

## MINUTES

### Rome-Floyd County Metropolitan Planning Organization

#### Transportation Policy Committee

#### Carnegie Training Room

January 19, 2022

10:00 a.m.

**In Attendance:** Kayla Schaaf, MPO Planner; Joe Ciavarrro, GDOT District 6; Justin Messer, City of Rome; Artagus Newell, Rome/Floyd Planning Department; Doug Walker, City of Rome; Ben Murray, City of Rome; Chris Jenkins, City of Rome; Sammy Rich, City of Rome.

**Voting Members:** Terry Jones, CAC Chair; Bonny Askew, City Commission; Mark Cochran, City Commission; Tom Caiafa, GDOT Planning; Bruce Ivey, Floyd County Commission; Mark Cochran, City Commissioner; Bonny Askew, City Commissioner; Rhonda Wallace, County Commission; Meredith Ulmer, City of Rome; Jamie McCord, Floyd County.

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes from last meeting (November 17, 2021). Minutes were approved by common consent.
- III. Reports
  - a. City of Rome. – Messer reported for the city. 3 more roads are waiting for repair to complete the 2020 LMIG list (S. Broad, Main St., and Water St.). He reported 71% of 2021 LMIG projects are complete. The city is currently working on the 2022 LMIG list. A consultant is completing a road rating list to prioritize 2022 LMIG projects.
  - b. Floyd County. – Brooks reported for the County. He reported the county is working on the 2022 LMIG grant. This is expected to be about 4.2 mil. Safety improvements on Hall and Chubb road are still underway. And Riverside and Lindale SPLOST projects are still underway as well. And Booger Hollow bridge replacement is almost complete
  - c. City of Cave Spring. – No report.
  - d. Metropolitan Planning Organization. – Schaaf reported for the MPO.
    - i. Freight Plan Agreeance – Schaaf reported for the MPO. As noted in September and November MPO meetings, the MPO is planning to request GAMPO additional PL funds to complete a Regional Freight Plan. Should all the committees agree, the MPO will request approximately \$200,000 to complete the study. CAC and TCC recommended approval. Askew made a motion to approve. Cochran seconded. Motion carries.
  - e. Rome Transit Department. – Jenkins reported for RTD. New buses are anticipated to arrive in October/November. Also, RTD applied for a grant to buy a trolley. This trolley will service downtown, the tennis center, and Berry. Also, RTD has had increased

ridership since free fares were implemented at the beginning of the year. RTD hopes to continue free fares throughout the year

- f. Georgia Department of Transportation. - Ciavarro, District 6 Engineer, reported for GDOT. He gave updates on current and upcoming projects in the County.
  - g. Federal Highway Authority. – No report.
  - h. Other Business. No report.
  - i. Next Meeting: January 19, 2021, 10 a.m.
- IV. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.