

MINUTES
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING
July 29, 2020

Meeting conducted via Zoom video conferencing. Handouts were emailed July 28, 2020 to include: (1) Agenda; (2) Minutes of the February 26, 2020 meeting; (3) Revised 2020 WRATS Meeting Schedule; and (4) WRATS Project Status Report.

Ms. Jessica Bird called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and ran through a few housekeeping items.

ATTENDEES

Jessica Bird	Steve Coté	Brian Powers	Tim Andrews
Greg Boike	Kaniz Sathi	Harland Smith	Paul Schwindler
David Hale	Ken Robinson	Tammy Sosebee	Bill Mulkey
Joel Davenport	Vivian Canizares	Michael Johnson	Clinton Ford

A motion was made by Mr. Paul Schwindler and seconded by Mr. Greg Boike to approve the February 26, 2020 minutes as circulated. The motion was passed unanimously.

Revised 2020 WRATS Meeting Schedule

Ms. Jessica Bird explained that this round of WRATS meetings will be held virtually. She also stated the final meeting dates for the TCC, CAC, and PC will be replaced by a special meeting of the combined committees on October 21, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. She said the meeting on October 21 is important and a quorum needs to be present because the final 2045 MTP Update will be presented, recommended by the TCC, and hopefully adopted by the PC. If a PC member cannot make the meeting, then a TCC member can act as a voting proxy at the meeting, said Ms. Bird. She announced that the decision to have the meeting in-person or virtually has not been made yet.

Ms. Vivian Canizares with the GDOT Office of Planning said the Macon MPO has a meeting in the morning on that day and she thinks it will be conducted virtually. Ms. Bird stated she thinks the WRATS special meeting will also be held virtually because there is no meeting space with enough room to accommodate all three committees while maintaining adequate distancing requirements.

Virtual Participation Discussion

Ms. Jessica Bird used a PowerPoint presentation to brief committee members on the MPO's public involvement process and the participation plan. Ms. Bird described the different sections of the WRATS Participation Plan (PP) and techniques used to engage citizens in the planning and programming of transportation improvements. She then explained how participation has changed since COVID-19 with a push toward a virtual environment and how she has been using resources from the Atlanta Regional Committee (ARC) to learn more about it. Ms. Bird announced FHWA and GDOT have given the MPO permission to host virtual meetings and a

virtual/online open house for the 2045 MTP Update; however, the WRATS PP needs to be amended at some point to include language about virtual participation.

Mr. Greg Boike with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission said he doesn't have a lot of experience with virtual participation other than online surveys, but he plans to use more of it as work to update comprehensive plans starts. He also stated virtual participation is more successful for those with a strong digital presence like the City of Perry.

2045 MTP Update Draft Document

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Brian Powers with RS&H briefed committee members on the 2045 WRATS MTP development process, accomplishments, and schedule. Mr. Powers shared information about the GDOT model development process, and policy and multimodal recommendations before showing the financially constrained project recommendations. He also showed maps illustrating projects with other funding sources and aspirational projects and stressed the importance of ongoing performance monitoring of the transportation network. According to Mr. Powers, next steps include a public/stakeholder review period after the FHWA and GDOT agency review, an online public outreach opportunity in August, and the finalization of the draft report and content. He said the 2045 MTP Update is set to be adopted on October 21, 2020 at 1 p.m.

Ms. Vivian Canizares stated she is pleased with the draft document and thanked everyone who was involved in the Technical Subcommittee. Ms. Canizares explained that GDOT looks at the list of projects from a delivery perspective and having cost by project phase is very helpful for them. She asked that all of the financially constrained projects be shown in one table with approximate cost by phase information included.

WRATS Project Status Report

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

Ms. Jessica Bird said the two quick response projects were not on her report and she might have cut them off when she converted the report to a PDF before emailing it to committee members. She also mentioned that Ms. Zalika Collins is the project manager for the Watson Streetscape project. Mr. Smith said he would update the project manager and email the revised report to Ms. Bird for distribution to the committee.

Other Business

Mr. Steve Coté with RS&H announced that the MPO and consultant team will need help getting the word out about the online public outreach opportunity for the 2045 WRATS MTP Update in August. Mr. Coté explained that it will be a month long public involvement process, so those interested in the project will be able to access the information when it is convenient for them.

There being no further business, Mr. Greg Boike made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Vivian Canizares seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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