

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

April 17, 2014 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO TCC

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Russ Abolt	Chatham County	
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	
Karon Ivery	GDOT-District 5	
Ron Feldner	City of Garden City	
Curtis Foltz	Georgia Ports Authority	
Patrick Graham	Savannah Airport Commission	
Will Ingram	Fort Steward/Hunter Army Airfield	
Aries Little	GDOT-Atlanta	X
Lupita McClenning	Coastal Regional Commission	
Julie McLean	City of Savannah Engineering	
Caroline Nguyen	Town of Thunderbolt	
Dianne Otto	City of Tybee Island	X
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County Engineering	X
Ramond Robinson	Chatham Area Transit	
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	X
Hugh "Trip" Tollison	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce	
Mike Weiner, P.E.	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	X
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	
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
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	
Jessie Fernandez-Gatti	MPO	X
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Krystal Harris	DOT	X
Jane Love	MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO	X

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the April 17, 2014 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve agenda as written. -

Vote Results

Motion:
 Second:

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the February 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC Minutes 022014.pdf

The meeting minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve minutes as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Dianne Otto
 Second: Jessie Fernandez-Gatti
 Jessie Fernandez-Gatti - Aye
 George Fidler - Aye
 Krystal Harris - Aye

Aries Little	- Aye
Dianne Otto	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye
Maggie Yoder	- Aye

3. Endorsement of the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program

Attachment: FY 2015 UPWP Adoption Staff Report.pdf
Attachment: 2015 UPWP Draft CVC.pdf

Mr. Mark Wilkes presented the report. He explained that this is the annual work plan and budget for the CORE MPO staff. The new fiscal year (FY) begins on July 1, 2014. Mr. Wilkes presented a summary of where the money comes from and how it will be used. Total budget is \$3.17 million. About half of this amount is funding balance that was authorized in prior years for projects that are ongoing in FY 2014 and FY 2015.

He outlined new projects – Road Diet Feasibility Study (based on some of the recommendations of the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan), TIP web-based tools, Victory Drive Corridor Study.

He also listed and gave a brief update on all the on-going tasks listed in the UPWP.

The next step is to submit the UPWP to GDOT once it is approved by the MPO board. There will be a mid-year amendment to roll over any unspent FHWA PL funds from fiscal year 2014.

Board Action:

Endorse the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program - PASS
to the CORE MPO Board.

Vote Results

Motion: Krystal Harris

Second: Jessie Fernandez-Gatti

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Krystal Harris	- Aye
Aries Little	- Aye
Dianne Otto	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye
Maggie Yoder	- Aye

4. FY 2014 - 2017 TIP Amendments

Attachment: FY 2014-2017 TIP Amendments Updated.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated the CORE MPO normally starts the new TIP development process in early March and adopts a new TIP by the end of the state fiscal year (June 30). After its adoption, the new TIP replaces the old one as the guiding programming document. The next TIP will cover projects and phases to be programmed in fiscal years 2015 to 2018. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is still conducting congressional district balancing, so the proposed project list is not available as of April 2014. Thus the FY 2015 – 2018 TIP will target August 2014 adoption.

Until the adoption of a new TIP, the current FY 2014 – 2017 TIP remains in place. Thus it is important to make sure that the information contained in this document is current and reflective of the most up-to-date cost estimates and development schedules. The timing is particularly important for those projects/phases programmed in fiscal year 2014. If a project/phase is being developed on schedule and its programmed funds in 2014 are expected to be authorized before June 30, no updates are necessary; otherwise administrative modifications or TIP amendments are needed to reflect the current project development status. It is also important to amend the TIP to add new or delete existing projects/phases at the request of sponsoring agencies based on the project change and LRTP/TIP consistency.

Ms. Wang showed a table identifying which projects need amending.

One comment was received to pull out Heritage Trail. The additional preliminary engineering funds can be added under the prior authorization without re-listing the project in the TIP. The project will re-appear in the TIP whenever construction funding is identified (assuming funding will be partly federal).

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

Board Action:

For endorsement of the proposed amendments to the CORE MPO's FY 2014 - 2017 Transportation Improvement Program. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Wykoda Wang

Second: Dianne Otto

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti - Aye

George Fidler - Aye

Krystal Harris - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Dianne Otto - Aye

Nathaniel Panther - Aye

Wykoda Wang - Aye

Michael Weiner - Aye

Mark Wilkes - Aye

Maggie Yoder - Aye

5. Total Mobility Plan / 2040 LRTP Work Session on Financially Constrained Project List

Mr. Wilkes, the project manager, introduced Ms. Beverly Davis from RS&H who is the project consultant. Mr. Wilkes noted that today's presentation is on the financial plan.

Mr. Wilkes observed that the financial plan is a few weeks ahead of schedule, but that this is due in part to a projected funding shortfall which has limited our ability to add any new projects to the plan. Usually, new transportation needs are forecasted every five years and added to the LRTP during the plan update, but this time, the vast majority of projects that are in the draft plan were in the LRTP five years ago. Ms. Beverly Davis with RS&H, gave a presentation on the update to the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), including the financial analysis component of the plan. She outlined the steps taken – identify revenues, updating the project list, updating the remaining project costs, and balancing the project costs with the available revenues.

The next steps are to finalize the project prioritization process, present the finalized financially constrained plan to the CORE MPO committees & Board in June, including comments gathered from scheduled public involvement meetings, with the adoption in 2014.

Today's TCC discussion of the LRTP would be a work session. Ms. Davis explained how she and staff had achieved financial balance in the highway element of the draft plan: projects that were finished or underway were removed from the plan; eight projects that had preliminary engineering (PE) in early cost bands with no subsequent phases or that had PE in the last cost band were moved to a later cost band or to the vision plan; five projects were advanced to earlier cost bands or brought in from the vision plan; the non-motorized transportation set-aside was reduced from \$98.5 million to \$76 million, keeping in mind that the listed roadway projects should provide some bicycle and pedestrian facilities through a complete streets approach. She asked for comments.

Ms. Krystal Harris questioned whether I-16 Flyover Removal is feasible in Band 1. GDOT received some comments back from FHWA about the Interchange Modification Report. FHWA wants more information and so there is still more work that needs to be done. Ms. Davis stated she will review the comments from FHWA.

Mr. Nathaniel Panther said the Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy. extension can be removed from the plan because he feels sure it will be authorized by the end this fiscal year. As for the Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy./US 80 Interchange, he thinks that will be ready during Cost Band 1 instead of 2. Mr. Mark Wilkes stated that the construction being showed in cost band two in the LRTP doesn't not affect what the TIP shows.

Ms. Aries Little asked about the projects that were moved out because of no activity. Ms. Little noted that I-95 / I-16 Interchange PE is in the TIP but the MPO is proposing to move the project to the vision plan. This project is high priority with the State. Staff responded that PE is in 2016 with construction in long range. Mr. Wilkes asked what the construction cost estimate was? \$66 million. ROW is proposed for 2019 and construction in 2021. Mr. Wilkes asked if GDOT could add funding to the LRTP for the project since it is a state priority. GDOT staff said that the Department wants to be sure that projects in their upcoming draft TIP submittal to us are not proposed to be in long range, unfunded category instead of in the cost bands of the LRTP.

Ms. Wykoda Wang said that the costs of the Bay St. and Ogeechee Rd. projects should be updated to reflect the additional GDOT oversight costs that are being amended into the TIP this month.

Board Action:

To provide MPO staff and consultants with guidance and

feedback on project selection for the financially constrained -
2040 LRTP.

Vote Results

Motion:

Second:

III. Other Business

IV. Status Reports

6. FY 2015 - 2018 TIP Priority Establishment

Attachment: FY 2015-2018 TIP Priority Establishment Staff Report Updated.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented an overview. The CORE MPO is currently developing the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) called the Total Mobility Plan of which project prioritization is a major part. Since the TIP is a sub-set of the LRTP, she had experimented with using the prioritization methodology developed through the 2040 LRTP as a basis for priority establishment for the FY 2015 - 2018 TIP, particularly related to the highway projects.

TCC discussion led to the conclusion that the TIP prioritization method needs further consideration before being presented to the MPO Board.

7. Update on Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) Strategic Plan

Attachment: ATMS staff report.pdf

Mr. Tom Thomson, gave a presentation on the Chatham County Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) Strategic Plan, currently underway. This will identify ways to improve traffic operations in the Savannah region, enhance coordination between governmental agencies, and permit distribution of information on current traffic conditions to residents and visitors through a variety of media. The Plan is being developed under a task order with one of the on-call consultants.

8. CAT Bike Share Program

Attachment: CAT Bike v3.pdf

Ms. Jessie Fernandez-Gatti gave a presentation on the new Bike Share Program including how it works, performance to date, the challenges, ideal station density and usage, and station location criteria.

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

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

1. SR 25 Conn/Bay St from I-516 to the Bay Street viaduct - Right of Way acquisition ongoing progressing with final design work.
2. CS 650/Grange Rd from SR 21 to SR 25 - Final design work progressing
3. SR 26/Ogeechee Rd from 4-lanes East of Lynes Pkwy to Victory Dr. - Advertised for consultant services.
6. CR 787/Islands Expressway at Wilmington River/Bascule Bridge - Preliminary Field Plan review held 3/26/14
11. I-95 NB ramp at CS 1692/Airways Ave - Concept Report approved 3/3/14. Preparing for preliminary Field Plan review.
16. CS 1097/Delesseps/LaRoach Ave from Waters Ave to Skidaway Rd Bike/Ped Enhancement - Concept report approved 4/2/14. Preliminary design underway.

18. SR 21 from SR 30 to I-95 - Concept team meeting scheduled for 4/29/14.

21. SR 26 from McKenzie Street to Tybrisa at 15 locations - Preliminary Field Plan review set for 4/17/14.

E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

13. Presentation

No report at this time.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

14. Presentation

No report at this time.

G. Chatham County

15. Presentation

Mr. Nathaniel Panther gave a report on the following projects:

1. Jimmy DeLoach/US 80 Interchange - ROW funding will be partially local. Environmental Document submitted. MPO funding ROW in TIP for FY 2015, pending approval of TIP amendments. Preliminary Field Plan Review scheduled for April 23, 2014.

H. City of Savannah

16. Presentation

Mr. Weiner gave a report on Project DeRenne - the interchange justification report was approved by the state and submitted to FHWA about two weeks ago. They have received comments and will be responding shortly.

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

Mr. George Fidler reported that the updated Master Plan is just about complete. Roadway improvement projects that benefit the community and the airport will be submitted for inclusion in the LRTP. The public/private partnership for the interim improvements at I-95 interchange is moving forward with the interim improvements to mitigate traffic congestion. This partnership is made up of the airport, Gulfstream, GDOT and the mall developer.

M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign

21. Presentation

No report at this time.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

22. Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: June 19, 2014

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

23. April 2014 TIP Administrative Modifications

Attachment: April 2014 Administrative Modifications.pdf

24. Status of the Victory Drive Corridor Study

Attachment: Victory Drive Corridor Study staff report.pdf

25. SR 204 Travel Time Analysis from Chatham County Engineering

Attachment: Cover Letter from Chatham County Engineering about SR 204 Study 4-7-2014.pdf

Attachment: TechMemo_SR204_TravelTimeAnalysis_2014-Mar-25 - without Appendix D.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.