



# Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization

## *Meeting Minutes*

May 7, 2015

### **I. Call to order**

Mark Gibson – PC Secretary called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization at 9:11 A.M. on May 7, 2015 at Mack Gaston Community Center.

### **II. Introductions**

The meeting attendees were as follows:

#### **Policy Committee:**

**1) Mike Brown**

Administrator, City of Varnell

**2) Radney Simpson**

Assistant State Planning Administrator, GDOT



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### **Technical Coordinating Committee:**

- 1) **TCC Chairman – Kent Benson P.E.**  
County Engineer, Whitfield County
- 2) **Dave Cox**  
GDOT, West Georgia Planning
- 3) **Cherie Marsh**  
Planning/Scheduling Engineer, GDOT – District 6
- 4) **Tim Matthews**  
Planning/Scheduling Engineer, GDOT – District 6
- 5) **Megan Weiss**  
GDOT Transportation Planner

### **Advisory Committee:**

- 1) **Barnett Chitwood**  
Assistant Director of Planning, Northwest Georgia Regional Commission

### **Guest:**

- 1) **Andrew Parker**  
City of Dalton, Assistant Public Works Director
- 2) **Bill Allen**  
Senior Transportation Engineer, MAAI
- 3) **Tracey Crawley**  
Administrative Assistant
- 4) **Steve Addawale**  
GDOT Project Manager

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Mark Gibson asked for a vote to approve the previous meeting minutes. Radney Simpson provided the motion, and Andrew Parker, voting for Tate O’Gwin, seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as recorded.



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### IV. Open issues

- a) Radney Simpson introduced the new District 6 Engineer, Mr. Tim Matthews.
- b) **GDOT Status Report on Open Projects** –

Steve Adewale provided the status report for following projects:

- 1) ***Murray County Roundabout*** – The project is proceeding on schedule. Currently, there is a lighting issue for the project area. GDOT is working to correct the issue and to complete a contract. The projected LET date is in October.
- 2) ***PI #631550 (SR 225 Widening)*** – The project is behind, but GDOT plans to recover the schedule. There will be no changes to the project.
- 3) ***PI #0003061 (SR 225 Bypass)*** – The project is behind schedule, but GDOT is planning to recover.
- 4) ***Carbondale Interchange*** – The right-of-way has been completed and certified. The projected LET date is October 2015.
- 5) ***Pedestrian Upgrades (PI #13173)*** – GDOT has taken the project back to scope to better allocate the funding. The project is back with the traffic operations office.

Kent Benson provided the status report for following projects:

- 6) ***Carbondale Business Park*** – The preliminary field plan review is scheduled for May 14, 2015. The public hearing open house was held in April and there is a projected LET date is the fall. Mr. Adewale added GDOT is waiting for the soil report for the project. Kent Benson noted surveyors are staking the soil bore locations and the survey should be complete by the end of May.
- c) **Administrative Report** – Jacob Bearden provided the Administrative report: On April 23, 2015, a TCC meeting was held to review the LRTP project list. Any concerns were addressed for each project. The new project list was completed, however, three projects had errors in the Federal funding. The Draft LRTP is would be brought before the committee for a vote. Kent Benson asked about the projects with Federal funding to be removed. Megan Weiss stated MPO #5, #6, and #15 should not have Federal funds allocated to them. All projects were in the Long-Range scope. Radney Simpson explained the projects were not functionally classified.



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### V. New business

**Long Range Transportation Update** – Jacob Bearden introduced the project list to the attendees and requested the group review the lists. An open discussion of the projects began. All project ranges had been corrected. Bill Allen explained Moreland Altobelli had almost completed addressing the comments from GDOT. There was concern with the approval time frame. The submittal date was determined to allow for a thirty day review period.

**Approval/Disapproval of the Draft 2040 Long range Transportation Plan** – Andrew Parker made a motion to approve the Draft 2040 LRTP, and Kent Benson seconded the motion. The Draft 2040 LRTP was approved.

**No further business was required and no public comment was given.**

### VI. Adjournment

Mark Gibson – PC Secretary adjourned the meeting at 9:36 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Jacob Bearden – GDMPO Coordinator

Minutes approved by:

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J. Tyson Ross, Policy Committee Chairman

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Mike Babb, Policy Committee Vice-Chair

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Kent Benson, Technical Coordinating Committee Chair