



**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY**

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

**June 17, 2010**

**3:00 P.M.**

**Voting Members**

Russ Abolt  
 Robert H. Bonner Jr.  
 Daniel Bostek  
 Teresa Brenner  
  
 Al Bungard, P.E.  
 Robbie Byrd  
 Phillip Claxton  
 Jason Crane  
 Leon Davenport  
 Glenn Durrence  
 Curtis Foltz  
 Patrick S. Graham  
 Will Ingram  
 Jonathan Lynn  
 Nathan Mai-Lombardo  
 Frank McIntosh  
 Charles Odimgbe  
 Representative  
 Representative, engineering  
 Representative, staff  
 Representative, staff  
 Representative, staff  
 Tricia Reynolds  
 Peter Shonka, P. E.  
 Rochelle Small-Toney  
 Thomas L. Thomson, P.E., AICP  
 Hugh "Trip" Tollison  
 Mike Weiner, P.E.  
 Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP

**Representing**

Chatham County  
 LDH Corporation  
 Norfolk Southern Railroad Industry  
 CUTS Advisory Committee on  
 Accessible Transportation  
 Chatham County Engineering  
 City of Pooler  
 City of Port Wentworth  
 GDOT – Atlanta  
 Chatham County Engineering  
 GDOT – District 5  
 Georgia Ports Authority  
 Savannah Airport Commission  
 Fort Steward/Hunter Army Airfield  
 City of Tybee Island  
 City of Garden City  
 Savannah Bicycle Campaign  
 Chatham Area Transit  
 CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee  
 CSX Transportation  
 City of Bloomingdale  
 Town of Thunderbolt  
 Town of Vernonburg  
 Coastal Regional Commission  
 City of Savannah Engineering  
 City of Savannah  
 Executive Director MPC, Chair  
 Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce  
 City of Savannah Traffic Engineering  
 MPO

**Present**

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**Voting Member Alternates**

Sean Brandon  
Enoch Dumas  
Teresa Scott

**Representing**

City of Savannah X  
Chatham Area Transit X  
GDOT – Jesup X

**Others Present**

Michael Adams  
Aghdas Ghazi  
Jane Love  
David Moyer  
Barbara Settzo  
Michelle Wright

**Representing**

MPO X  
GDOT X  
MPO X  
GDOT X  
for MPO X  
GDOT X

**Call to Order**

Mr. Mark Wilkes, acting as Chairman, called the meeting to order.

**I. Approval of Agenda**

It was agreed to move Item IV-8 (Highlights of HB277 Transportation Bill) to the first item of business. For purposes of this summary, comments will be recorded in the original agenda order.

**II. Action Items**

**A. Approval of the April 22, 2010 Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2010 Technical Coordinating Committee.

**TCC Action: the motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2010 Technical Coordinating Committee carried with none opposed.**

**B. Endorsement of authorization for further study of requested LRTP amendment for Fort Pulaski Entrance Road bridge project**

Mr. Wilkes reported that this project, which would be federally funded under a category for National Parks Service roads and bridges, first appeared in the list of projects that GDOT submitted to the MPO for the FY 2011-2014 TIP. GDOT has requested that this project be included in the TIP, however, the TIP must be consistent with the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and this project is not in the LRTP, and is not related to any projects that are in the LRTP.

Since this funding category has not been reflected in the LRTP before, and staff does not have any projections for this type of revenue for this area over the 25-year plan horizon, the project would likely be included in a new category such as “Other federally funded projects”.

Mr. Jason Crane commented that he is sure it needs to be in the TIP, but possibly not in the LRTP.

It was moved and seconded to endorse authorization for further study of the requested LRTP amendment for Fort Pulaski Entrance Road bridge project.

**TCC Action: the motion to endorse authorization for further study of the requested LRTP amendment for Fort Pulaski Entrance Road bridge project carried with none opposed.**

**C. Endorsement of authorization for further study of requested LRTP amendment for the Jimmy DeLoach connector project**

Mr. Wilkes noted that this project amendment also needs further study before amending the LRTP. There is potential bond funding for this project using 100% state funds. This project is a high priority for the port.

It was moved and seconded to endorse authorization for further study of the requested LRTP amendment for the Jimmy DeLoach connector project.

**TCC Action: the motion to endorse authorization for further study of the requested LRTP amendment for the Jimmy DeLoach connector project carried with none opposed.**

**D. Endorsement of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Mr. Wilkes reported on the TIP development process including the public review process. In updating the TIP, there are four categories of changes. He reviewed projects in each of the following:

- Those projects in the current TIP that have been dropped from this proposed TIP because they have been obligated
- Those projects in the current TIP that are carried forward to the proposed TIP
- Those projects that are dropped from the proposed TIP due to production delays or insufficient funds, and
- Those projects that are newly added to the proposed TIP

He reviewed three projects that were added to the proposed TIP since the draft was published for public review. These projects are as follows:

- SR 26/US 80 widening – right-of-way in 2013 using MPO-attributable L230 funds.
- Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy Phase 2 – right-of-way in 2014 and some funds for GDOT oversight in 2011.
- Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy/US80 interchange project – using MPO-attributable L230 funds in 2014 and oversight in 2011.

Mr. Wilkes also reviewed the transit projects listed in the draft TIP. Discussion followed.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program subject to clerical corrections on project #522790 and project #7259.

**TCC Action: the motion to endorse the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program subject to clerical corrections on project #522790 and project #7259 carried with none opposed.**

**E. Amendments to the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Wilkes reported that the amendments are necessary to include the following changes:

- Updated apportionments in the JARC funds and New Freedom funds based upon the May 13, 2010 Federal Register notice.
- Inclusion of additional L230 MPO-attributable funds. These funds were not shown in the initial FY 2011 UPWP because local match issues were being resolved. Cash match has now been secured.
- More detail added to the description of activity for the Streetcar Plan in anticipation of possibly applying for federal grants.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the amendments to the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program.

**TCC Action: the motion to endorse the amendments to the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program carried with none opposed.**

**III. Other Business**

No other business at this time.

**IV. Status Reports**

**A. Update on Project DeRenne**

Mr. Sean Brandon reported that the City Council approved a resolution in support of the Boulevard Option from Project DeRenne. The plan can now be moved forward by city staff and consultants. The resolution also includes study and construction of a sound barrier along I-516 adjacent to the Tatemville neighborhood. Discussion has begun with the County and with Hunter Army Airfield. Eventually this project will need to be in the LRTP and the TIP.

**B. Update on special grant opportunities**

Ms. Love described the various grant opportunities that have recently been issued by the federal government. The grants are as follows:

- Tiger II – bicycle and trail projects are possible candidates, but none are ready to go at this time
- HUD Communities Challenge Planning Grant
- FTA Alternatives Analysis Grant
- HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

### **C. HB 277 Transportation Bill Highlights**

Mr. Michael Adams referred the committee to the staff report and offered highlights of the new legislation. Rural transit is going to be combined into a new agency. CRC will report to this new entity. The biggest change for us is the new regional sales tax. The state will be divided into 12 regions. A regional "roundtable" will approve (or not) a list of projects submitted by the GDOT Planning Director and then those projects will go before the voters for voter approval. If the regional roundtable does not approve the list, the local match requirement for state-aid projects will increase to 50%. If it is approved by the regional roundtable but not approved by the voters then the local match requirement will be 30%. If the voters pass it, then local match for projects will be 10%. Majority vote within the region is required to pass the sales tax. GDOT planning director will submit project criteria to our region in September 2010.

### **V. Agency Reports**

#### **A. CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation**

No report at this time.

#### **B. CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee**

No report at this time.

#### **C. Federal Highway Administration**

No report at this time.

#### **D. Federal Transit Administration**

No report at this time.

#### **E. Georgia Department of Transportation**

Ms. Teresa Scott distributed her report and asked for questions. She reported on the following projects:

- #2 & #3 (SR 307 overpass and SR 25/US 17 @ SR 307) - will let on June 18, 2010
- #4 (SR 204 Spur to Ferguson Ave.) – Right-of-way certification has been submitted
- #5 (Gwinnett St.) – Public Information Open House scheduled for June 22, 2010
- #6 (SR 21 @ CR 9/Crossgate Rd./Gulfstream Rd.) – Preliminary Field Plan Review held on May 27, 2010
- #9 (SR 204/Abercorn Ext. @ Harmon Canal) – completing right-of-way acquisition
- #15 (SR 404/US 17 over Back River Bridge) – Right-of-way authorization is pending
- #23 (SR 204 from King George Blvd. to Rio Rd.) – Public Information Open House is scheduled for June 17, 2010
- #25 (Brampton Rd. Connector) – Public Information Open House was held on June 15, 2010

#### **F. Coastal Regional Commission**

No report at this time.

#### **G. Chatham Area Transit Authority**

Mr. Enoch Dumas reported that a final agreement with Viola is expected by next Friday.

#### **H. Chatham County**

No report at this time.

**I. City of Savannah**

No report at this time.

**J. City of Garden City**

Mr. Nathan Mai-Lombardo requested information on Brampton Rd project. Ms. Scott will send him information and copy it to Mark Wilkes. In the meantime, they could pull it up from the GDOT website.

**K. City of Tybee Island**

No report at this time.

**L. Georgia Ports Authority**

No report at this time.

**M. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport**

No report at this time.

**VI. Other Public Comments**

No other public comments at this time.

**VII. Announcements**

Ms. Love announced that online surveys are available at [www.thempc.org](http://www.thempc.org) for input in the Non-motorized Transportation Plan.

Next TCC Meeting: June 17, 2010

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

The items posted and mailed were for information only. There was no presentation.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no other business, the April 22, 2010 meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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