



Planning and Development Department
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**AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY (ARTS)
 JOINT TEST NETWORK SUBCOMMITTEE, CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND
 TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
 535 TELFAIR STREET, FIRST FLOOR, LINDA BEAZLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
 AUGUSTA GEORGIA 30901
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018 at 10:30 A.M.,
 MEETING MINUTES**

<p><i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i> Robert Sherman, APDD Director Joel Duke, Director Aiken Co Rhonda Mitchell, LSCOG Sharon Dottery, Interim Director Augusta Public Transit Ted Hicks, GDOT Hameed Malik, Augusta Engineering represented by June Hamal Andrew Strickland, Director, Columbia Co. Planning Ryan Bland, City of Aiken Planning and Community Director Herbert Judon, Director Augusta Regional Airport Adam Humphries, SCDOT – RPG3 represented by Alex Bennett Matt Schlachter, Columbia County represented by Steve Exley Thomas Zeaser, Engineer, N. Augusta Jimmy Smith, P.E. District Engineer represented by Ellen Wright Mike Sullivan represented by Kenny Larimore Libby Hodges, City of North Augusta Planning Director</p>	<p><i>TCC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i> Joe Berry , Aiken County Ronald Price, Fort Gordon Curtis Murphy, New Ellenton Michelle Jones, City of Aiken Public Works Steve Cassell, P.E. Engineering Director Columbia County Hart Clark, Edgefield County Building and Planning Director</p>
<p><i>TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i> Kenny Larimore, SCDOT Planning Engineer LJ Peterson, Aiken Co Carole Burrowbridge, ADA Augusta Marques Jacobs</p>	<p><i>TCC NON-VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i> Yolanda Morris, FHWA (SC) Tamara Christian, FHWA (GA) Radney Simpson, GDOT Eric Duff Charles R. Walker, GDOT Intermodal Andy Crosson, CSRA RDC</p>
<p><i>CAC VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING:</i> Hafeez Chaudhry, Columbia County Geneva Jackson, Richmond County Frank Plumley, Columbia County</p>	<p><i>CAC VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:</i> Bill Busser, Aiken County Willie Bell, Aiken County Martin Cochran, Aiken County Joe Collins, Columbia County Russell Foster, Columbia County Hector Rodriquez, Burnetown SC Shirley Abney</p>
<p><i>OTHERS ATTENDING:</i> Augusta Planning and Development Dept. Mary Elizabeth Burgess Dr. Oliver Page Mariah Harris Lynn Russell</p>	<p>SCDOT - Planning Kevin Singletary, Edgefield Co. Seth Leslie</p>

GDOT- Planning Todd Price, GDOT	Go-To-Meeting Rick Wyatt Regina Pyles
Daniel Sabia Pat Smeetan	

1. Welcome and Introductions (*Acknowledge Go-To-Meeting*)

Lynn Russell conducted welcome and introductions.

2. Lynn Russell presented this item:

Approve the minutes of the Joint Citizens Advisory Committee and Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2018. (CAC and TCC Vote)

A motion to approve the minutes from September 12, 2018 was made, seconded and unanimously approved by all committee members present for the CAC and TCC.

3. Lynn Russell presented this item:

Consider approving the *DRAFT* FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program.

A motion to approve the item was made by Hafeez Chaudhry and Robert Sherman, seconded by Geneva Jackson and Ted Hicks and unanimously approved by all committee members present.

4. Dr. Oliver Page presented this item:

Consider approving applications to the Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO) as follows:

- a. **An application for funding to hire a consultant to update the ARTS Metropolitan Transportation Plan in the amount of \$270,000 (\$216,000 Federal and \$54,000 local match);**

Dr. Oliver Page gave a brief background and review of the scope of services. No questions, comments or suggestions were made by any of the committee member present.

A motion to approve the item was made by Hafeez Chaudhry and Sharon Dottery, seconded by Geneva Jackson and **Ted Hicks** and unanimously approved by all committee members present.

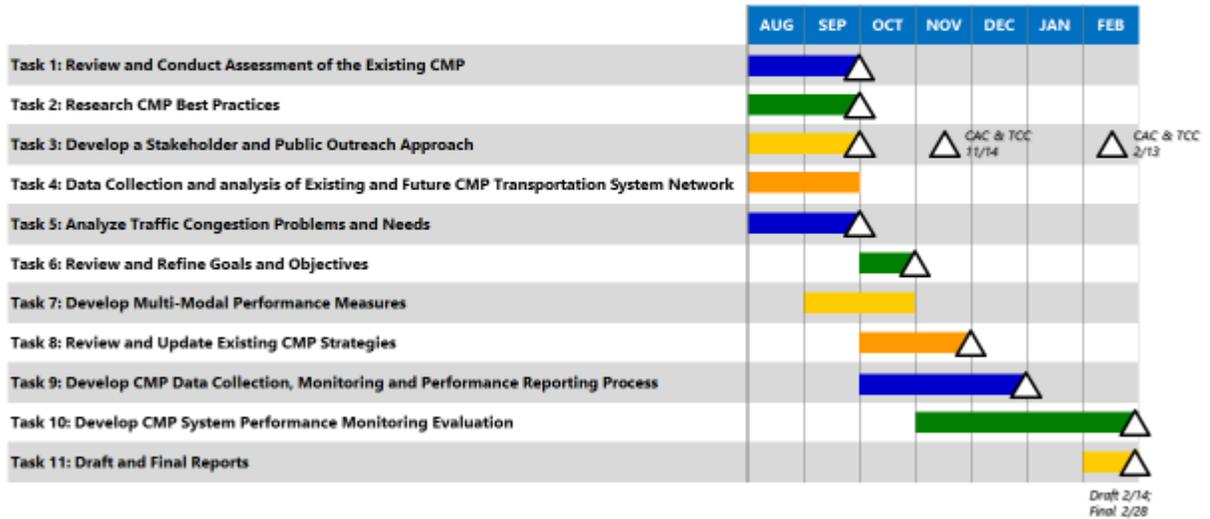
- b. **An application for funding to hire a consultant to prepare the Central Martinez Area Access Management Plan in the amount of \$500,000 (\$400,000 Federal and \$100,000 local match provided by Columbia County).**

A motion to approve the item was made by Geneva Jackson and Robert Sherman, seconded Hafeez Chaudhry and Andrew Strickland and unanimously approved by all committee members present.

**5. Olen Daelhousen presented this item:
Presentation by VHB Inc., on the Congestion Management Process update.**

Olen Daelhousen gave a brief background and review of the Congestion Management Process update. No questions, comments or suggestions were made by any of the committee member present.

Project Schedule



6. Status of Regional Transportation Projects:

- a. **Ellen Wright presented this item.**
Georgia Highways – Please see attached handout.
- b. **Alex Bennett presented this item.**
South Carolina Highways – Please see attached handout.
- c. **Sharron Dottery presented this item.**
Augusta Public Transit - The recently hired director of APT declined the position due to personal reasons. Sharon Dottery will remain the Interim Director. APT is hoping to have another director by the first quarter of 2019 and the job has already been posted. The new facility move-in date has been pushed back to around March or April of 2019. Other project options include purchasing new buses and shelters.
- d. **Rhonda Mitchell presented this item:**
Best Friend Express – The two runs that were added to the Red Route have shown immediate impact in ridership. The two runs service the north side of Aiken city and down the Whiskey Corridor to the Target shopping center. The first run at 7:30am shows that 50% of riders are using the service for employment. The data will continue to be analyzed from the enhancement of the route and is expected to increase. BFE provided free ridership to veterans on Veteran’s Day and will provide free ridership on Black Friday and all Friday’s in December.

7. Other Business

8. Adjourn