

Meeting: ARTS Policy Committee

Recorded by: Udomekong Udoko

Date: 03/1/2018

Time: 11:00am to 11:30 am

Attendance:

Melanie Wilson, Director of Planning and Development Department

Carletta Singleton, Strategic Long Range Planning Manager of Augusta Planning and Development Department

Dhruvi Panchal, Planner I- GIS/Urban Design

Rhonda Mitchel, Transit Manager, Lower Savannah Council of Government (LSCOG)

Sharon Dottery, Transit Contract Manager of Augusta Public Transit (APT)

LJ Peterson, Aiken County Planning and Development

John Ussery, AED

June Hamal, AED

Marcus Jacob, AED

Ted Hicks, Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT)

Scott Sterling, City of Grovetown

Carole Burrowbridge, City of Augusta

Christina Jordan, ADA Officer of Augusta Recreation and Parks

Diane Lackey, SCDOT Intermodal & Freight Programs Office

Marcus Campbell, City of Augusta

Matt Schlachter, Deputy Director of Columbia County

Radney Simpson, Policy Committee Member

Melisa Campbell,

Jamie Cochran, GDOT

Kenny Larimore, SCDOT

Background:

The Policy Committee (PC) meeting was held in the Linda Beazley Community Meeting room on the 1st Floor of the Augusta Richmond County Municipal Building, located on 535 Telfair Street, Suite 300. The meeting set up as a Go-To-Meeting and Teleconference.

Discussion/Summary:

1. Welcome and Introduction-Carletta Singleton

The meeting was called to order by Matt Schlachter, Deputy Director of Columbia County.

2. Review and adopt Final FY 2019 United Planning Working Program (UPWP) –Work Elements, work activities and budget.

Ms. Singleton presented to the Policy committee a summary of the ARTS FY 2019 UPWP transportation planning work elements, work activities, and budget. The bullet points listed below consist of the work elements and activities which were part of the ARTS transportation planning process:

- FY 2020 UPWP;
- FY 2017 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program administrative modifications and amendments;
- 2040 LRTP – Amendments, Modifications, Transit Capital Program of Projects (POP), Update Performance Measures and align them with the 2040 LRTP Goals and Objects, and CMS;
- GDOT FTA 5303 Grant Applications for FY 2020;
- FTA 5310 Program – administrative and grant management;
- Special Studies – Updating Congestion Management Process;
- Special Studies – 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan;
- Special Studies - Central Martinez Area Access Management Study;
- ARTS Traffic Crash and Intersection Analysis – Annual Update;
- Freight Plan;
- Bike and Pedestrian Plan Update;
- Alternative Transportation – Set-A-Side Program;
- Regional Transportation System Database – Socioeconomic (SE) Data update, Traffic/Travel Data, and Annual Growth Trends Report;
- FY 2019 Obligated Projects

After providing the FY 2019 UPWP work elements and activates to the Policy Committee (PC), Ms. Singleton shared with the PC the budget summary of the ARTS UPWP transportation funding sources. The following figures listed below identifies the work element task budgets for the ARTS UPWP which identifies each work element funding source and agencies responsible for implementation.

Augusta Planning and Development Dept. - Total:

- GDOT PL - \$373,763.85 Federal 80%, \$93,440.96 APDP 20% for a Total of \$467,204.81; Total Increase is \$9,959.78.

- SCDOT PL - \$18,000.00 Federal 80%, \$4,500.00 APDP 20% for a Total of \$22,500.00;
- GDOT FTA 5303 FY 2019 & FY 2020 - \$167,246.00 Federal 80%, \$20,905.75 GDOT 10%, \$20,905.75 – ADPD 10% for a Total of \$209,057.50; *Total Increase is \$6,735.10.*

Local/State Match provided by GDOT, Richmond County, GA & Aiken County, SC

Aiken County Planning and Development Dept.

- SCDOT PL - \$210,800.00 Federal 80%, \$52,700.00 ACPDP 20% for a Total of \$263,500.00;

Local/State Match provided by Aiken County, SC

Lower Savannah Council of Govt.

- SCDOT FTA 5303 - \$48,000.00 Federal 80%, \$12,000.00 LSCOG 20% for a Total of \$60,000.00

Local/State Match provided by Aiken County, SC

Special Planning Studies

Updating Congestion Management Process

Ms. Singleton provided the Policy Committee with an overview of the ARTS MPO special studies which will be undertaken by the ARTS MPO in the 2018 Fiscal Year. Ms. Singleton mentioned that the ARTS MPO will undertake three special studies over the course of FY 2019 and part of FY 2020.

FY 2019 begin July 1ST of FY 2018.

For the long range plan, the ARTS MPO goes through and updates their current long range plan. The last update was done in-house. This year, the ARTS MPO will be proposing to hire a consultant to prepare the work of the updated long range plan. In the process of the ARTS long range plan getting updated GDOT will prepare the regional travel model (Traffic Model) in support of the ARTS long range plan. The ARTS staff, with the assistance of the consultants, will produce the other multimodal part of the transportation planning updates.

Ms. Singleton mentioned that the ARTS MPO will begin work on updating its congestion management process (CMP) within late March or April of 2018, which will carry on to 2019. She stated that the ARTS MPO will expect to have its CMP complete and ready for adoption by a policy committee in December of 2018.

In addition, the ARTS MPO will present all of its projects and planning documents to all of the ARTS MPO committees. Ms. Singleton noted that the special transportation studies will require public meetings in which the ARTS MPO will assist the consultants in this task.

Central Martinez Area Access Management Study

Ms. Singleton mentioned that the ARTS MPO will not begin its work on the Central Martinez Area Access Management Study (CMAAMS) until the MPO has completed its CMP and have

gotten approval from FHWA to start work on the CMAAMS. However, the ARTS MPO will begin drafting a scope of work for the Central Martinez Area Access Management Study (CMAAMS), which will consist of a work task and schedule. Ms. Singleton remarked that the ARTS MPO having a work task and schedule will allow for the ARTS MPO to have a head start on the CMAAMS once it has approval from FHWA.

2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan

Ms. Singleton reported to the policy committee that the special studies budget cost for the long range plan is \$350,000 dollars. Ms. Singleton noted that Aiken County would be funding up to \$80,000 for the updates of the ARTS long range plan.

After reviewing the FY 2019 United Planning Working Program (UPWP) work elements, work activities and budget, the Policy Committee gave motion to adopt the FY 2019 United Planning Working Program (UPWP).

3. Status of Other Regional Transportation Projects:

a. Review of Administration Modifications to the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and FY 2017-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

b. Georgia Highways

GDOT reported no changes or updates to the status of projects

c. South Carolina Highways

SCDOT reported no changes or updates to the status of projects

d. Augusta Public Transit (APT) Dept. –Sharon Dottery

Ms. Dottery reported that APT is currently in continuation with the projects that were left by the former director of APT, Patrick Stephens. Ms. Dottery also reported that APT is currently still working on its Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). For Projects, Ms. Dottery also noted that APT's current main projects is the development of its new facility.

e. Best Friend Express –Rhonda Mitchell

Ms. Rhonda Mitchell reported that Lower Savannah Council of Government (LSCOG) had recently provided the final edits to their consultants (Tindale Oliver) for its transit development plan final report. Ms. Mitchell remarked that the consultants have a final version of the executive summary document from their study, in which LSCOG expects to be completed within the next week.

Ms. Mitchell also reported that work had begun for LSCOG's transit asset management (TRAMS) plan, in which performance measures are in the process of being developed. In addition, LSCOG has completed a new grant amendment request for FTA regent form review and have transmitted this application through TRAMS. Ms. Mitchell noted that this new grant does not have any lapsing funds. The new grant ending date will be Sept, 30, 2019.

Lastly, LSCOG has submitted its state mass transit funds and mobility management grant request have been submitted this month for fiscal 2018-19.

After reviewing the status of updates on the regional transportation projects, the Policy Committee gave a motion to adjourn.

4. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned: 11:30am