

**MINUTES**  
**GPATS POLICY COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**June 20, 2011**

**Conference Room A – County Square**

**10:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senator Thomas, Chairman; Representative Dwight Loftis; Mayor Danner; Mayor Long; Mayor Bagwell; Mayor Owens; Mayor Godbey; Mayor White; County Council Chair Kirven; Councilor Payne; Councilor Norris; Commissioner Edwards; Commissioner Adams; J. Barbare; C. Burgess and M. Long;

**OTHERS PRESENT:** J. Owings; D. McGee; K. Brockington; T. Wedmore; H. Hahn; T. Elrod; E. Dillon; F. Simmons; G. Sprague; R. Hawes; G. Ryan; V. Holmes; P. Strub; J. Freison; Y. Morris; D. Drymaug, J. Hoton and T. Fouche

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Due to a lack of quorum, the Chairman moved the agenda items and Item Number 7 was first on the agenda

**NEW BUSINESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was neither new business nor public comment.

**PROJECT UPDATE**

T. Elrod addressed the Committee members with an update of current projects within the GPATS area as was included in the agenda packets.

**RAIL AND CORRIDOR FEASIBILITY STUDY AND ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION**

Mr. Peter Strub presented to the Committee a PowerPoint presentation briefly going over the Rail and Corridor Feasibility Study that was presented to the Committee last year. Mr. Strub requested from the Committee a resolution which endorses the study.

The Committee members and staff discussed the study. Keith Brockington clarified in no way was the Committee locked into any one option or any funding mechanism. He stated the study would provide a way forward should monies or the opportunity arise, there would be an idea of where to go. Mr. Brockington stated the study would only be a starting point for any future endeavors.

**MOTION:** By Council Chair Kirven, seconded by Mayor White to adopt the resolution regarding the Rail and Corridor Feasibility Study. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 21, 2011 MINUTES**

**MOTION:** By \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Mayor Long to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2011 regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee members discussed various options regarding a quorum and the approval of the two remaining items which need to be handled by June 30, 2011.

**MOTION:** By County Councilor Payne, seconded by Council Chair Kirven to “poll out” members regarding the remaining agenda items.

Mayor Godbey suggested calling a member, since the Committee was only one shy of a quorum. The Mayor reminded the Committee, a member was called during a previous meeting when a quorum was necessary.

After further discussion and the Chairman contacting Senator Larry Martin, County Council member Payne withdrew his motion to “poll out”.

At this time Senator Larry Martin was on the Chairman’s speaker phone, able to take part in the meeting.

**FINAL FY 2012 – 2017 TIP (TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM) ENDORSEMENT**

Keith Brockington presented the FY 2012 – 2017 TIP, reflecting project programming for the immediate year of 2012 and future years 2013 – 2017. In addition, a financial statement was included in the Committee’s packets.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Godbey, seconded by Commissioner Edwards to adopt the FY 2012-2017 TIP. The motion carried unanimously.

**FY 2012 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

Daniel McGee presented to the Committee the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program as included in the Committee’s agenda packet. He explained the program outlined the planning work activities, schedule and funding to coordinate federal and state planning requirements.

**MOTION:** By Mayor Godbey, seconded by Council Chair Kirven to adopt the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Thomas re-visited the following for Senator Martin to cast his vote.

**RAIL CORRIDOR FEASIBILITY STUDY AND ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION**

**MOTION:** Which was made by Council Chair Kirven and seconded by Mayor White to adopt the resolution. Senator Martin was in favor of the adoption.

**APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 21, 2011 MINUTES**

Senator Martin also voted in favor of the adoption of the minutes of the March 21, 2011 meeting.

Senator Thomas recognized Mr. Jim Barbare, Chairman of the Planning Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no appearances for public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Thomas adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

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Submitted by Recording Secretary