

# TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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

# August 22, 2013 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO TCC

Voting Members	Representing	<u>Present</u>
Russ Abolt	Chatham County	
Scott Allison	City of Garden City	
John Bennett	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	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	
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	
Tom McQueen	GDOT-Atlanta	X
Caroline Nguyen	Town of Thunderbolt	
Dianne Otto	City of Tybee Island	X
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County Engineering	X
Ramond Robinson	Chatham Area Transit	X
Representative, staff	City of Bloomingdale	
Representative, engineering	CSX Transportation	
Representative	CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee	
Representative, staff	Town of Vernonburg	
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	
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	X
Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP	MPO	X
<b>Voting Alternates</b>	Representing	<b>Present</b>
Sean Brandon	City of Savannah	

George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	Savannah Airport Commission	
Chris Emmer	Coastal Regional Commission	Coastal Regional Commission	
Maggie Yoder	GDOT District Five X		
Others Present	Representing	Present	
Michael Adams	MPO	X	
Tyronda Edwards	GDOT Intermodal		
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X	
Jane Love	MPO	X	
Brad Saxon	GDOT		
Wykoda Wang	MPO	X	

# I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the August 22, 2013 Meeting Agenda

The Agenda was accepted as written.

Board Action: Approve as written.
Vote Results
Motion:
Second:

# **II. Action Items**

2. Approval of the June 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC Minutes 6-20-13.pdf

The minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:	
Approve minutes as written.	- PASS
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Vote Results	
Motion: Dianne Otto	
Second: John Bennett	
John Bennett	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Dianne Otto	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Ramond Robinson	- Aye

Randy Weitman	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye
Maggie Yoder	- Aye
Michael Adams	- Aye

# 3. FY 2014 - 2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Attachment: FY 2014-2017 TIP Adoption staff report.pdf

Attachment: August2013 LRTP Addendum.pdf Attachment: Draft FY 2014 - 2017 TIP.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a 4-year program of projects pulled from the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Project selection was a cooperative effort between the MPO, GDOT, CAT, as well as the local governmental agencies responsible for transportation improvements. She reviewed the prioritization process and the public participation process. Ms. Wang reviewed in detail the projects. A addenda will be made to the LRTP to reflect any changes to the TIP.

Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the FY 2014-2017 TIP.

### **Board Action:**

For endorsement of the proposed FY 2014-2017

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the - PASS

August 2013 LRTP addendum.

# **Vote Results**

Motion: Michael Adams Second: Randy Weitman

Michael Adams - Aye John Bennett - Aye Tom McOueen - Aye Dianne Otto - Aye Nathaniel Panther - Aye Ramond Robinson - Aye Randy Weitman - Aye Mark Wilkes - Aye Maggie Yoder - Aye

### **III. Other Business**

### **IV. Status Reports**

4. SR 21 Corridor Study

Mr. Jeff Netzinger presented a slide show giving an update on the progress and alternatives for the SR 21 Corridor Study. He noted that the study team had held about 20 individual meetings with stakeholders in addition to the public meetings and stakeholder group meetings.

Alternative 10 is the recommended alternative because it offers the greatest congestion relief, greatest safety improvements, greatest opportunity for redevelopment, and lowest cost. He reviewed Alternative 10 in detail. It included elevated lanes through much of the corridor. The alignment in Alternative 10 would follow SR 21, except for a segment that would follow the Jimmy Deloach Pkwy. Extension/Port Connector and then re-join the SR 21 alignment and connect to I-516.

5. Total Mobility Plan: Thoroughfare Plan Element

Mr. Wilkes reviewed the history of Long Range Transportation Plan. Now with the Total Mobility Plan, the focus is on providing more detail for the projects and expanding the area of inclusion in the Plan. He listed the elements and studies being included in the Total Mobility Plan. The Vision Plan will also be reviewed.

Rachel Hatcher from RS&H gave the status report on the Total Mobility Plan, but focused on the Thoroughfare Plan Element of the Plan. The focus of that plan is to ensure that all the needs of users are balanced using the "complete streets" and "context sensitive design" approach. She reviewed the steps in the thoroughfare planning process. The community vision phase has been completed. The City's large range of cross-sections was dove-tailed into a fewer number of categories in the Thoroughfare Plan. One of the intended benefits of having this plan is to support a consistent approach with developers.

More information and consideration for adoption can be expected in the future.

6. Proposed Selection Criteria for Project Selection in the MPO's Transportation Alternatives Program

Attachment: TAP Selection Criteria staff report.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated that this report is to provide the opportunity for the board and committees (including GDOT) to give staff feedback on the criteria that the MPO will eventually use to determine which applications under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) should be awarded the funds allocated to our area. Ms. Love went over who is eligible to apply, how much funding is available, and what steps are involved in setting up the MPO's competitive process. She explained the proposed project selection criteria and said the intent is to reward projects that best address non-motorized transportation and quality of life goals identified in the MPO plans.

### V. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Federal Highway Administration

### 7. Presentation

No report at this time.

### **B. Federal Transit Administration**

8. Presentation

No report at this time.

# C. Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield

9. Presentation

No report at this time.

### D. Georgia Department of Transportation

10. Presentation

Ms. Maggie Yoder gave a report on the following projects:

#3 CS 650 / Grange Rd from SR 21 to SR 25 - Right of Way authorized

#7 CR 787 / Islands Expressway @ Wilmington River / Bascule Bridge - Preparing for preliminary Field Plan Review.

# 13 SR 204 from CR 975 / Veterans Parkway to CS 1201 / Rio Rd - Final Plans are at 95 %

# 14 SR 204 / Abercorn St @ Largo Dr. - Preliminary Field Plan Review held 7/9/13

# 19 Islands Expressway from General McIntosh Blvd to HST - Project Framework agreement executed by City and routed for GDOT execution

### E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

11. Presentation

# F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

12. Presentation

Mr. Ramond Robinson stated that on October 4 the new Transit center will be opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

# **G.** Chatham County

13. Presentation

No report at this time.

# H. City of Savannah

14. Presentation

Mr. Mike Weiner state the DeRenne Avenue concept meeting will be on September 6 and the neighborhood meeting will be on August 22.

# I. City of Garden City

15. Presentation

No report at this time.

# J. City of Tybee Island

16. Presentation

No report at this time.

# K. Georgia Ports Authority

### 17. Presentation

No report at this time.

### L. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

18. Presentation

No report at this time.

# M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign

19. Presentation

Mr. John Bennett stated on August 31 is the Midnight Garden Ride registration starts at 6:30 p.m. and the ride will began at 8:00 p.m.

# VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

#### VII. Announcements

20. Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: October 17, 2013

# VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

21. CORE MPO Freight Plan, Phase I

Attachment: CORE MPO Freight Transportation Plan FINAL 08052013.pdf

# IX. Adjournment

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