

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

December 12, 2013 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO TCC

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the December 12, 2013 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved with adding # 9 Urban Circulator.

Board Action:

Approve agenda as written with adding # 9 the Urban Circulator

Vote Results

Motion:
Second:

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the August 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC Meeting Minutes 08222013.pdf

The Minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve minutes as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Dianne Otto
Second: Nathaniel Panther
George Fidler - Aye
Tom McQueen - Aye
Don Mesisax - Aye
Will Murphy - Aye
Dianne Otto - Aye
Nathaniel Panther - Aye

Tom Thomson	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye
Maggie Yoder	- Aye

3. Approval of the CORE MPO 2014 Meeting Schedule

Attachment: 2014 CORE MPO Committee Meeting Schedule.pdf

The CORE MPO 2014 Meeting Schedule was approved as written.

Board Action:	
Approve the CORE MPO 2014 Meeting Schedule as written.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Nathaniel Panther	
Second: Mark Wilkes	
George Fidler	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Don Mesisax	- Aye
Will Murphy	- Aye
Dianne Otto	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye
Maggie Yoder	- Aye

4. FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

Attachment: 2014 UPWP Amendment 1.pdf

Attachment: 2014 UPWP Amendment One Staff Report.pdf

Mr. Mark Wilkes stated that the CORE MPO staff propose an amendment to reflect the addition of PL funds in the amount of \$98,453.36 (matched) carried forward from FY 2013. The proposed amendment will enable CORE MPO staff to access these funds through a supplemental funding contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation in order to carry out the FY 2014 UPWP.

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

Board Action:	
Endorsement to the CORE MPO Board.	- PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Don Mesisax

Second: Dianne Otto

George Fidler	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Don Mesisax	- Aye
Will Murphy	- Aye
Dianne Otto	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye
Maggie Yoder	- Aye

III. Other Business

IV. Status Reports

5. Total Mobility Plan / 2040 LRTP Status Report and Travel Demand Model Development

Ms. Beverly Davis with RS&H, gave a presentation on the Total Mobility Plan/2040 LRTP to give a update on the projects. She also reviewed the projected schedule.

Mr. Chris Simons with Atkins, on behalf of GDOT, gave a presentation on the travel demand model being used in the LRTP update. Socio-economic data was updated, transit and non-motorized modes were added, Port-related distribution trips were incorporated. They re-used the toll model. The travel demand model also now includes Effingham and Bryan counties in addition to Chatham. With these changes, the vehicle miles traveled (VMT) calculation from the model has increased. He said this implies longer trips, and probably results from growth in the west and the inclusion of more area in the model.

6. Update on the Draft Non-motorized Transportation Plan: Project Rankings

Attachment: Non-motorized Plan Projects staff report.pdf

Ms. Jane Love reported on the project rankings portion of the non-motorized transportation plan. This month's update is to share, for the MPO information, the criteria weights and the results of applying the ranking process to projects that have been identified.

She pointed out that the weights of the criteria were partly based on the feedback staff obtained from the committees earlier this year. The ranked project lists and the map of the bicycle network by facility type were included in the meeting package. Today she also provided the map of proposed pedestrian projects. Staff encourages the MPO partners to review the material over the next month. Next steps are to have some briefings with local staffs and hold a public meeting. Adoption by the MPO will be coming up after that.

7. Park and Ride Lot Study

Attachment: Dec. CORE MPO Meeting 12-2-2013.pdf

Attachment: Park and Ride Lot Study staff report.pdf

Mr. Michael Adams gave a update report on the Park and Ride Lot study. He stated the background and explained the future plans for this study.

Workforce and travel patterns have been reviewed for the areas of concentrated employment locations, including downtown, the airport/Gulfstream/Port/industrial sites, Hunter Army Airfield, the hospitals, and the mall areas. Next steps are to have more stakeholder meetings. The study should be completed in July 2014.

8. Revised CORE MPO Planning Boundary Per 2010 Census

Mr. Tom Thomson stated that he has spoke Bryan and Effingham Counties about what land area of the counties that would belong in the MPO planning boundary. He talked about adjusting the MPO board members and cost sharing. He asked the TCC Members for volunteers to be part of a subcommittee.

9. Urban Circulator

Mr. Wilkes introduced this topic and said the purpose of this study is to conduct a data-driven, technical analysis to determine if we should develop an urban circulator, what should the mode be, where should it be, and what are the likely routes. He sees the results of the study being submitted for TIGER grants in the future.

Ms. Rachel Hatcher with RS&H, gave a report on the study goals, study area and schedule.

V. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Federal Highway Administration

10. Presentation

No report at this time.

B. Federal Transit Administration

11. Presentation

No report at this time.

C. Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield

12. Presentation

No report at this time.

D. Georgia Department of Transportation

13. Presentation

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

#1 SR 204 / Abercorn St. from CR 68/Pine Grove to CR 975/Veterans Pkwy.- Right of Way certified. Construction funds are pending authorization.

#3 CS 650 / Grange Rd. from SR 21 to SR 25 - Final design ongoing.

#5 Gwinnett St./CS 1504 from Stiles Ave to I-16 - Change of scope, due to the arena. The city wants to do a traffic impact analysis study for the arena.

13 SR 204 from CR 975/Veterans Parkway to CS 1201/Rio Rd. - Project authorized for December Let 12/13/13.

#15 I-95 NB Ramp at CS 1692/Airways Ave. - Concept meeting held 9/19/13.

#26 I-95 reconstruction of the SB Welcome Center - Let in Spring 2014.

#30 CS 1097/Delesseps / LaRoche Ave. from Waters Ave. to Skidaway Rd. Bike/Ped enhancement - Concept meeting held 10/3/13.

#35 SR 26 from McKenzie St. to Tybrisa St. at 15 locations - Concept report approved 11/26/13.

Active Construction Projects

#1 SRTS -Savannah-Chatham Co. Public School System at 4 Schools - Summer-14.

#2 CR 9/Crossgate/Gulfstream Rd. at CR 1119/Robert B Miller Rd. - Summer-15.

#6 2.091 miles of widening and reconstruction on SR 204 spur beginning South of Ferguson Ave. and extending North of Hendry Ave. also realignment of Old Whitefield Ave, Grace Dr., Beckman Ave., Halcyon Dr and Hendry Ave. - Spring-14.

E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

14. Presentation

Mr. Don Masisak stated that in July 2013 CRC got all new Transportation staff and they are working on a few new grants.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

15. Presentation

No report at this time.

G. Chatham County

16. Presentation

Mr. Nathaniel Panther gave a reported on Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Phase 2. A Public Information Open House is scheduled for January 23, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Bloomingdale City Hall, and also at the same meeting they are holding an Public Hearing on the Jimmy DeLoach Interchange Environmental document. He also reported that W. Bay Street Widening ROW acquisitions are underway.

H. City of Savannah

17. Presentation

Mr. Mike Weiner gave a report on Project DeRenne. The consultant is finalizing the report.

I. City of Garden City

18. Presentation

No report at this time.

J. City of Tybee Island

19. Presentation

No report at this time.

K. Georgia Ports Authority

20. Presentation

No report at this time.

L. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

21. Presentation

No report at this time.

M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign

22. Presentation

No report at this time.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

23. Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: February 20, 2014

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

24. Administrative Modifications to the FY 2014-2017 TIP

Attachment: November 2013 Administrative Modifications for Grange Road and Fort
Pulaski Bridge.pdf

Attachment: PI 522870.pdf

25. FHWA Memo Endorsing the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide and the ITE/CNU Walkable
Urban Thoroughfares Manual

Attachment: design_flexibility.pdf

IX. Adjournment

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