



Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization

Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2015

I. Call to order

Ty Ross – PC Chairman called to order the regular meeting of the Greater Dalton Metropolitan Planning Organization at 10:04 A.M. on June 11, 2015 at Mack Gaston Community Center.

II. Introductions

The meeting attendees were as follows:

Policy Committee:

- 1) **PC Chairman – Ty Ross**
Administrator, City of Dalton
- 2) **Mike Brown**
Administrator, City of Varnell
- 3) **Mike Babb**
Chairman – Whitfield County Board of Commissioners
- 4) **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) **Benny Dunn**
Director Public Works, City of Dalton
- 3) **Megan Weiss**
GDOT Transportation Planner

Guest:

- 1) **Bill Allen**
Senior Transportation Engineer, MAAI
- 2) **Tracey Crawley**
Administrative Assistant
- 3) **Glen Warlick**
GDOT
- 4) **Steve Addawale**
GDOT Project Manager
- 5) **Micheal Word**
GDOT

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Chairman Ross asked for a vote to approve the previous meeting minutes. Radney Simpson provided the motion, and Kent Benson, voting for Mark Gibson, seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as recorded.



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IV. Open issues

a) GDOT Status Report on Open Projects –

Steve Adewale provided the status report for following projects:

- 1) *Carbondale Business Park* – Soil test has been completed and put together.
- 2) *Pedestrian Upgrades (PI #13173)* – The project has been returned to scope and the fifty-nine (59) locations are to be separated to individual locations.
- 3) *Carbondale Interchange* – The right-of-way has been completed and certified. The Let date is projected, but the project is behind on schedule.
- 4) *PI #9620* –The project is scheduled to Let in October. The lighting agreement needs to be signed by Murray County officials for the project to proceed.

b) Administrative Report – Jacob Bearden introduced the Long Range Transportation Update and provided the attendees with the current project list and all comments previously noted have been corrected. The project list is more detailed and now outlines where funding for the projects is derived. The LRTP could be amended per the request of the Policy Committee. Radney Simpson asked how the project were prioritized, and it was explained on April 23, 2015, a TCC meeting was held to determine prioritization of each project. Kent Benson informed the committee the logical termini had changed for MPO Project #16.

V. New business

Approval/Disapproval of the 2040 Long range Transportation Plan –Kent Benson, for Mark Gibson, made a motion to approve the 2040 LRTP, and Mike Babb seconded the motion. The 2040 LRTP was approved.

Open Discussion Period – Benny Dunn opened discussion regarding the College Drive Roundabout. He explained local officials had reservations regarding the roundabout and the learning curve associated with using the roundabout. Kent Benson explained the LRTP would not have the roundabout included in the plan. The only project included would be the local project, funded by 2007 SPLOST, and the Old Chamber of Commerce location is available for the relocation of College Drive. Radney Simpson requested the MPO write a letter requesting the College Roundabout Project be placed on hold. The letter was to be delivered to Albert Shelby and the GDOT Commissioner. Ty Ross requested information regarding approval to improve I-75 exit #333 because it is the gateway to Dalton. Radney Simpson suggested a letter be delivered to GDOT requesting permission and explaining the City's intentions.



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VI. Adjournment

Ty Ross – PC Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:50 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Jacob Bearden – GDMPO Coordinator

Minutes approved by:

J. Tyson Ross, Policy Committee Chairman

Mike Babb, Policy Committee Vice-Chair

Kent Benson, Technical Coordinating Committee Chair