



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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

April 18, 2013 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
John Bennett	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	
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	
Leon Davenport	Chatham County Engineering	X
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	
Lupita McClenning	Coastal Regional Commission	
Julie McLean	City of Savannah Engineering	
Dianne Otto	City of Tybee Island	
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	
Representative, staff	Town of Thunderbolt	
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	
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	

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	
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Jane Love	MPO	X
Brad Saxon	GDOT	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO	X

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the April 18, 2013 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

Board Action:	
Approve agenda as written.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Sarah Rayfield	
Second: Scott Allison	
Scott Allison	- Aye
Leon Davenport	- Aye
Kaycee Mertz	- Aye
Sarah Rayfield	- Aye
Brad Saxon	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the February 21, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC Minutes.pdf

The February 21, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:	
Approve minutes as written.	- PASS
Vote Results	

Motion: Leon Davenport	
Second: Scott Allison	
Scott Allison	- Aye
Leon Davenport	- Aye
Kaycee Mertz	- Aye
Sarah Rayfield	- Aye
Brad Saxon	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

3. Endorsement of the FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program

Attachment: FY 2014 UPWP Adoption Staff Report.pdf
Attachment: 2014 UPWP Draft.pdf

Mr. Mark Wilkes stated that the FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines the staff budget and activities for the year that starts July 1, 2013 and ends June 30, 2014. He highlighted some of the tasks: 4.1 Congestion Management Process; 4.10 Freight Planning; 4.2 Transit/Paratransit; 4.11 Long Range Transportation Plan; and 4.13 Strategic Planning.

Mr. Wilkes concluded that staff is recommending TCC endorsement of the FY 2014 UPWP.

Board Action:	
For endorsement of the FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Sarah Rayfield	
Second: Scott Allison	
Scott Allison	- Aye
Leon Davenport	- Aye
Kaycee Mertz	- Aye
Sarah Rayfield	- Aye
Brad Saxon	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

III. Other Business

IV. Status Reports

4. Report on priorities for the development of CORE MPO's FY 2014-2017 TIP

Attachment: FY 2014-2017 TIP Priority Establishment Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the document on the TIP prioritization. After the presentation the TCC members were asked to individually rank Highway and Bridge projects (from Long Range Transportation Plan) that were not in the TIP priority list but that either have or have not started development. Members filled out sheets and returned them to Ms. Wang. The comments received from all of the committees will help development of the FY 2014-2017 TIP.

There was also some discussion about the schedule for the adoption of the new TIP. It will not be in June this year. GDOT is working on balancing of funds among congressional districts. The legislature had passed a bill that removes the interstate funding and freight-related projects' funding from being counted as part of a congressional district's sum. This is because such projects are for state-wide benefit, not just for the benefit of certain districts that contain such projects. The Governor and the GDOT Planning Director are defining "Strategic Freight Corridors" to help in determining which are freight-related projects. This bill was the same bill that changed the Value Engineering threshold to \$50 million.

5. Non-motorized Project Prioritization Criteria

Attachment: Non-motorized Project Prioritization Criteria Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Jane Love gave a presentation about the proposed criteria for prioritizing bicycle and pedestrian projects in the Non-motorized Transportation Plan, which is under development. She said that the criteria are the same as what was included in the staff report ahead of the meeting, but, after testing the scoring method on some example projects, staff is revising the way points are calculated in the process, to reduce any built in weighting of criteria. Staff decided to use the April MPO meetings as an opportunity to get feedback from the committees about how the criteria should be weighted. She distributed a form to each TCC member present. Members completed the exercise individually to provide perspective on the relative importance of each criterion.

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

Mr. Brad Saxon gave a report on the following projects from the GDOT handout:

#1 - Back River Bridge project has been let.

3, #4, and #5 are related Project DeRenne. There will be a Public Information Open House to be held 4/23/13.

#6 W. Bay St. from I-516 to the Bay St. viaduct -- Right-of-way has been authorized. County can expect Notice to Proceed in the next couple of days.

#9 - Ogeechee Rd. from east of Lynes Pkwy. to Victory Dr. - Hydrology and environmental studies underway.

12 - CR 787 / Islands Expressway @ Wilmington River / Bascule Bridge - Preparing for Preliminary Field Plan Review.

13 - CR 984 / Jimmy DeLoach Parkway @ US 80- Interchange - Project Coordinates with PI 522790. Preparing Plans for Preliminary Field Plan Review. Project Framework Agreement (PFA) Being Executed by County & GDOT.

14 - Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Extension from I-16 to US 80 - PFA in progress.

E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

10. Presentation

No report at this time.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

11. Presentation

Ms. Sarah Rayfield stated that the Paratransit Plan update will be presented to the CORE MPO Board on Wednesday April 24, 2013. The Transportation Development Plan (TDP) will be presented to the CORE MPO Board in June.

She also mentioned recent changes to some routes: #114 Abercorn Express now uses Truman Pkwy.; it stops at Walmart, Savannah Mall, and Oglethorpe Mall. The regular #14 Abercorn is back to the way it use to be.

CAT has posted an RFP for CAT Freedom services.

G. Chatham County

12. Presentation

Mr. Leon Davenport had noted earlier in the meeting that he or Nathaniel Panther would contact Ms. Jane Love next week about some current bicycle and pedestrian projects.

H. City of Savannah

13. Presentation

No report at this time.

I. City of Garden City

14. Presentation

Mr. Scott Allison stated that they have some funds from the Local Maintenance and Improvement Program (LMIG) to improve Export Rd. and Commerce Rd. Also they will work on Chatham Pkwy. between I-16 and US 80 -- maybe even adding curb and gutter. Ms. Love suggested bike lanes be incorporated into the project.

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

The Savannah Bicycle Campaign (SBC) representative was not present, but Ms. Love announced that SBC had recently selected Mr. John Bennett, Jr. to be the new Executive Director. He was finishing his job in Valdosta this week, but would be attending TCC in the future. Mr. Bennett has served in the past as Chairman of the MPO's Citizen Advisory Committee.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

19. Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: June 20, 2013

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

20. CORE MPO Re-apportionment Process

Attachment: CORE MPO Re-apportionment Staff Report.pdf

21. Letter from Tybee Island Mayor to GDOT Commissioner regarding partial funding of US 80 message sign

Attachment: Buelterman Golden US 80 message sign funding 030813.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.

