

## River Valley CRP

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 9/04/14

**Location:** South Georgia Technical College  
Americus Campus, 900 South Georgia Tech Parkway  
10:00 a.m.

**Panel Present:** Jerry Carney, G. Sanders Griffith III, Buddy Leger, Frank Myers

### **Agenda: Presentation of Benefits Review Report along with Question & Answers**

#### **2nd meeting of CRP 2014**

Chairman Carney called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. The first order of business was presentation and approval of the April 24, 2014, minutes. After the chairman stated the reported date of the April meeting was to be corrected Mr. Myers made the motion to accept the corrected minutes. Mr. Griffith seconded and the Panel approved.

Chairman Carney recognized Mike Dover, DOT.

Mike Dover introduced other DOT staff present and reported River Valley collections through July, 2014, totaled \$70,267,789; \$52,700,842 regional and \$17,566,947 local. Statewide collections average 16% below forecast levels (RV is 14% below). All Band 1 projects are in some stage of activity. In the face of continuing revenue shortfalls DOT is managing all activity closely to ensure project delivery.

Kelvin Mullins, DOT, gave brief individual project updates:

1. Columbus River Walk - construction is scheduled to begin January/February, 2015
2. Columbus Intercity Express Bus/Park-N-Ride Svc. - finishing study; 10-yr. construction period
3. Columbus S. Lumpkin Multi-Use Facility - anticipate letting contract November/December, 2014
4. Columbus U.S.27/Custer Road Intersection - anticipate letting contract October, 2015
5. Dooly County - anticipate letting contact for passing lanes September, 2015
6. Randolph County - U.S. 27 widening/bridge, 15% complete, anticipate open to traffic May, 2016
7. Sumter County - South Georgia Tech Parkway, anticipate letting contract October, 2015
8. Talbot County - Po Bidy Road, anticipate letting contact October, 2014

Mr. Mullins also identified some Band 2 projects on which activity has been initiated.

Mr. Dover stated that because receipt of initial collections was delayed three months DOT must maintain aggressive schedules to complete Band 1 projects timely. He also presented highlights of the impressive new TIA web page.

There were brief discussions concerning activities in the Columbus Express Bus Service project and a state initiative currently underway to address the need for transportation funds across the state.

Representatives of Sumter County and Harris County made presentations about the successes and very favorable comments they were receiving on use of their local shares of TIA.

There being no further business brought before the Panel the meeting adjourned at 11:32.

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