



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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

October 18, 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	X
Robert H. Bonner Jr.	LDH Corporation	
Daniel Bostek	Norfolk Southern Railroad Industry	
Al Bungard, P.E.	Chatham County Engineering	
Robbie Byrd	City of Pooler	
Phillip Claxton	City of Port Wentworth	
Stephanie Cutter	City of Savannah	
Karon Ivery	GDOT-District 5	
Kaycee Mertz	GDOT-Atlanta	X
Curtis Foltz	Georgia Ports Authority	
Patrick Graham	Savannah Airport Commission	
Will Ingram	Fort Steward/Hunter Army Airfield	X
Lupita McClenning	Coastal Regional Commission	
Frank McIntosh	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	X
Julie McLean	City of Savannah Engineering	
Dianne Otto	City of Tybee Island	X
Nathan Panther	Chatham County Engineering	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	
Linton Smith	Town of Thunderbolt	
Thomas L. Thomson, P.E.,AICP	Executive Director MPC, Chair	
Hugh "Trip" Tollison	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce	
Mike Weiner, P.E.	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	X
Mark Wilkes, P.E.,AICP	MPO	
<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Sean Brandon	City of Savannah	
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	

Sarah Rayfield	Chatham Area Transit	X
Chris Emmer	Coastal Regional Commission	
Maggie Yoder	GDOT District Five	X
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Michael Adams	MPO	X
Tyronda Edwards	GDOT Intermodal	X
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Jane Love	MPO	X
Brad Saxon	GDOT	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO	X

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the October 18, 2012 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

Board Action:	
Approve agenda as written	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Dianne Otto	
Second: Sarah Rayfield	
Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Aye
Charles Akridge	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Aye
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	- Not Present
Chris Emmer	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Not Present
Curtis Foltz	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present

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

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the August 16, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC minutes 8-6-12.pdf

Minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve minutes as written - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Scott Allison

Second: Sarah Rayfield

Russ Abolt - Not Present

Michael Adams - Aye

Charles Akridge - Not Present

Scott Allison - Aye

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

3. FY 2013 - 2016 TIP Funding Adjustments due to MAP-21

Attachment: FY 2013-2016 TIP Funding Adjustments.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) requested the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be modified to reflect the new expected funding amounts from the new federal transportation legislation, Moving Ahead for

Progress in the 21 Century Act (MAP-21). Overall, MAP-21 funding levels are lower than previous years, but this doesn't directly impact any of the programmed projects in the MPO's current TIP. In short, no changes to individual projects or phases are required. However, the "expected highway funds" will need to be updated, which impacts various sections of the current TIP in both Chapter Two and Chapter Three, particularly the lump sum funding table, the L230 funding balance, and the overall TIP financial plan.

Since no specific project or project phase will be impacted, the proposed TIP revisions are considered compliant with the LRTP/TIP consistency rules.

Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the amendment to the TIP.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the funding revisions to the CORE
MPO's FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement - PASS
Program.

Vote Results

Motion: Sarah Rayfield

Second: Scott Allison

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Aye
Charles Akridge	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Aye
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	- Not Present
Chris Emmer	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Not Present
Curtis Foltz	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Brian Harvey	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Hollison	- Not Present
Will Ingram	- Aye
Karen Ivery	- Not Present
Adam Kirk	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Frank McIntosh	- Aye

Tom McQueen	- Not Present
Kaycee Mertz	- Aye
Dianne Otto	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Sarah Rayfield	- Aye
Chad Reese	- Not Present
Ronald Sadowski	- Not Present
Matt Saxon	- Not Present
Brad Saxon	- Aye
Bob Scanlon	- Not Present
Teresa Scott	- Not Present
Peter Shonka	- Not Present
Linton Smith	- Not Present
Tom Thomson	- Not Present
Wykoda Wang	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
Mark Wilkes	- Not Present
Maggie Yoder	- Aye

4. Amendment to the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program

Attachment: FY 2013 UPWP Mod-Amend 1 Staff Report.pdf

Attachment: 2013 UPWP Amendment 1 10-31-12.pdf

Ms. Jane Love reminded the committee that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines MPO staff activities and budget for the fiscal year. She stated that staff proposes an amendment to the FY 2013 UPWP to reflect the addition of highway planning (PL) funds in the amount of \$125,258.66 (matched) carried forward from FY 2012. She said it is typical to do this type of amendment after the previous year's contract has been closed out. The proposed amendment will enable CORE MPO staff to access these funds through a funding contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation in order to carry out the FY 2013 UPWP.

JARC and NF funds have also been updated to reflect full apportionments levels, which were unavailable when the UPWP was initially adopted.

Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the amendment to the FY 2013 UPWP.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the amendment to the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Sarah Rayfield

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Second: Scott Allison

Russ Abolt	- Not Present
Michael Adams	- Aye
Charles Akridge	- Not Present
Scott Allison	- Aye
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	- Not Present
Chris Emmer	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Not Present
Curtis Foltz	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Brian Harvey	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Hollison	- Not Present
Will Ingram	- Aye
Karen Ivery	- Not Present
Adam Kirk	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Frank McIntosh	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Not Present
Kaycee Mertz	- Aye
Dianne Otto	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Sarah Rayfield	- Aye
Chad Reese	- Not Present
Ronald Sadowski	- Not Present
Matt Saxon	- Not Present
Brad Saxon	- Aye
Bob Scanlon	- Not Present
Teresa Scott	- Not Present
Peter Shonka	- Not Present
Linton Smith	- Not Present
Tom Thomson	- Not Present
Wykoda Wang	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
Mark Wilkes	- Not Present
Maggie Yoder	- Aye

5. Savannah Urban Area Boundary Adjustment for Roadway Functional Classification

Attachment: Savannah UA Boundary Smoothing.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wand stated that the CORE MPO has an opportunity to smooth or adjust the Census defined Savannah Urbanized Area boundary to create the Urban Area used for functional classification of roadways and other planning purposes. This is the first step in defining roadway functional classes in the Savannah area. Once the adjusted Savannah urban area boundary has been approved by the Federal Highway Administration, CORE MPO and Georgia Department of Transportation will coordinate to update the functional classifications of the roadways in the Savannah area.

GDOT expects to receive an Adjusted Savannah Urban Area boundary approved by the CORE MPO Board by November 1, 2012.

Ms. Wang reviewed the maps showing how the Urban Area would be expanded within the allowed amount to fill in holes and smooth edges of the population-based Urbanized Area, so that a give roadway does not alternate frequently between classifications of urban and rural. Also, certain industrial areas or others with a lot of impervious surface will be considered urban for planning purposes, even though population density is low. This does not change the census-based Urbanized Area, which determines funding levels.

Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the proposed Savannah Urban Area Boundaries.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the Adjusted Savannah Urban Area Boundary. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Will Ingram

Second: Sarah Rayfield

Russ Abolt - Not Present

Michael Adams - Aye

Charles Akridge - Not Present

Scott Allison - Aye

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 - Not Present

Chris Emmer - Not Present

George Fidler - Not Present

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

III. Other Business

IV. Status Reports

6. Acknowledgement of receipt of the Georgia Planning Association (GPA) award for the Reclaiming Old West Broad Street: The I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Project

Attachment: GPA Award Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Ellen Harris stated on September 28, 2012, the Metropolitan Planning Commission received the Georgia Planning Association (GPA) award for an Outstanding Planning Document for a Large Community for the Reclaiming Old West Broad Street: The I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Project. The study involved four main areas of focus: Civic Master Plan, Economic Analysis, Transportation Analysis, and Implementation Strategy, and included an extensive public participation process throughout. The Metropolitan Planning Commission conducted the study and Ms. Harris served as Project Manager. Mark Wilkes, MPC Transportation Director, prepared the Traffic Analysis for the study report. Consultants on the project included Wilbur Smith Associates (prime), Sottile &

Sottile, Urban Partners, Grice and Associates, McMillan and Associates, and Gilbert & Lattimore. Partners in the study included Chatham County, the City of Savannah, SDRA and CORE MPO.

7. 2013 CORE MPO Certification Review Schedule

Attachment: 2013 MPO Certification Review Schedule.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that the CORE MPO is in the process of the 2013 Certification Review. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct this review of the MPO every four years. The following is a schedule for the 2013 review.

August 16, 2012 - FHWA sent MPO a questionnaire of 144 questions and a request for all the planning documents.

September 20, 2012 - Pre-certification review kick off meeting was attended by FHWA staff, CORE MPO staff and GDOT staff members.

October 29, 2012 - Deadline for submittal of the finished questionnaire and all the planning documents.

November 2012 to February 2013 - Desk audit of the CORE MPO's planning documents by FHWA and FTA.

February 27 & 28, 2013 - Site visit by FHWA and FTA.

February 27, 2013 at 5:00 pm - public meeting for the 2013 Federal Certification Review, to receive comments on the CORE MPO planning process.

CORE MPO Board and advisory committee members are invited to attend the public meeting to be held on February 27, at 5:00 p.m., in the MPC's Arthur Mendonsa Hearing Room and provide feedback on the MPO's planning process.

8. SR 21 Corridor Study Update

Mr. Jeff Netzinger, of Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung, gave a presentation on the SR 21 Corridor Study alternatives.

The corridor is being studied in three segments, and several alternatives, consisting of various combinations of solutions from each segment, are carried forward for continued study. Combinations of possible solutions include elevated lanes in one or more segments, connection to the Port Last Mile project, or highway on new alignment.

A public meeting will be scheduled this fall regarding the alternatives.

Mark Wilkes, MPC Transportation Director, is the project manager for the SR 21 Corridor Study.

V. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Federal Highway Administration

9. Presentation

No report at this time.

B. Federal Transit Administration

10. Presentation

No report at this time.

C. Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield

11. Presentation

No report at this time.

D. Georgia Department of Transportation

12. Presentation

Mr. Brad Saxon gave a report on the follow items:

1 - SR 404 Spur / US 17 over Back River Bridge 1 mile N of Savannah - Right-of-way (ROW) certified. Construction probably could be let in the spring, which is still fiscal year 2013.

3 - West DeRenne Ave. / Hampstead Ave. Connector - Project Framework Agreement (PFA) executed between GDOT and City of Savannah.

4 - East DeRenne Ave. from Abercorn St. to Truman Pkwy.- PFA executed between GDOT and City of Savannah.

5 - SR 21 from Mildred St. to SR 204 - PFA executed between GDOT and City of Savannah.

6 - SR 25 Conn. / Bay St. from I-516 to Bay St. Viaduct - ROW activities have been suspended; proceeding with 4f alternates. Environmental approval on the revised alternative is nearing.

20 - SR 204 from Fort Argyle Rd. to Old River Rd. - Certified for letting.

Mr. Saxon added that, regarding Gulfstream Rd., the City and County just need to work out who owns a part on R.B. Miller Rd., so that GDOT knows who needs to enter into the lighting agreement.

E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

13. Presentation

No report at this time.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

14. Presentation

Ms. Sarah Rayfield stated there will be a series of public meetings starting soon for all the future service changes that will take place in February and March. The new Transit Center will be open summer of 2013.

G. Chatham County

15. Presentation

Mr. Nathaniel Panther said that there were no updates from the report in August.

H. City of Savannah

16. Presentation

Mr. Mike Weiner gave the following updates:

On Project DeRenne projects, the Value Engineering study had been beneficial. Consultant is review the results. They also are working with neighborhoods for continued input.

Gwinnett St. -- The improvements will not include four lanes, since a new arena is not necessarily going to be constructed in the area.

Delesseps Ave. Sidewalk and Drainage project -- The public meeting this week went well. Bidding has been extended.

Habersham St. -- the position of the new bicycle sharrows (shared lane markings) has been corrected.

Barnard St. -- anticipated to have some type of marking for improvement as a bikeway.

I. City of Garden City

17. Presentation

No report at this time.

J. City of Tybee Island

18. Presentation

No report at this time.

K. Georgia Ports Authority

19. Presentation

No report at this time.

L. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

20. Presentation

No report at this time.

M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign

21. Presentation

Mr. Frank McIntosh stated that they are doing bike valet parking at Daffin Park for the Food Day festival.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

22. SR 204 Public Meeting: Nov. 1, 2012, 5-7 p.m. at Armstrong Center

23. Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: December 6, 2012 (1st Thursday)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

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.