



CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

MPC Jerry Surrency Conference Room
110 East State Street

June 16, 2005

3:00 P.M.

Voting Members

Representing

Present

Russ Abolt	Chatham County	
Allan R. Black, P.E.	Chatham County Engineering	x
Robert H. Bonner Jr.	LDH Corporation	
Michael Brown	City of Savannah	
Al Bungard, P.E.	Chatham County Engineering	
Robbie Byrd	City of Pooler	
Phillip Claxton	City of Port Wentworth	
Scott Conner	CSX Transportation	
Hank Dangerfield	Fort Steward/Hunter Army Airfield	
Patrick S. Graham	Savannah Airport Commission	
Bill Hendricks	Norfolk Southern Railroad Industry	
Theresa Laidlaw	Coastal Bicycle Touring Club	
MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson	Town of Thunderbolt	
Doug J. Marchand	Georgia Ports Authority	
Helen McCracken	CUTS Citizens Advisory Committee	x
James R. McCray	City of Garden City	x
Keith Melton	GDOT – Atlanta	x
William Oakley	CUTS Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation	
Carl Palmer	Chatham Area Transit Authority	
Gary D. Priester	GDOT – Jesup	
Peter Shonka, P. E.	City of Savannah Engineering	x
Paul Smith	Coastal Georgia RDC	x
Thomas L. Thomson, P.E., AICP	Executive Director MPC, Chair	x
Hugh “Trip” Tollison	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce	
Mike Weiner, P.E.	City of Savannah Engineering	x
Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP	Metropolitan Planning Commission	x

<u>Voting Member Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
John Broderick	Chatham Area Transit Authority	
George Fidler, P.E.	Savannah Airport Commission	x
Teresa Scott	GDOT – Jesup	x
Randy Weitman, P.E.	Georgia Ports Authority	
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	
Wykoda Wang	Metropolitan Planning Commission	x
Betty Carter	GDOT-Jesup	x

Call to Order

Mr. Thomson called the June 16, 2005 meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee to order. He asked that everyone do a self introduction.

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Thomson stated that the agenda has been modified.

TCC Action: The motion to approve the modification to the June 16, 2005 agenda as modified carried with none opposed. .

II. Action Items

A. Approval of April 21, 2005 CUTS TCC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wilkes moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2005 Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting and correct the spelling of Mr. George Fidler's name for the file. Mr. Black seconded the motion.

TCC Action: The motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2005 CUTS TCC meeting with the correction of the spelling of Mr. George Fidler's name carried with none opposed. .

B. Endorsement of Amendment to FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Wilkes stated that the UPWP was adopted by the MPO on April 27th of this year. At the same time the MPO has realized an increase in its annual planning grant distribution. Mr. Wilkes recommended that the committee endorse the revised FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program to Policy Committee.

Mr. Melton moved to have the Committee endorse the revised FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program to Policy Committee. Mr. Weiner seconded the motion.

TCC Action: The motion to endorse the revision to the FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program carried with none opposed.

C. Endorsement of Draft FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Wang gave a brief update on the outstanding issues of the Transportation Improvement Program. A review of the handout was given that led to the project changes. Mr. Wilkes asked that questions on two of the projects be documented for the record. They were: (1) 0007086 - Dean Forest Road @ Port Industrial Canal. Is this still a project or still needed? (2) 521855 -Ogeechee Road Widening from Lynes Pkwy to Victory Drive. Will it be ready for construction by 2007? The comment was also made regarding 571060 – Skidaway Road Widening. It has been decided that this project will be left in the FY 2008.

Mr. Wilkes moved to endorse the FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Melton seconded the motion.

TCC Action: The motion to endorse the FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program carried with none opposed.

D. Endorsement of Amendment of 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan and FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program to Incorporate Proposed Strategies for the Connecting Savannah process

Mr. Thomson gave an overview of the UPWP, LRTP and TIP amendments associated with Connecting Savannah.

Mr. Melton motioned that the requested Connecting Savannah amendments be made as project pages to the TIP with the appropriate comments clarifying that these projects for Connecting Savannah are locally funded. If Federal funding is pursued at a later date, it will be necessary to request a PI number, add the project to the GDOT work program and program funds for PE oversight. Ms. Teresa Scott seconded the motion.

TCC Action: The motion to approve the amendments to the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan and FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program to incorporate proposed strategies for the Connecting Savannah process and include TIP project pages clarifying that these projects for Connecting Savannah are locally funded carried with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

A. Federal Planning Certification Review Final Report

Mr. Wilkes gave a brief review of the Federal Planning Certification Review Final Report. The report indicated CUTS/MPO is unconditionally certified for the next three years without being subject to any corrective actions.

B. TEA-21 Reauthorization

Ms. Wang updated the committee on the status of the TEA-21 reauthorization. This legislation has had several extensions.

C. GDOT Interstate Improvement Study

Mr. Melton updated the committee on the status of the GDOT Interstate Improvement Study. Currently the Department is reviewing the work scope and cost estimates.

IV. Informational Reports

A. Georgia Department of Transportation

Ms. Scott reviewed the status of the projects that are planned for Chatham County.

B. Chatham County

Mr. Black reviewed a status report on the projects that are underway in Chatham County with SPLOST money.

C. City of Savannah

Mr. Weiner presented a summary on the traffic projects in the City of Savannah.

D. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

Mr. Fidler updated the committee on the projects that are going on at the Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport.

V. Other Business

There was no other business.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Technical Coordinating Committee, the June 16, 2005 meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Wilkes, PE, AICP
Director of Transportation Planning