



**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY**

**MPC Jerry Surrency Conference Room
110 East State Street**

September 15, 2009

3:00 P.M.

Voting Members

Representing

Present

Russ Abolt	Chatham County	
Robert H. Bonner Jr.	LDH Corporation	
Daniel Bostek	Norfolk Southern Railroad Industry	
Teresa Brenner	CUTS Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation	
Michael Brown	City of Savannah	
Al Bungard, P.E.	Chatham County Engineering	
Robbie Byrd	City of Pooler	
Phillip Claxton	City of Port Wentworth	
Leon Davenport	Chatham County Engineering	x
Glenn Durrence	GDOT – District 5	
Patrick S. Graham	Savannah Airport Commission	
Will Ingram	Fort Steward/Hunter Army Airfield	
Jonathan Lynn	City of Tybee	x
Nathan Mai-Lombardo	City of Garden City	
Doug Marchand	Georgia Ports Authority	
Kyle Mote	GDOT – Atlanta	
Charles Odimgbe	Chatham Area Transit	
Representative	CUTS Citizens Advisory Committee	
Seth Rutz	CSX Transportation	x
Ronald Sadowski	Coastal Regional Commission of GA	x
Peter Shonka, P. E.	City of Savannah Engineering	
Bob Thomson	Town of Thunderbolt	
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 Traffic Engineering	x
Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP	MPO	x

Voting Member Alternates

Representing

Sean Brandon	City of Savannah	x
Susan Broker	City of Savannah	x
Enoch Dumas	CAT	x
George Fidler	Savannah/HHI Internat’l Airport	x
Brad Saxon	GDOT – Jesup	x

Others Present

Michael Adams
Ellen Harris
Bethany Jewell
Jane Love
Jessica Mayfield
Bob Scanlon
Wykoda Wang

Representing

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Call to Order

Chairman Tom Thomson called the September 15, 2009 special meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee to order.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

II. Action Items

A. Endorsement of the CORE Connections 2035 Framework Mobility Plan

Beverly Davis, of Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. (RS&H) gave a presentation on the CORE Connections 2035 Framework Mobility Plan.

Mr. Sean Brandon stated that, from the City's perspective, they agree with 95% of the plan. The questions that have come up are who really wants this project and what does it solve. We don't want to have to look back on this and have to answer the question why was this approved and the answer be that because it was so far along we just decided to go ahead with it. Can we agree on Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) but also agree to have some kind of review on this project?

Mr. Tom Thomson stated that the question should have been asked a couple of years ago in concept review stage. Now the right-of-way acquisition is underway.

Mr. Bob Scanlon stated that the City recognizes that, but given the current funding constraints, the question would be, "Is this the best way to spend limited resources?" Is it high priority because it's been on the books for so long? The question really should be, "Is this project really needed or should we spend the money elsewhere?"

Mr. Thomson stated that the project's priority can be adjusted in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Leon Davenport stated the Whitfield widening project was identified in SPLOST 2, 1993-1998. They are 80%-85% finished with the design.

Ms. Susan Broker asked about Complete Streets standards. Does the design for Whitfield use the same standard that we are setting for the future?

Mr. Davenport stated that the standards that apply are the ones that are in effect at the time the project starts.

Mr. Brad Saxon stated that, as recently as 2007, the whole concept was fully revised to accommodate the tree issue. Mr. Wilkes recalled that there are sidewalks and bicycle facilities in sections of the project. Mr. Davenport confirmed.

Mr. Thomson stated that the plan development team has responded to everyone's comments on this Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Mr. Saxon asked, regarding the two Jimmy DeLoach Parkway projects, why does the interchange, which is in the funded plan, precede the road extension, which is only in the vision plan?

Mr. Davenport stated that actually construction will be ready for both at the same time.

Mr. Saxon stated that the SR 307 project that the County is doing with L240 funds is still showing. Mr. Thomson stated it should be showing.

Ms. Broker asked about the Southwest quadrant roadway plan. Does the City need to take a formal action on that?

Mr. Thomson stated that, in this chapter of the LRTP, they are just reporting what was done. We still want to pursue a district out there.

Mr. Scanlon stated that the County needs to be involved because it's a multi-jurisdictional area.

Mr. Thomson stated that the City will take lead on it and it will be a good model.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the 2035 LRTP Framework Mobility Plan.

TCC Action: the motion to endorse the 2035 LRTP Framework Mobility Plan carried with none opposed.

- B. Endorsement of Amendments to the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program for projects Contingent on TIGER Grant Awards**
 - 1. Truman Parkway, Phase 5**
 - 2. Hybrid Transit Vehicles**
 - 3. Coastal Georgia Greenway**
 - 4. Jimmy DeLoach Connector**

Mr. Scanlon asked if the MPO are ranking these projects.

Mr. Brandon said he believes the federal agency will do that according to their special TIGER criteria.

Mr. Enoch Dumas stated that around late December or early January, eleven hybrid buses will be delivered. Nine more would be ordered if CAT receives the TIGER award.

It was moved and seconded to endorse all four of the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program amendments for the potential TIGER grant awards.

TCC Action: the motion to endorse all four of the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program amendments for the potential TIGER grant awards carried with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

Development of the FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Thomson stated that the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program used to program about \$80 million per year, but now there is less funding. GDOT had a priority list for TIGER but the Governor didn't want to prioritize.

Mr. Scanlon stated that he was told by GDOT staff that their main priority for TIGER funding was Truman Parkway, Phase 5.

Mr. Thomson encouraged the local governments to use these committee meetings as a method of coordination, and to let MPO staff know if they have agenda items they would like to share.

Mr. George Fidler stated that Gulfstream Rd. that runs through the Airport property eventually will be closed and replaced with a new perimeter road around the east and north property lines that will access Crossroad Business Center roadway. This will open the airport's north property for development. He will talk with GDOT staff about the effect this has on the current Gulfstream Rd. project.

IV. Adjournment

There being no other business, the September 15, 2009 meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP
Director of Transportation Planning