

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

August 21, 2014 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO TCC

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
John Bennett	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	
Robert H. Bonner Jr.	LDH Corporation	
Daniel Bostek	Norfolk Southern Railroad Industry	
Robbie Byrd	City of Pooler	
Phillip Claxton	City of Port Wentworth	
Suzanne Cooler	Chatham County Engineering	
Stephanie Cutter	City of Savannah	
Leon Davenport	Chatham County Engineering	
Ron Feldner	City of Garden City	
Curtis Foltz	Georgia Ports Authority	
William Hubbard	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce	
Will Ingram	Fort Steward/Hunter Army Airfield	
Karon Ivery	GDOT-District 5	
Gregory Kelly	Savannah Airport Commission	
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
Chad Reese	Chatham Area Transit	
Lee Smith	Chatham County	
Representative, staff	City of Bloomingdale	
Representative, engineering	CSX Transportation	
Representative, staff	CORE MPO ACAT Committee	
Representative	CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee	
Representative, staff	Town of Vernonburg	
Thomas L. Thomson	Executive Director MPC, Chair	X
Mike Weiner	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	X
Mark Wilkes	MPO	X
<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>

Pam Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	X
Sean Brandon	City of Savannah	
Chris Emmer	Coastal Regional Commission	
Jessie Fernandez-Gatti	CAT	X
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Ramond Robinson	Chatham Area Transit	
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	
Maggie Yoder	GDOT District Five	X
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Krystal Harris	GDOT	X
Jane Love	MPO	X
Will Murphy	GDOT	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO	X
Eileen Washington	GDOT Intermodal	

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the August 21, 2014 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

Board Action:	
Approve as written.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Michael Weiner	
Second: Mark Wilkes	
Pamela Bernard	- Aye
Jessie Fernandez-Gatti	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Aries Little	- Aye
Dianne Otto	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye
Maggie Yoder	- Aye

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the June 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC Meeting Minutes 061914.pdf

The minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve minutes as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Mark Wilkes

Second: Michael Weiner

Pamela Bernard - Aye

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti - Aye

George Fidler - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Dianne Otto - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

Michael Weiner - Aye

Mark Wilkes - Aye

Maggie Yoder - Aye

3. Amendment to FY 2015 UPWP

Attachment: FY 2015 UPWP Amend 2 Staff Report.pdf

Mr. Mark Wilkes stated the CORE MPO staff is proposing this amendment to reflect the addition of PL funds in the amount of \$64,251.56 (matched) carried forward from FY 2014. 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 2015 UPWP.

Staff recommended endorsement of the amendment to the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program.

Board Action:

Endorse to CORE MPO Board. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Mark Wilkes

Second: Michael Weiner

Pamela Bernard - Aye

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti - Aye

George Fidler - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Dianne Otto - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

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

4. Endorsement of the Total Mobility Plan / 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Attachment: Total Mobility Plan August 2014 staff report.pdf
Attachment: MTP Comments 8-14-14.pdf
Attachment: Total Mobility Plan Document Draft - 8-15-14 FHWA GDOT Comments Addressed 2nd.pdf

Mr. Mark Wilkes stated this will be the last meeting that the Total Mobility Plan will be discussed because hopefully it will be adopted next week at the CORE MPO Board meeting. Staff launched a 60-day public review and comment period on June 25th concurrent with the CORE MPO Board meeting. The comment period will close on August 24th. Staff published a summary document on July 25 that consists of responses to comments received from FHWA and updated project information from project sponsors.

Ms. Beverly Davis with RS&H reviewed the plan goals, the financial plan, projects that were removed because they are underway or completed, and changes that have occurred since the June update. She then presented a review of the projects listed in the Total Mobility Plan and the projects listed in the unfunded Vision Plan. She described the participation process followed during plan development.

GDOT staff said they'd like to teleconference with MPO staff tomorrow to review the MPO staff responses to GDOT's comments.

Changes since the presentation in June included: adjusting project's names and which cost bands some project are in; adding Hutchinson Island Riverwalk at Slip 3; and adding Back River Bridge four-laning into the Vision Plan.

Mr. Mike Weiner wondered if a 37th St. safety project should be included in the plan, as GDOT and the City have been discussing it, and the LMIG funds will not be enough. It was decided that the project could be amended into the plan later if necessary, through the usual two-step process.

Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the Total Mobility Plan.

Board Action:	
Endorsement to the CORE MPO Board.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Pamela Bernard	
Second: Dianne Otto	
Pamela Bernard	- Aye
Jessie Fernandez-Gatti	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye

Aries Little	- Aye
Dianne Otto	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye
Maggie Yoder	- Aye

5. Endorsement of FY 2015–2018 Transportation Improvement Program

Attachment: FY 2015-2018 TIP Adoption staff report.pdf

Attachment: Draft FY 2015 - 2018 TIP 8-14-2014 Updated.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang reminded the TCC that the CORE MPO is required to prepare a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) at least every four years, but in Georgia the MPOs adopt one every year, to cooperate with the state. She reviewed the projects in the proposed TIP.

It was decided to move the I-16 Interchange Modification Report to FY 2017, as local sponsorship is still being explored.

Staff recommended endorsement of the TIP with the change discussed.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the CORE MPO's FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Dianne Otto

Second: Michael Weiner

Pamela Bernard - Aye

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti - Aye

George Fidler - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Dianne Otto - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

Michael Weiner - Aye

Mark Wilkes - Aye

Maggie Yoder - Aye

III. Other Business

IV. Status Reports

6. Update on the Draft Non-motorized Transportation Plan

Attachment: Update on the Draft NMTP.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated that the Non-motorized Transportation Plan is a bicycle and pedestrian plan. It will replace the current Chatham County Bikeway Plan developed in 2000 and it also will include pedestrian projects. She reviewed the steps already completed in the development process.

Ms. Love reviewed the project list and the ranking criteria. This plan primarily looks at stand-alone projects that may be simpler to undertake than projects that are part of a larger thoroughfare project.

The next steps are to complete the draft plan, conduct public meetings and address public comments, and then request adoption of the plan at the October meeting. No action was necessary at this month's meeting.

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 reported on the following projects:

#1 - SR 25 Conn./Bay St. – Final plans are 95% complete; ROW acquisition is on-

going.

#2 - CS 650/Grange Rd. – ROW funds authorized the end of June; final design work is 75% complete and ROW acquisition is underway.

#3 - Ogeechee Rd. – consultant selected; contract is signed. Preliminary design will get started.

#6 - Islands Expwy.– Environmental is concluding and approval is expected soon

#9 - Effingham Pkwy.– concept report was routed and comments received; consultant addressing the comments

#10 – SR 26/US 80 bridges – consultant selected; issued notice to proceed, mapping and surveying is complete

#11 – I-95 NB Ramp/Airways Ave. – final field plan review last week; final plans are 80% complete; designer is addressing comments.

#13 - Brampton Rd. Conn. – Environmental is 30% complete; conceptual stage; doing a practical alternatives report now.

#18 - SR 21 (SR 30 to I-95) – Environmental 30% complete; open house on Aug 12.

#21- rapid flashing beacon (Tybee) – final plans are 85% complete; preparing for a final field plan review.

Under Active Construction projects:

#2 - Intersection SR 204 & Largo Dr. – work began end of June.

#4 - King George Blvd. at SR 204 interchange – 10% complete.

#5 - Safe Routes to Schools – final field inspection held in August; wrapping this up.

#9 - Jimmy DeLoach Connector – 35% complete; continuing to drive piles, etc.

There was discussion about the Effingham Pkwy. draft concept. The project has been scaled down, with less new alignment. Cost estimate is down to \$20 million from \$120 million previously.

E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

11. Presentation

No report at this time.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

12. Presentation

No report at this time.

G. Chatham County

13. Presentation

No report at this time.

H. City of Savannah

14. Presentation

Mr. Mike Weiner reported the following:

Temporary traffic signal will be going in at Stiles Ave. and Ogeechee Rd.

DeRenne Ave. Project – concept report is in review.

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

Mr. George Fidler stated that the interim improvements at the I-95/Airways Ave intersection have started and should be completed by the end of the year.

M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign

19. Presentation

No report at this time.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

20. Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: October 16, 2014 (3rd Thursday)

21. Park and Ride Lot Study Final Stakeholder Meeting

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

22. Roadway Functional Classification Update

Attachment: Roadway Functional Classification Update Staff Report.pdf

IX. Adjournment

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