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Jerry Surrency – 1:00 p.m.  
112 East State Street, Savannah  
Meeting Minutes

**August 18, 2010 Regular Meeting**

**Members Present:** Tom Thomson, Chairman  
Teresa Brenner  
Enoch Dumas  
Tyronda Edwards  
George Fidler  
Will Ingram  
Frank McIntosh  
Ronald Sadowski  
Teresa Scott  
Mark Wilkes

**Members Not Present:** Russ Abolt  
Robert Bonner  
Daniel Bostek  
Sean Brandon  
Al Bungard  
Robbie Byrd  
Phillip Claxton  
Jason Crane  
Leon Davenport  
Patrick Graham  
Jonathan Lynn  
Nathan Mai-Lombardo  
Doug Marchand  
Nathaniel Panther  
Peter Shonka  
Bob Thomson  
Hugh "Trip" Tollison  
Mike Weiner

**Staff Present:** Jane Love  
Jessica Hagan

Wykoda Wang

## I. Approval of Agenda

## II. Action Items

### 1. Approval of June 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC minutes 6-17-10.pdf

#### **Board Action:**

Approval of June 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes - PASS

#### **Vote Results**

Motion: Mark Wilkes

Second: Teresa Brenner

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| Russ Abolt           | - Not Present |
| Michael Adams        | - Not Present |
| City Administrator   | - Not Present |
| Pamela Bernard       | - Not Present |
| Robert Bonner, Jr.   | - Not Present |
| Daniel Bostek        | - Not Present |
| Sean Brandon         | - Not Present |
| Teresa Brenner       | - Aye         |
| Michael Brown        | - Not Present |
| Al Bungard           | - Not Present |
| Robbie Byrd          | - Not Present |
| Phillip Claxton      | - Not Present |
| Jason Crane          | - Aye         |
| Leon Davenport       | - Not Present |
| Enoch Dumas          | - Aye         |
| Glen Durrence        | - Not Present |
| George Fidler        | - Aye         |
| Patrick S. Graham    | - Not Present |
| Hugh "Trip" Hollison | - Not Present |
| Will Ingram          | - Aye         |
| Tim Kassa            | - Not Present |
| Adam Kirk            | - Not Present |
| Jane Love            | - Not Present |
| Jonathan Lynn        | - Not Present |
| Nathan Mai-Lombardo  | - Not Present |
| Doug Marchand        | - Not Present |
| Frank McIntosh       | - Aye         |

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| Charles Odimgbe   | - Not Present |
| Nathaniel Panther | - Not Present |
| Seth Rutz         | - Not Present |
| Ronald Sadowski   | - Aye         |
| Brad Saxon        | - Not Present |
| Bob Scanlon       | - Not Present |
| Teresa Scott      | - Aye         |
| Peter Shonka      | - Not Present |
| Bob Thomson       | - Not Present |
| Tom Thomson       | - Not Present |
| Wykoda Wang       | - Not Present |
| Michael Weiner    | - Not Present |
| Randy Weitman     | - Not Present |
| Mark Wilkes       | - Aye         |

## 2. Endorsement of Proposed LRTP Amendments

Attachment: LRTP Amendments August 2010 Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that in May and June the MPO has received amendment requests for two projects: Fort Pulaski Entrance Road and Jimmy DeLoach Connector (or Port's Last Mile Project). The CORE MPO initiated the two-step LRTP amendment process for the two projects in June 2010. In August 2010 the MPO intends to complete the LRTP amendments so that these two projects can be programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) after the adoption of the LRTP amendments.

The Fort Pulaski Entrance Road Project, funded with National Park Service funds, is a new project and thus an amendment to the LRTP is necessary if it is to be included in the plan.

The reason for the requested amendment for the Jimmy DeLoach Connector/Port's Last Mile Project is the that project funding source has been revised. It would now be funded through a state bond that the legislature approved, although the bond sale as not yet occurred.

The clarifying language in the LRTP would state that, for projects that have some phases in the financially-constrained part of the plan and other phases in the Vision Plan, the latter could be moved into the financially constrained list through administrative modification, in the event funding became available.

Ms. Wang said that staff recommends endorsement of the amendments to the 2035 LRTP.

### **Board Action:**

For endorsment of amendments to the Long Range  
Transportation Plan for Jimmy DeLoach Connector/Port's  
Last Mile Project, Fort Pulaski Entrance Road Bridge      - PASS  
Rehabilitation, and clarifying language for the 2035

Framework Mobility Plan.

**Vote Results**

Motion: Ronald Sadowski

Second: Mark Wilkes

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| Russ Abolt           | - Not Present |
| Michael Adams        | - Not Present |
| City Administrator   | - Not Present |
| Pamela Bernard       | - Not Present |
| Robert Bonner, Jr.   | - Not Present |
| Daniel Bostek        | - Not Present |
| Sean Brandon         | - Not Present |
| Teresa Brenner       | - Aye         |
| Michael Brown        | - Not Present |
| Al Bungard           | - Not Present |
| Robbie Byrd          | - Not Present |
| Phillip Claxton      | - Not Present |
| Jason Crane          | - Aye         |
| Leon Davenport       | - Not Present |
| Enoch Dumas          | - Aye         |
| Glen Durrence        | - Not Present |
| George Fidler        | - Aye         |
| Patrick S. Graham    | - Not Present |
| Hugh "Trip" Hollison | - Not Present |
| Will Ingram          | - Aye         |
| Tim Kassa            | - Not Present |
| Adam Kirk            | - Not Present |
| Jane Love            | - Not Present |
| Jonathan Lynn        | - Not Present |
| Nathan Mai-Lombardo  | - Not Present |
| Doug Marchand        | - Not Present |
| Frank McIntosh       | - Aye         |
| Charles Odimgbe      | - Not Present |
| Nathaniel Panther    | - Not Present |
| Seth Rutz            | - Not Present |
| Ronald Sadowski      | - Aye         |
| Brad Saxon           | - Not Present |
| Bob Scanlon          | - Not Present |
| Teresa Scott         | - Aye         |
| Peter Shonka         | - Not Present |
| Bob Thomson          | - Not Present |
| Tom Thomson          | - Not Present |
| Wykoda Wang          | - Not Present |
| Michael Weiner       | - Not Present |
| Randy Weitman        | - Not Present |

### 3. Endorsement of Proposed TIP Amendments

Attachment: FY 2011 - 2014 TIP Amendments August 2010 Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Wang reported that there are several projects that have revisions and the TIP needs to be amended. Some of the proposed changes involve their cost estimates, development schedule, scope change and inclusion in or deletion out of the TIP.

The projects are:

- 1) Fort Pulaski Entrance Road Bridge Rehabilitation-add a new project to the TIP, contingent upon MPO approval of related LRTP amendment.
- 2) Jimmy DeLoach Connector/Port's Last Mile Project-add a new project to the TIP, contingent upon MPO approval of related LRTP amendment.
- 3) US 17 Bridge Replacement Over Back River-estimated project construction costs decreased by \$2,733,252. GDOT staff have said this is because of a reduced deck width. The project will still have the bikeable shoulders to provide for the East Coast Greenway.
- 4) Project DeRenne Boulevard Option-include a new project to the local section of TIP, as PE and ROW currently to be SPLOST funded.
- 5) East DeRenne Avenue Improvements-include a new project to the local section of TIP, as PE currently to be SPLOST funded.
- 6) West DeRenne Avenue Improvements-include a new project to the local section of TIP, as PE currently to be SPLOST funded.
- 7) GDOT Oversight on the MPO's ARRA studies-include a new project to the TIP, \$25,000 for each of the three studies.
- 8) Savannah MPO Strategic Planning Study-Sector Seven-revise the funding amount; and
- 9) State Rail Plan-delete project from the TIP. The deletion would be due the fact that the State did not fund GDOT Intermodal's State Rail Plan, and therefore the contribution from the MPO is not useful for the plan at this time. The released funds are proposed to be moved to the projects mentioned in #7 and #8, above.
- 10) Savannah River Water Ferry - roll over funds from FY 2010 to FY 2011, thus this is an addition to the FY 2011-2014 TIP.
- 11) CAT Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) projects - roll over funds from FY 2010 to FY 2011, thus this is an addition to the FY 2011-2014 TIP.
- 12) Study for New Interstate from Savannah to Knoxville (I-3) - roll over funds from FY 2010 to FY 2011, thus this is an addition to the FY 2011-2014 TIP.

Ms. Wang said that staff recommends endorsement of the proposed amendments to the FY 2011-2014 TIP.

**Board Action:**

For endorsement of the amendments to the CORE MPO's  
FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Teresa Scott  
Second: Enoch Dumas  
Russ Abolt - Not Present  
Michael Adams - Not Present  
City Administrator - Not Present  
Pamela Bernard - Not Present  
Robert Bonner, Jr. - Not Present  
Daniel Bostek - Not Present  
Sean Brandon - Not Present  
Teresa Brenner - Aye  
Michael Brown - Not Present  
Al Bungard - Not Present  
Robbie Byrd - Not Present  
Phillip Claxton - Not Present  
Jason Crane - Aye  
Leon Davenport - Not Present  
Enoch Dumas - Aye  
Glen Durrence - Not Present  
George Fidler - Aye  
Patrick S. Graham - Not Present  
Hugh "Trip" Hollison - Not Present  
Will Ingram - Aye  
Tim Kassa - Not Present  
Adam Kirk - Not Present  
Jane Love - Not Present  
Jonathan Lynn - Not Present  
Nathan Mai-Lombardo - Not Present  
Doug Marchand - Not Present  
Frank McIntosh - Aye  
Charles Odingbe - Not Present  
Nathaniel Panther - Not Present  
Seth Rutz - Not Present  
Ronald Sadowski - Aye  
Brad Saxon - Not Present  
Bob Scanlon - Not Present

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| Teresa Scott   | - Aye         |
| Peter Shonka   | - Not Present |
| Bob Thomson    | - Not Present |
| Tom Thomson    | - Not Present |
| Wykoda Wang    | - Not Present |
| Michael Weiner | - Not Present |
| Randy Weitman  | - Not Present |
| Mark Wilkes    | - Aye         |

#### 4. Endorsement of Proposed UPWP Amendment

Attachment: UPWP Amendments August Staff Report.pdf

Mark stated that, as the committee heard during the previous action item, the CORE MPO staff is proposing an amendment to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to remove the L230 funds from the State Rail Plan to be used for the GDOT oversight of the three ARRA ( American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) studies the MPO is conducting and for the MPO Strategic Planning Study- Sector Seven.

The UPWP lists anticipated staff activity and associated budget, and so the \$25,000 of matched L230 funds that will be added to the MPO Strategic Planning Study, according to the TIP amendment the committee just heard about, needs to be reflected in the FY 2011 UPWP. The additional funds will be shown with the \$500,000 of L230 funds already programmed for the task in the UPWP will be used to fund staff activities.

Mr. Wilkes said that staff recommends endorsement of the proposed amendments to the FY 2011 UPWP.

#### **Board Action:**

For approval of the amendment to the CORE MPO FY 2011  
Unified Planning Work Program - PASS

#### **Vote Results**

Motion: Ronald Sadowski

Second: Will Ingram

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| Russ Abolt         | - Not Present |
| Michael Adams      | - Not Present |
| City Administrator | - Not Present |
| Pamela Bernard     | - Not Present |
| Robert Bonner, Jr. | - Not Present |
| Daniel Bostek      | - Not Present |
| Sean Brandon       | - Not Present |
| Teresa Brenner     | - Aye         |
| Michael Brown      | - Not Present |
| Al Bungard         | - Not Present |

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| Robbie Byrd          | - Not Present |
| Phillip Claxton      | - Not Present |
| Jason Crane          | - Aye         |
| Leon Davenport       | - Not Present |
| Enoch Dumas          | - Aye         |
| Glen Durrence        | - Not Present |
| George Fidler        | - Aye         |
| Patrick S. Graham    | - Not Present |
| Hugh "Trip" Hollison | - Not Present |
| Will Ingram          | - Aye         |
| Tim Kassa            | - Not Present |
| Adam Kirk            | - Not Present |
| Jane Love            | - Not Present |
| Jonathan Lynn        | - Not Present |
| Nathan Mai-Lombardo  | - Not Present |
| Doug Marchand        | - Not Present |
| Frank McIntosh       | - Aye         |
| Charles Odingbe      | - Not Present |
| Nathaniel Panther    | - Not Present |
| Seth Rutz            | - Not Present |
| Ronald Sadowski      | - Aye         |
| Brad Saxon           | - Not Present |
| Bob Scanlon          | - Not Present |
| Teresa Scott         | - Aye         |
| Peter Shonka         | - Not Present |
| Bob Thomson          | - Not Present |
| Tom Thomson          | - Not Present |
| Wykoda Wang          | - Not Present |
| Michael Weiner       | - Not Present |
| Randy Weitman        | - Not Present |
| Mark Wilkes          | - Aye         |

### III. Other Business

#### 5. Draft Criteria for Regional Sales Tax Referendum

Mr. Thomson stated the Director of Planning at GDOT has proposed draft criteria for determining which projects are submitted on a region's draft investment list to be considered by the Regional Roundtable in the future. Local governments and MPOs have the opportunity to submit comments on the draft criteria until September 30, 2010. MPO staff is asking committee members to send comments to MPO staff to be compiled and sent to the State together.

He reminded the committee of the impacts on the match that local governments get from



the state, if either the Roundtable fails to approve a project list for a regional tax referendum, or if the public fails to pass a referendum for the regional tax.

Mr. Thomson also said that he had met with directors of the two other MPOs within our Regional Commission boundaries. The goal is to get MPO priorities on the project list.

This report was provided for information only. No action necessary.

#### **IV. Status Reports**

#### **V. Information Reports (verbal)**

##### **A. Federal Highway Administration**

###### 6. Presentation

Mr. Carlos Gonzalez introduced himself and stated he will be taking over Latoya Jones' place, as the FHWA planner for the CORE MPO.

##### **B. Federal Transit Administration**

###### 7. Presentation

No report at this time.

##### **C. Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield**

###### 8. Presentation

##### **D. Georgia Department of Transportation**

###### 9. Presentation

Ms. Tyrhonda Edwards, from GDOT Intermodal introduced herself and said they are getting started on a huge effort on coordinating Human Services Transportation, as a result of the passage of HB 277.

Ms. Teresa Scott, from GDOT District 5 highlighted the following projects on the roadway project list she distributed:

**SR 204 Spur**- ROW certified on 7-23-10.

**SR 204 / Abercorn Extension at Harmon Canal**- ROW certified on 7-25-10

**SR 404 Spur/ US 17 over Back River Bridge**- ROW plans approved; working on final plans

**CR 787 / Island Expressway@ Wilmington River/Bascule Bridge**- VE scheduled 10-

4-10

**SR 204 / Abercorn St. from King George Blvd. to Rio Rd.-** PIOH held June 17th and good comments were made. Now working on preliminary design.

**Brampton Rd. conn-** PIOH Held June 15th now working on concept report.

**I-16 @ 95 Interchange-** Lighting agreement submitted,. Now final design underway.

**SR 21 Signal Upgrades-** ROW plans approved.

**SR 26 @ I-95 SB Ramp-** Concept report approved; signal installed.

#### **E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia**

##### 10. Presentation

Mr. Ron Sadowski stated that the CRC is finishing up a Tiger II Grant for the regional Transit System it will consist of a building and bus yard. They are also working on the HUD Sustainable Communities Grant application. DOT asked CRC to evaluate the State Bike Route 95 and that will be done within the next 6 months.

#### **F. Chatham Area Transit Authority**

##### 11. Presentation

No report at this time.

#### **G. Chatham County**

##### 12. Presentation

No report at this time.

#### **H. City of Savannah**

##### 13. Presentation

Mr. Mike Weiner was not at the meeting but he did leave a report that stated:

**West Gwinnett Street Widening-** Consultant submitted the draft environmental report to the GDOT for final approval.

**Traffic Stimulus Projects-** Contractor started the installation of audible pushbuttons and countdown pedestrian signals in August. Thus far, these devices have been installed at 19 signalized intersections. Emergency GPS Pre-emption training is taking place on 8/17 through 8/19.

**Abercorn St. from Wilshire to Janet Dr.- Signal Re-Timing-** The GDOT and the City of Savannah Traffic Engineering Department is coordinating the project which is being performed by a Traffic Engineering consulting firm.

#### **I. City of Garden City**

14. Presentation

No report at this time.

#### **J. City of Tybee Island**

15. Presentation

No report at this time.

#### **K. Georgia Ports Authority**

16. Presentation

No report at this time.

#### **L. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport**

17. Presentation

Mr. George Fidler stated that the Airport is still expanding. The taxi way extension northward will be a combination bridge/tunnel that Gulfstream Rd. will go underneath. He

stated that he can not show project X due to confidentiality, but he can show improvements to the airfield that have been approved by FTA.

**M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign**

**VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)**

**VII. Announcements**

18. Next Meeting: October 21, 2010

**VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference**

19. August 2010 Update on Elements of the Total Mobility Plan

Attachment: August 2010 Update on Elements of Total Mobility Plan.pdf

**IX. Adjournment**

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