



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MPC Surrency Conference Room – 3:00 p.m.
 112 East State Street, Savannah
 Minutes

October 20, 2011 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO TCC

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Russ Abolt	Chatham County	
Scott Allison	City of Garden City	X
Robert H. Bonner Jr.	LDH Corporation	
Daniel Bostek	Norfolk Southern Railroad Industry	
Sean Brandon	Norfolk Southern Railroad Industry	X
Teresa Brenner	CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation	
Al Bungard, P.E.	Chatham County Engineering	
Robbie Byrd	City of Pooler	
Phillip Claxton	City of Port Wentworth	
Karon Ivery	GDOT-District 5	
Kaycee Mertz	GDOT-Atlanta	X
Leon Davenport, P.E.	Chatham County Engineering	
Curtis Foltz	Georgia Ports Authority	
Patrick Graham	Savannah Airport Commission	
Will Ingram	Fort Steward/Hunter Army Airfield	
Representative	City of Tybee Island	
Lupita McClenning	Coastal Regional Commission	
Frank McIntosh	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	X
Chad Reese	Chatham Area Transit	
Representative, staff	City of Bloomingdale	
Representative, engineering	CSX Transportation	
Representative	CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee	
Representative, staff	Town of Vernonburg	
Peter Shonka, P.E.	City of Savannah Engineering	
Rochelle Small-Toney	City of Savannah	
Linton Smith	Town of Thunderbolt	X
Thomas L. Thomson, P.E.,AICP	Excutive 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
<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>

Sarah Rayfield	Chatham Area Transit	X
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Ronald Sadowski	Coastal Regional Commission	X
Teresa Scott	GDOT	X
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Michael Adams	MPO	X
Brad Saxon	GDOT	X
Tyronda Edwards	GDOT Intermodal	
Carlos Gonzalez	FHWA	
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Jane Love	MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO	X

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the October 20, 2011 Meeting Agenda

Agenda was approved as written.

Board Action:

Approval of the October 20, 2011 Meeting Agenda as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: George Fidler
 Second: Frank McIntosh

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Not Present
City Administrator	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Aye
Pamela Bernard	- Not Present
Robert Bonner, Jr.	- Not Present
Daniel Bostek	- Not Present
Sean Brandon	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
Al Bungard	- Not Present
Robbie Byrd	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Not Present
Leon Davenport	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Aye
Curtis Foltz	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present

Hugh "Trip" Hollison	- Not Present
Will Ingram	- Not Present
Karen Ivery	- Not Present
Adam Kirk	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Frank McIntosh	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Kaycee Mertz	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Not Present
Sarah Rayfield	- Aye
Chad Reese	- Not Present
Ronald Sadowski	- Aye
Matt Saxon	- Not Present
Brad Saxon	- Aye
Bob Scanlon	- Not Present
Teresa Scott	- Aye
Peter Shonka	- Not Present
Rochelle Small-Toney	- Not Present
Linton Smith	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Wykoda Wang	- Not Present
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the August 18, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC Minutes 8-18-11.pdf

Minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:

Approval of the August 18, 2011 Meeting Minutes as written - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Ronald Sadowski

Second: Sean Brandon

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Not Present
City Administrator	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Aye
Pamela Bernard	- Not Present
Robert Bonner, Jr.	- Not Present

Daniel Bostek	- Not Present
Sean Brandon	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
Al Bungard	- Not Present
Robbie Byrd	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Not Present
Leon Davenport	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Aye
Curtis Foltz	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Hollison	- Not Present
Will Ingram	- Not Present
Karen Ivery	- Not Present
Adam Kirk	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Frank McIntosh	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Kaycee Mertz	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Not Present
Sarah Rayfield	- Aye
Chad Reese	- Not Present
Ronald Sadowski	- Aye
Matt Saxon	- Not Present
Brad Saxon	- Aye
Bob Scanlon	- Not Present
Teresa Scott	- Aye
Peter Shonka	- Not Present
Rochelle Small-Toney	- Not Present
Linton Smith	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Wykoda Wang	- Not Present
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

3. Selection of the Preferred Alternative in the US 80 Bridges Replacement Study

Attachment: US 80 Bridges Selection of the Preferred Alt Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Jane Love gave a presentation on all six alternatives for the US 80 Bridges Replacement Study and the evaluation of alternatives.

Ms. Love discussed the evaluation criteria, the estimated initial costs, and the estimated life-cycle costs for each alternative. At this point, the analysis shows that Alternative 3 has the highest score and appears to be the best choice. Alternative 4 has the second highest score and Alternative 5 has the third highest score. The public opinion ranking, from the

public meeting in August, places Alternative 5 at the top, while Alternative, 3 and 4 came in second. Staff and the consulting team plan to do additional public outreach about the evaluation and the recommendations of the study.

III. Other Business

4. Discussion of Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Extension (Last Mile) regarding National Highway System and Functional Classification

Attachment: JDL-NHS_286_088R_Resolution.pdf

Attachment: JDL-NHS_Jimmy DeLoach map.pdf

Attachment: JDL-NHS_Jimmy Inset1.pdf

Mr. Mark Wilkes stated that the MPO received a request from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for a resolution of concurrence from the MPO regarding the designation of the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Extension on the National Highway System and in the Highway Functional Classification System.

Ms. Kaycee Mertz explained that the extension of Jimmy DeLoach Parkway as described, is proposed to be added to the National Highway System as an Intermodal Connector Route and to the Highway Functional Classification System as an Urban Minor Arterial. Once the extension is complete it will serve as a strategic roadway providing suitable connections between the existing Intermodal Connector routes.

The MPO staff had questioned the limits of the designation, and so the resolution is not proposed for action on the MPO agenda at this time. The item is on the TCC agenda for discussion only. It was suggested that perhaps GDOT Data Office and MPO staff should talk further on the topic.

IV. Status Reports

5. SR 204 Corridor Study Status Update

Mr. Michael Adams stated that the second Stakeholder and Public Meeting was held in September. At that meeting, the project team had presented the three alternatives that will be taken on for further study. Of those three alternatives, a recommended alternative will be identified through an evaluation process. There will be a final Stakeholder and Public meeting sometime in 2012 to present the recommended alternative.

V. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Federal Highway Administration

6. Presentation

No report at this time.

B. Federal Transit Administration

7. Presentation

No report at this time.

C. Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield

8. Presentation

No report at this time.

D. Georgia Department of Transportation

9. Presentation

Ms. Teresa Scott reported on the following projects:

#6 – Jimmy DeLoach Pkway Ext. – is on schedule for letting next month

#7 -- King George Blvd./SR 204 Interchange -- expect environmental approval next month.

#8 – Gulfstream Rd. at Robert B. Miller – operational improvement at Gulfstream Rd.

GDOT has met with Gulfstream and presented options. They are waiting for Gulfstream to provide input.

#10 – SR 26 / Ogeechee Rd. – updated right-of-way (ROW) figures: \$8,330,000; L230S funds; not intending to change schedule. Expect ROW to be authorized early in FY 2015 and construction in FY 2017.

11– Gwinnett St.– Mr. Weiner stated that the City has prepared all the studies and we are just waiting on resolution from Federal Highway. Construction needs to be shifted to 2014.

#29 – SR 26/US 80 at I-95 SB ramp -- Final plans submitted and on time for December let.

Mr. Linton Smith expressed the Town of Thunderbolt's appreciation for the installation of "quick curb" for improved safety on US 80.

There was discussion of # 24 – I-16 at I-95 Lighting. The status report states that it is on hold. This is because Pooler pulled out of signed agreement. Chatham County, City of Garden City, and the City of Savannah (included due to interests of the Chamber of Commerce) need a revised agreement on the operational costs. Mr. Leon Davenport in County Engineering has requested crash data. Garden City says the Chamber of Commerce has reached out, trying to get talks started again.

Mr. Tom Thomson mentioned that with regard to the vote on the Transportation Investment Act regional tax, the local lists for the discretionary 25% of revenue will be as important as the regional list for the 75% of revenue.

E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

10. Presentation

Mr. Ron Sadowski stated that the Coastal Regional Commission is submitting an application for a TIGER III grant for a multimodal center.

He also mentioned news that Chatham County has contracted with Thomas & Hutton to design the Ogeechee Canal Trail.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

11. Presentation

Ms. Sarah Rayfield stated that CAT will be launching the new route on October 24, 2011. Also CAT has a new application that you can download to your phone and be able to track the bus you need.

CAT staff will present a Passenger Amenities Guide to the CAT Board in a couple of weeks.

G. Chatham County

12. Presentation

No report at this time.

H. City of Savannah

13. Presentation

The City of Savannah has bought three accessible taxis. They plan to purchase two more later if satisfied with this model. They are about to select an operator.

Mr. Mike Weiner stated that the City is coordinating the construction of a noise barrier wall on the north side of DeRenne Avenue, at Tatenville, and that will start the beginning of the year. They are also working with GDOT to install 14 new traffic controllers in the

downtown area.

I. City of Garden City

14. Presentation

Mr. Scott Allison stated that they had the kick off meeting regarding Safe Routes to School grant in the past week.

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

No report at this time.

M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign

18. Presentation

Mr. Frank McIntosh stated that the Savannah Bicycle Campaign will be holding their monthly Bike to Beer event on Tuesday, October 25.

Also, a class will be held at SCAD for about 150 people, regarding bike safety. Recently two bicyclists collided on Montgomery St. near the civic center.

Mr. McIntosh said the Savannah Bicycle Campaign is very pleased about the City's approval of the revision to Price St. (through re-striping), which will include a bike lane.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

19. Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: December 8, 2011 (2nd Thursday)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

20. Transportation Investment Act -- Final List and Report for Coastal Region

Attachment: FINAL Adopted List to Local Governments Notice from DOT.pdf

Attachment: Coastal-FinalInvestmentReport.pdf

Attachment: Coastal-FinalInvestmentList.pdf

IX. Adjournment

The Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission provides meeting summary minutes which are adopted by the respective Board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.