



**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY  
 (ARTS)  
 TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING  
 AUGUSTA RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
 535 TELFAIR STREET, 3RD FLOOR, SUITE 391, AUGUSTA GEORGIA 30901  
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2018 at 10:30 A.M.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b><i>VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i></b>	<b><i>VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i></b>
<b>Rhonda Mitchell, LSCOG</b> <b>Adam Humphries, SCDOT – RPG3</b> <b>Matt Schlachter, Columbia County</b> <b>Sharon Dottery, Interim Director Augusta Public Transit</b> <b>LJ Peterson, Aiken Co</b>	<b>Thomas Zeaser, Engineer, N. Augusta</b> <b>Joe Berry , Aiken County</b> <b>Herbert Judon, Director Augusta Regional Airport</b> <b>Andrew Strickland, Director, Columbia Co. Planning</b> <b>Yolanda Morris, GDOT</b> <b>Todd Turner, US Army</b> <b>John Pleveich, RATP Development</b> <b>Curtis Murphy, New Ellenton</b> <b>Hameed Malik, Augusta Engineering</b> <b>Kenny Larimore, SCDOT - Planning</b> <b>Michelle Jones, City of Aiken Public Works</b> <b>Steve Cassell, P.E. Engineering Director Columbia County</b>
<b>OTHERS ATTENDING:</b>	
<b>Augusta Planning and Development Dept.</b> Martin Laws Udomekong Udoko Mariah Harris Lynn Russell	<b>SCDOT - Planning</b> Rick Wyatt Diane Lackey
<b>GDOT</b> Ted Hicks Ellen Wright Todd Price	<b>FHWA</b> Valeria Arocho Tamara Christion
<b>Augusta Engineering Dept.</b> John Ussery	<b>Go-To-Meeting</b> Regina Pyles
<b>LSCOG</b> Rhonda Mitchell	<b>Columbia County</b> Steve Exley

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (*Acknowledge Go-To-Meeting*)
2. **Approve the minutes of the Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting held on May 9, 2018.**

A motion to approve the item was made, seconded and unanimously approved by all committee members present.

3. **Consider endorsing amendments to the FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as requested by Georgia DOT:**
  - **Move funds from Work Element 4.4.3 Special Transportation Study – FY 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan update into Work Element 4.1 – Long Range Transportation Plan in the amount of \$270,000 (\$216,000 GA PL / \$54,000 local match).**
  - **Remove Work Element 4.5.1 Central Martinez Area Access Management Plan**
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**Matt Schlachter:** Why were the funds removed?

**Martin Laws presented this item:** Mr. Laws explained that there were issues with prior administration and APDD is currently trying to make corrections. The intention of the APDD is to work with Columbia County and reapply for the Central Martinez Area Access Management funds as soon as possible but at this time the funds will be cancelled and we must remove them from the FY 2019 UPWP. APDD is currently correcting issues that were had in the department but at this time the Central Martinez Area Access Management Plan can't be fixed immediately.

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and unanimously approved by all committee members present.

4. **Review Administrative Modifications to FY 2017 – 2022 Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan:**
  - a. **Georgia:**
    - **Kissingbower Road Sidewalk Installation – approved June 6, 2018**
    - **Walton Way Accessible Sidewalk Renovation – approved June 6, 2018**
  - b. **South Carolina:**
    - **Hitchcock Parkway (SC-118) Corridor Improvements PI# 24745 – increase construction funds by \$996,000 in FY 2018 for a total of \$1,496,000. approved June 28, 2018**
    - **Aiken County Recreation Center Walking Track – move construction funds in FY 2017; TAP funds - \$37,000 – approved June 28, 2018**

**Lynn Russell explained:** There are a couple corrections.

- Hitchcock Parkway won't be funded with construction funds but right of way funds.
- Aiken County Recreation Center won't be funded with TAP funds but with Recreational Trail Funds.

**Ms. Russell explained:** These items have been approved and sent to GDOT and SCDOT, this information is just for review.

**Rick Wyatt explained:** The Kissingbower Road plans have already been completed and will be sent to GDOT for review and approval. Once approved, the process will be ready to bid out. The Walton Way Accessible Sidewalk Renovation project has two phases. Phase one is the design phase and shortly the RFP will be done to hire someone to produce that service. Phase two is the construction phase.

**5. Status of Regional Transportation Projects:**

**a. Georgia Highways**

**Ellen Wright** gave an update of Georgia projects.

**b. South Carolina Highways**

**Adam Humphries** gave an update of South Carolina projects.

**c. Augusta Public Transit**

**Sharon Dottery** explained that the new maintenance facility is currently 45% complete. The progress has been slightly delayed due to weather. The original completion date was December 2018, but will now be around early 2019. APT is also working on an app for buses to inform riders on bus schedules and departure and arrival times. The process will start around September or October.

**d. Best Friend Express**

**Rhonda Mitchell** explained that zero accidents or incidents occurred during FY 18. FTA reviewed the 5307 program in June and found zero findings within the program.

**6. Status of Special Projects**

• **Congestion Management Process update**

**Martin Laws** explained that the consultant for the Congestion Management Process (VHB- Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.) will have a kick off meeting with APDD in two weeks.

• **FY 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan update**

**Martin Laws** announced that the 2040 Long Range Plan update will be done by APDD staff and not a consultant.

• **Central Martinez Access Management Plan**

**7. Other Business**

**8. Adjourn**