Bird shared information about PM2 and PM3 performance measures and GDOT's new targets using a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Bird reviewed the PM2 and PM3 performance measures and the 2-year and 4-year targets GDOT established in December 2022. The 4-year targets can be revisited in 2024 if necessary. As far as next steps, Ms. Bird explained that this committee needs to recommend that the PC either support GDOT's PM2 and PM3 targets or set its own. Adoption of GDOT's targets requires a Resolution from the PC by June 2023 and amendment of the 2045 MTP and FY 2021-2024 TIP. She said the required public comment period for the amendment was held from April 10 through April 24 and copies of the proposed amendment were emailed to WRATS committees, posted on the MPO website, and available at city halls and annexes throughout the MPO area.

Mr. Chad McMurrian with the City of Perry asked if MPO staff had any issues with GDOT's targets for the first performance period. Ms. Jessica Bird explained that while GDOT's targets are statewide and not drilled down to the MPO level, the MPO did not experience any problems with them during the first performance period.

Mr. Chad McMurrian made a motion to recommend that the Policy Committee amend the 2045 MTP and the FY 2021-2024 TIP to include GDOT's new targets for PM2 and PM3. Mr. Greg Boike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Draft FY 2024-2027 TIP Discussion

The financial figures and project information have been received from GDOT announced Ms. Jessica Bird. She explained that the Lump Sum categories have changed some from past TIPs. Specific projects include the bridge replacements on SR 7 at Flat Creek, SR 7/SR 127/US 41 at Big Indian Creek, and SR 247 at Echeconnee Creek as well as the widening of SR 96 from Fire Tower Road to Housers Mill Road. The draft TIP also has transit funding for Section 5311 in Peach County and through the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for the Mobility Management program. Ms. Bird stated that the draft document has been submitted to GDOT and FHWA for review and the plan is to hold the public comment period in June and recommend/adopt the final document during the next round of meetings in July/August.

Byron Safety Improvement Master Plan

Ms. Jessica Bird shared information about a Microsoft Teams meeting that took place on April 13 with representatives from the GDOT District 3 Preconstruction and Traffic Operations Offices, the GDOT Planning Office in Atlanta, the City of Byron and its engineering consultant, GWES, and the MPO. Ms. Bird relayed some of the comments made by GDOT District 3 during the meeting with respect to SR 42 and SR 49. The two routes are programmed for resurfacing

and there is a statewide lighting program; however, it is competitive and projects are programmed far out into the future. The GDOT Planning Office remarked that the identified areas of concern are safety/operational in nature and ready for construction, which is not the intended use of Special PL funds. She added that other funding sources were suggested during the meeting like Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A), Transportation Alternatives (TA), Quick Response, and Road Safety Audits. Ms. Bird said the City of Byron/GWES needs to let her know before the next round of WRATS meetings if they still plan to have the MPO apply on their behalf for Special PL funds in October.

2050 MTP Update

Ms. Jessica Bird handed out a schedule to discuss the anticipated activities for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Ms. Bird let everyone know that this is an estimated schedule and does not include everything that goes into the creation of the 2050 MTP nor is it concrete with respect to timeframes. Some activities happen at the same time and others cannot start until something else is complete; therefore, the schedule is subject to change. She discussed work like applying for Special PL funds through GAMPO, procurement for consultant services, travel demand modeling work completed by GDOT, and public involvement opportunities. Ms. Bird reminded everyone that the 2050 MTP is due on October 21, 2025.

Update on WRATS Project Status Report

Mr. Harland Smith, GDOT District 3 Planning and Programming Liaison, provided a project report with project manager comments to the committee members and briefly reported on some of the projects.

Mr. Greg Boike asked if the ROW was complete for the bridge project on SR 7/SR 127 at Big Indian Creek in Perry. Mr. Chad McMurrian said the City of Perry has given the necessary ROW and there are some temporary construction easements that have been signed.

There being no further business, Mr. Ken Robinson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Chad McMurrian seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.