



**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (ARTS)  
 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 JOINT SPECIAL – CALL MEETING**

**February 28, 2018 at 11:00 A.M.**

**AUGUSTA RICHMOND COUNTY MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
 535 TELFAIR STREET, SUITE 300 – ROOM 391  
 AUGUSTA GEORGIA 30901**

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b><i>VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i></b>	<b><i>VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i></b>
<b><u>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</u></b> <b>Steve Cassell, P.E.</b> Engineering Director Columbia County <b>Kenny Larimore, SCDOT - Planning</b> <b>Adam Humphries, SCDOT – RPG3</b> <b>Michelle Jones, City of Aiken Public Works</b>  <b>Sharon Dottery, Augusta Public Transit Dept.</b>	<b><u>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</u></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>Todd Turner, US Army</b> <b>Matt Schlachter, Columbia County</b> <b>Mark Pleasant, SCDOT</b> <b>John Pleveich, RATP Development</b> <b>Curtis Murphy, New Ellenton</b> <b>Hameed Malik, Augusta Engineering</b>
<b><u>CAC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING</u></b> <b>Bill Busser, Aiken County</b>	
<b><u>OTHERS ATTENDING:</u></b>	
<b>Augusta Planning and Development Dept.</b> Carletta Singleton, Strategic LRT Manager Dhruvi Panchal – Planner Udomekong Udoko, Transit Planner	<b>SCDOT – Office of Planning</b> <b>Alex Bennett</b>
<b>Go-To-Meeting</b> <b>Ann Marie Day, FHWA GA Division</b> <b>LJ Peterson</b> representing Aiken County <b>Kenny Larimore, SCDOT</b> <b>Yolanda Morris, FHWA</b> <b>John Ussery, Augusta Engineering</b> <b>June Hamal, Augusta Engineering</b> <b>Marcus Jacobs, Augusta Engineering</b> <b>Steve Exley, Columbia County</b>	

<p><b>Rhonda Mitchell, LSCOG</b> <b>Ted Hicks, GDOT - Planning</b> <b>Tom Caiafa, GDOT - Planning</b> <b>Diane Lackey, SCDOT</b></p>	
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1. **Carletta Singleton welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with introductions (*Acknowledge Go-To-Meeting*)**
2. **Review and adopt Final FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program - Work Elements, work activities and budget.**

**Carletta Singleton presented this item:** Ms. Singleton informed present members that the FY 2019 UPWP has been up for review for over a month and on the City of Augusta website in draft form. During the comment period, the review of the FY 2019 UPWP draft documents were sent out. Written comments were submitted by South Carolina, Diane Lackey, FWHA (GA), GDOT, and LSCOG. Comments received included grammatical editing and programming of budget amounts in the correct tables in reference to federal requirements with regards to transportation planning work elements and tasks activities for FY 2019.

FY 2019 begins on July 1, 2018 and ends June 30, 2019. On the budget sheet in FY 2019 Final Draft (Figure 3), is a summary sheet identifying all work elements and budgets for both FHWA planning funds and FTA planning funds for 5303.

**The total budget for all MPO parties in the Transportation Planning process include:**

***Augusta Planning and Development Dept. (APDD) - Total:***

- GDOT PL - \$373,763.85 = Federal 80%, \$93,440.96 APDD 20% for a total of \$467,204.81; *Total Increase is \$9,959.78.*
- SCDOT PL - \$18,000.00 = Federal 80%, \$4,500.00 ACPD 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 – ACPD 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. (ACPD)***

- SCDOT PL - \$210,800.00 Federal 80%, \$52,700.00 ACPDP = 20% local match for a total of \$263,500.00;  
*-Local/State Match provided by Aiken County, SC*

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- 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*

All work elements that will be carried forward for FY 2019 are outlined as staff activates. There will be three Special Planning Studies.

**Work Element 4.4.3.** - One Special planning Study will involve updating the Five Year Long Range Plan which is due September 2, 2020.

Staff will perform their normal annual work tasks and work elements to support the LRP. This included demographic data collection and updating the Socioeconomic Database for traffic analysis zones.

The required Travel Demand Model is conducted by GDOT, they will begin modeling process will begin around early November 2018.

Consultants will be hired to update the LRTP. The last 2015 Plan Update was done in house. Due to many other major planning projects that we need to undertake for FY 2019 and FY 2020, the special studies will be handles through consultants. Staff will provide supporting work elements and activities towards that work. This is poised to begin with a draft scope will be presented to the Test Network Committee on March 22, 2018.

**UPWP Work Element 4.4.1** - Congestion Management System Process will be updated by consultants between March and June, 2018. This work will be carried forwards though FY 2019 through December 2018. The Congestion Management System Process is expected to be updated in December 2018 in time for the Policy Committee to adopt. The CAC and the TCC will be involved in the review of the work under the consultant and there will be a public meeting associated with the special study.

**UPWP Work Element 4.4.2** – The Central Martinez Area Access Management Plan was funded but supplemental PL funds through the GDOT. The goal is to move the draft scope through the committee process. Once the CMP has reach competition or near completion hopefully FHWA will allow us to move forward the Central Martinez Area Access Management Plan.

**Carletta Singleton asked for a motion to approve. LJ Peterson made a motioned, Steve Eacely second. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**The vote carried forward at the recommendation of the Technical Committee to approve the FY 19 UPWP. Vote ballots will be sent via email to members who did not attend today's meeting.**

**Carletta Singleton called for a vote to recommend approval to by the Citizens Advisory Committee. The vote carried forward.**

### **3. Other Business**

**Carletta Singleton presented this item:** There are no reports on the Highway status from GDOT. They did inform us via email that since the last meeting there haven't been any changes or updates to the status of projects. There was no email sent from South Carolina with an update on their projects.

### **4. Adjourn**