



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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

February 16, 2012 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	
Robert H. Bonner Jr.	LDH Corporation	
Daniel Bostek	Norfolk Southern Railroad Industry	
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	X
Curtis Foltz	Georgia Ports Authority	
Patrick Graham	Savannah Airport Commission	
Will Ingram	Fort Steward/Hunter Army Airfield	
Lupita McClenning	Coastal Regional Commission	
Frank McIntosh	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	
Chad Reese	Chatham Area Transit	
Representative, staff	City of Bloomingdale	
Representative, staff	City of Tybee Island	
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	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
<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Sean Brandon	City of Savannah	

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

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the February 16, 2012 Meeting Agenda

Agenda was approved as written.

Board Action:	
Approval of agenda as written.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Linton Smith	
Second: Chris Emmer	
Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Aye
Charles Akridge	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Not Present
Pamela Bernard	- Not Present
Robert Bonner, Jr.	- Not Present
Daniel Bostek	- Not Present
Sean Brandon	- Not Present
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
Al Bungard	- Not Present
Robbie Byrd	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Not Present
Leon Davenport	- Aye
Chris Emmer	- Aye
George Fidler	- Not Present
Curtis Foltz	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present

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

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the October 20, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC minutes 10-20-11.pdf

Minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:	
Approve minutes as written	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Leon Davenport	
Second: Linton Smith	
Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Aye
Charles Akridge	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Not Present
Pamela Bernard	- Not Present
Robert Bonner, Jr.	- Not Present

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

3. Amendment to the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program

Attachment: FY 2012 UPWP Mod-Amend 3 Staff Report.pdf

Attachment: 2012 UPWP Amendment 3.pdf

Mr. Wilkes proposed an amendment to reflect the addition of PL funds in the amount of \$150,801.37 carried forward from FY 2011. The proposed amendment will enable CORE MPO staff to access these funds through a funding contract with GDOT in order to carry out the FY 2012 UPWP.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the amendment to the FY 2012
Unified Planning Work Program. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Chris Emmer

Second: Mark Wilkes

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Aye
Charles Akridge	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Not Present
Pamela Bernard	- Not Present
Robert Bonner, Jr.	- Not Present
Daniel Bostek	- Not Present
Sean Brandon	- Not Present
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
Al Bungard	- Not Present
Robbie Byrd	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Not Present
Leon Davenport	- Aye
Chris Emmer	- Aye
George Fidler	- Not Present
Curtis Foltz	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Brian Harvey	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Hollison	- Not Present
Will Ingram	- Not Present
Karen Ivery	- Not Present
Adam Kirk	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Frank McIntosh	- Not Present
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Kaycee Mertz	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Not Present
Sarah Rayfield	- Aye
Chad Reese	- Not Present
Ronald Sadowski	- Not Present
Matt Saxon	- Not Present
Brad Saxon	- Not Present
Bob Scanlon	- Not Present
Teresa Scott	- Aye
Peter Shonka	- Not Present
Rochelle Small-Toney	- Not Present
Linton Smith	- Aye

Tom Thomson	- Aye
Wykoda Wang	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

4. Endorsement of Proposed TIP Amendments Regarding Project DeRenne and Transit Section

Attachment: FY 2012-2015 TIP Amendments Transit Section.pdf

Attachment: FY 2012 - 2015 TIP Amendments for Project DeRenne.pdf

Ms. Wang stated the MPO would like to amend the TIP to incorporate changes made to the three Project DeRenne projects at the request of the City of Savannah. These changes occur because the GDOT requested that the City program some oversight funds and scoping funds for each project so that GDOT staff will review the project development, making way for the projects to receive federal and state dollars in the future. The City would also like to update the schedules and cost estimates of each project based on coordination with GDOT.

Ms. Wang stated that Chatham Area Transit Authority requested amendments be made to the transit section of the FY 2012-2015 TIP. These proposed amendments include corrections to the LY60 program funds for FY 2012 and adjustments to incorporate available dollars of Sections 5307 and 5316 programs from previous years.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the TIP amendments to the highway and transit sections as proposed. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Linton Smith

Second: Michael Weiner

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Aye
Charles Akridge	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Not Present
Pamela Bernard	- Not Present
Robert Bonner, Jr.	- Not Present
Daniel Bostek	- Not Present
Sean Brandon	- Not Present
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
Al Bungard	- Not Present
Robbie Byrd	- Not Present

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

5. Authorization for Further Study of Amendments to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan for Various Projects

Attachment: LRTP Amendment Authorization of Various Studies.pdf

Ms. Wang stated the CORE MPO has been conducting several studies in the past years – I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Study, SR 21 Corridor Improvement Study, SR 204 Corridor Improvement Study, and US 80 Bridges Replacement Study. The MPO is developing these studies into transportation improvement projects, which need to be included in the LRTP before the projects can be further programmed and developed. At the same time the City of Savannah has been conducting Project DeRenne and is working with the consultants and GDOT to develop specific project scopes and conduct preliminary engineering as well as environmental process. The changes to the recommended projects need to be incorporated into the 2035 LRTP. In addition, there are several changes that are being proposed to the

projects in the 2035 LRTP sponsored by the City of Savannah, Chatham County, GDOT, and the Georgia Ports Authority.

Board Action:

For endorsement of authorization for further study of the amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan for various projects. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Michael Weiner

Second: Linton Smith

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Aye
Charles Akridge	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Not Present
Pamela Bernard	- Not Present
Robert Bonner, Jr.	- Not Present
Daniel Bostek	- Not Present
Sean Brandon	- Not Present
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
Al Bungard	- Not Present
Robbie Byrd	- Not Present
Phillip Claxton	- Not Present
Leon Davenport	- Aye
Chris Emmer	- Aye
George Fidler	- Not Present
Curtis Foltz	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Brian Harvey	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Hollison	- Not Present
Will Ingram	- Not Present
Karen Ivery	- Not Present
Adam Kirk	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Frank McIntosh	- Not Present
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Kaycee Mertz	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Not Present
Sarah Rayfield	- Aye
Chad Reese	- Not Present
Ronald Sadowski	- Not Present
Matt Saxon	- Not Present
Brad Saxon	- Not Present
Bob Scanlon	- Not Present

Teresa Scott	- Aye
Peter Shonka	- Not Present
Rochelle Small-Toney	- Not Present
Linton Smith	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Wykoda Wang	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

III. Other Business

IV. Status Reports

6. Update on the Georgia Freight and Logistics Plan

Mr. Tom McQueen presented the Georgia Freight and Logistics Plan. He presented the mission statement for this study, reviewed current facts about freight movement, trends and needs, and then concluded with plan recommendations and strategies for movement of freight by rail, water, air, and highway.

7. GDOT High Speed Rail Study Presentation

Attachment: Atl-Jax Presentation Slide show 2-15-2012.pdf

In the absence of GDOT Intermodal staff, Mr. Adams presented the GDOT High Speed Rail Study, based on an earlier presentation the GDOT consultants had made to MPO staff. He presented the final analyses results for capital costs, operating plan, operating and maintenance costs and ridership and revenue, operating ratio analysis, benefit-cost analysis and the next steps.

V. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Federal Highway Administration

8. Presentation

Mr. Carlos Gonzalez stated on February 28 there will be a livability workshop. Also the Georgia Freight and Logistics will have a workshop in the summer and he mention seeing if Savannah wanted to host it.

B. Federal Transit Administration

9. Presentation

No report at this time.

C. Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield

10. Presentation

No report at this time.

D. Georgia Department of Transportation

11. Presentation

Ms. Teresa Scott reported on the following projects:

3 - SR 204 / Abercorn St. from CR 68 / Pine Grove to CR 975 / Veterans Pkwy. Draft Environmental Assessment is under review.

8 - CR 9 / Crossgate / Gulfstream Rd. @ CR 119 / Robert B. Miller Rd. The Public Information Open House is scheduled for next week, on the 21st.

23 - I-95 NB Ramp @ CS 1692 / Airways Ave. Preliminary Engineering funds have been requested from lump sum.

1 - SR 21 @ CR 9 / Crossgate Rd. / Gulfstream Rd. and # 19 - I-95 @ SR 21 / Augusta Rd are ready for March letting.

Mr. Leon Davenport stated that on #13 Islands Expressway Bascule Bridge Replacement, the value engineering (VE) is already done. He also said that #37 Eisenhower Dr. (from Abercorn St. to Truman Pkwy.) and #39 Skidaway Rd. (from Ferguson Ave. to Victory Dr.) could come off, as they have local funds. GDOT can remove from their list if the MPO doesn't show federal funds on it.

E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

12. Presentation

Mr. Chris Emmer stated that CRC is finishing the draft Regional Bike and Ped Plan, covering ten counties.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

13. Presentation

Ms. Sarah Rayfield stated the ground breaking for the CAT Transit Center downtown is February 29, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Overall ridership is up about 20 % and on time performance is up about 75%. The new bus schedule will be in affect on Monday February 20, 2012.

G. Chatham County

14. Presentation

Mr. Leon Davenport gave a report on some County projects. Expect to resume on the W. Bay St. right-of-way in May or June. Letting for Dean Forest Rd. project is coming up. Whitefield Ave. project is under construction.

H. City of Savannah

15. Presentation

Mr. Mike Weiner reported that the City is trying to get to the Preliminary Framework Agreement with GDOT on the Project DeRenne projects. The TIP amendment this month is a step toward that.

Gwinnett St. -- working on schedule for revised design.

Tatemville wall -- bid June 2012.

In response to news that residents believe the white markings for the bike lane on Price St. are not visible enough, Mr. Weiner stated that white is the standard.

I. City of Garden City

16. Presentation

No report at this time.

J. City of Tybee Island

17. Presentation

No report at this time.

K. Georgia Ports Authority

18. Presentation

No report at this time.

L. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

19. Presentation

Mr. George Fidler gave an update on the Gulfstream expansion. At Gulfstream's new entrance on Airways Ave., a new signal is warranted.

M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign

20. Presentation

No report at this time.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

21. Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: April 19, 2012

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

22. Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Counts from September 2011

Attachment: Cover memo for Bike Ped Counts 2011.pdf

Attachment: Report on Bike Pedestrian Counts 2011.pdf

23. CORE MPO Committees' 2012 Meeting Schedule

Attachment: 2012 CORE MPO Committee Meeting Schedule.pdf

24. Commissioner's Letter to Local Governments Regarding Local Centerline Mileage

Attachment: Commissioner's letter to Local Governments re Local Centerline Mileage.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.