
BATS MEETING MINUTES

Brunswick Area Transportation Study Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting

Monday January 10, 2022 – 1:30 p.m.

Via Teleconference
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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks (Pamela Thompson)
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action Item
 - a. Minutes from TCC meeting held on November 8, 2021.
3. BATS FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Action Item
4. BATS Administrative Updates
 - a. GAMPO Special PL Funding Application
5. Agency Updates
 - a. Glynn County Airport Commission
 - b. Glynn County School Board
 - c. Glynn County
 - d. City of Brunswick
 - e. GDOT District 5
 - f. Jekyll Island Authority
 - g. Transit Agencies
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 - i. Public Comment
6. Adjourn

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ATTENDEES

Committee Members

Vernon Bessing, Glynn County Airport Commission
Marty Simmons, Glynn County School District
Paul Andrews, Glynn County Engineering
Maurice Postal, Glynn County Community Development
Ned Green, GDOT Planning
David Dantzler, Coastal Regional Commission
Cassius Edwards, GDOT
Garrow Alberson, City of Brunswick
Troy Pittman, GDOT District 5
Bob Nyers, Glynn County

Others

Vishanya Forbes, Transportation Planner, RS&H
Rachel Hatcher, Senior Planner, RS&H
Christy Lovett, GDOT
Rhodes Hunt, Kimley-Horn
Chris Marsengill, Kimley-Horn
Dave Austin, Glynn County
Melissa Phillips, Integrated Science & Eng.
John Hunter, City of Brunswick
Katie Proctor, GDOT District 5

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Mr. Garrow Alberson, vice chairman of the Technical Coordinating Committee. He welcomed and introduced committee members.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Action Item

a. Minutes from TCC meeting held on November 8, 2021.

Mr. Alberson called for a motion to approve the minutes from the TCC meeting held on November 8, 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Bessing and was seconded by Mr. Nyers. The motion passed unanimously.

3. BATS FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Action Item

Ms. Forbes presented this agenda item. She stated that following action by the Policy Committee in December, the draft document UPWP was released for a 30-day public comment period. She provided a brief overview of the schedule of current activities for the FY 2023 UPWP and mentioned that there are still a couple of days left in the public comment period that was scheduled to close on January 12, 2022. She asked those on the call to review and provide their feedback and to share the link to the draft document draft on the BATS website before it gets closed down. She reviewed the table of the budget that is included in the draft document for FY 2023 PL funds and 5303 funds. The table reflects anticipated work cost projections by phase and tasks for the upcoming fiscal year, although the numbers are from FY 2022. BATS staff has coordinated with GDOT and are still waiting on the final numbers for FY 2023 final allocation. Once these numbers become available, staff will update this budget table.

Ms. Forbes highlighted the FY 2023 UPWP Fact Sheet. She mentioned that following the most recent CAC meeting, members asked if a more digestible UPWP document could be formulated to circulate for the 30-day public comment period to help with gathering public feedback. Ms. Forbes added that those on the call are welcome to share this document for the next two days to members

of the public to help garner additional public feedback. The fact sheet is located under the planning documents tab on the BATS website.

Ms. Forbes mentioned that BATS staff received feedback from FHWA regarding the draft FY 2023 UPWP document, and staff is working to incorporate this feedback into the final draft, where applicable, before presentation in the spring for action. BATS staff and FHWA coordinated on planning emphasis areas (PEAs). FHWA highlighted most notably a focus on equity and Environmental Justice (EJ) which have been made a priority in FY 2023 draft document. Other priorities/planning emphasis areas (PEAs) include:

- Resiliency
- Climate change
- Complete streets
- Freight

Ms. Forbes stated that BATS staff is currently working to get these newly released PEAs incorporated into the draft FY 2023 UPWP prior to action in the spring. She reminded those on the call that the UPWP public comment period closes on January 12, 2022, and the next steps are to begin the review of all 30-day public/agency comments, address and document the comments, and adopt the FY 2023 UPWP – spring, 2022.

4. BATS Administrative Updates

a. GAMPO Special PL Funding Application

Ms. Forbes stated that the only administrative update is that the BATS Policy Committee took action to approve and submit the Sea Island Road @ Dunbar Creek Corridor Study application to the GAMPO committee. This study application was on the Glynn County Board of Commissions' meeting agenda from January 6, 2022, and was approved for the 20% local match. Ms. Forbes added that the only thing left to do is to incorporate this in the UPWP and then submit to GAMPO in March. Ms. Forbes mentioned that the next step would be to then prepare and publish an RFP by the end of the Fiscal Year.

There were no questions or comments.

5. Agency Updates

a. Glynn County Airport Commission

Mr. Bessing presented the Glynn County Airport Commission's updates. He mentioned that the compass calibration pad is finished and that all markings have been put down.

b. Glynn County School Board

Mr. Simmons presented the Glynn County School Board's updates. He stated that the school board is finishing the final tasks to be completed at Altama and are hoping to get feedback on any issues that may have arisen from anyone concerning the three school zones on Altama.

c. Glynn County

Mr. Austin gave the update for Glynn County. He showed the project sheet and spoke on the Old Jesup and Canal Road Intersection Improvement. This project's construction started on January 10, 2022.

Mr. Alberson asked for the scope of this project. Mr. Austin said it is an eyebrow to get people safely around the left-hand turn onto Canal Road coming southbound on Old Jesup; currently there is a gravel eyebrow to become asphalt and some drainage fixture.

An eyebrow is a bulb or semi-circular extension of a curb on the outside of a street or at an "L" turn to provide more street frontage for adjacent lots (City of Phoenix Street Planning and Design Guidelines, 2009).

d. City of Brunswick

Mr. Alberson presented the City of Brunswick's agency update. Fieldwork is beginning on January 11 on the early stages of the boardwalk trail between Overlook and St. Simons Causeway. The last segment of the MLK trail along 4th Ave is now out to bid. They are hoping to get these bids in and get this project completed by late spring 2022. They are also anticipating putting together a paving and resurfacing project of about \$1 million dollars of ARPA money and should be started by late spring as well. Magnolia Park Project is starting Phase II.

e. GDOT District 5

Ms. Proctor provided the updates for GDOT District 5. She mentioned that for pre-construction projects: SR 25 Spur East @ Mackay River is revising PCRf and working towards PFPR. SR 25 from CR 415/Harry Driggers to SR 99 – Phase II is on schedule to let to shelf in February. CR 583/Sea Island Rd @ Dunbar Creek on St. Simons remains in concept development. SR 32 @ Little Buffalo Creek three miles west of SR 27 is working through concept development. SR 25 @ SR 99 roundabout is working towards final plans submission. Ms. Proctor continued with active construction projects, highlighting that the Resurfacing on SR 25 Conn (Gloucester) from SR 27 to SR 25 is currently working out time extension; June 2022 is now the anticipated completion date. Resurfacing on SR 25 from North of SR 303 is now 81% complete. The bridge rehab on SR 27/US 341 over Yellow Bluff and Burnett Creek is anticipated to begin work this month. The widening and reconstruction on SR 25 from Yacht Rd. to Harry Driggers Blvd. and bridge over Thornhill Creek is let as of November 19th. She mentioned that Plant Improvement Company, Inc. after Mr. Alberson asked who is doing this project, is doing this project. Ms. Lovett then mentioned that this project has a deferral of 90 days for environmental certification, and that this should start up in the Spring and not in the next month or two. Mr. Austin then asked if there will be any obstacles occurring at the resurfacing at Gloucester. Mr. Alberson mentioned that the trial should not interfere with this project.

f. Jekyll Island Authority

No Jekyll Island Authority updates were presented at this meeting.

g. Transit Agencies

Mr. Hunter and Mr. Dantzler provided the updates for transit agencies. Mr. Hunter mentioned that they had a good presentation to the City Commission in December and put forward how to structure the transit program. They are now waiting on the negotiations in Spring/Summer of this year to occur.

h. Other Items

There were no other items discussed.

i. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

6. Adjourn

Mr. Alberson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Austin made a motion; the motion was second by Mr. Nyers. Mr. Alberson then reminded the committee that the next scheduled meeting will be held on March 14, 2022 and adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:30 PM.

BATS TCC Chairman

Date