



**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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

**June 19, 2014 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO TCC**

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Lee Smith	Chatham County	
John Bennett	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	
Robert H. Bonner Jr.	LDH Corporation	
Daniel Bostek	Norfolk Southern Railroad Industry	
Leon Davenport	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	
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
<b><u>Others Present</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
Eileen Washington	GDOT Intermodal	X
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 June 19, 2014 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended with moving # 5 Total Mobility Plan / 2040 LRTP Discussion of Unfunded Needs from the Action Items and combining it with #6 Total Mobility Plan / 2040 LRTP Status Report.

**II. Action Items**

2. Approval of the April 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC Mintues 4-17-14.pdf

The meeting minutes were approved as written.

<b>Board Action:</b>	
Approve minutes as written	- PASS
<b>Vote Results</b>	
Motion: Michael Weiner	
Second: Nathaniel Panther	
Jessie Fernandez-Gatti	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Aries Little	- Aye
Will Murphy	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye
Maggie Yoder	- Aye

3. FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

Attachment: FY 2015 UPWP Amend 1 Staff Report.pdf

Attachment: 2015 UPWP Ver 6 Amendment One.pdf

Mr. Mark Wilkes stated the CORE MPO staff is proposing an amendment to reflect the addition of two new studies to be carried out under sub-element 4.2 Transit/Paratransit Planning. The new studies include the proposed Regional Mobility Management Program study and Service Tactical Optimization Process Route Level Profile Analysis, Monitoring and Response. This amendment is in response to a request from Chatham Area Transit (CAT).

Mr. Wilkes stated that both of the budget's changed since the packages were sent out. The following are the new proposed budgets for each project.

Service Tactical Optimization Process Route Level Profile Analysis, Monitoring and Response -  
Approximate Cost: \$45,000

Regional Mobility Management Program - Approximate Cost: \$29,000

Mr. Wilkes said staff was recommending TCC endorsement of the FY 2015 UPWP amendment.

**Board Action:**

Endorsement. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Jessie Fernandez-Gatti

Second: Nathaniel Panther

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti - Aye

George Fidler - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Will Murphy - Aye

Nathaniel Panther - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

Michael Weiner - Aye

Mark Wilkes - Aye

Maggie Yoder - Aye

4. Highway Functional Classification Updates

Attachment: Roadway Functional Classification Update Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang explained that now that the urban boundary for the Savannah area has been approved, GDOT is coordinating with CORE MPO to review the Highway Functional

Classification within the boundary in order to properly classify roadways for federal funding and data reporting purposes. The process requires that CORE MPO complete a justification sheet for each recommended revision, sign the justification sheet and coordinate with impacted local jurisdictions for signatures before submitting the signed document to GDOT.

Ms. Wang reviewed all proposed changes and what the CORE MPO staff recommended. There was discussion about a number of roadway segments.

MLK, Jr. Blvd., north of Gwinnett St., should be Principal Arterial, but south of Gwinnett St. it could be categorized as Minor Arterial.

The part of Bloomindale Rd. that will constitute part of the Jimmy Deloach Pkwy., Phase 2 project should remain as a Principal Arterial.

Montgomery St. where I-16 comes in can be classified as a Minor Arterial, since it has only 8000 average annual daily traffic.

Mr. Mike Weiner stated that Holland Dr. from Abercorn St. to White Bluff Rd. should be a Local Road not a Minor Collector. White Bluff-Abercorn Connector Should be added and listed under Principal Arterial. Also the segment of Skidaway Rd. from DeRenne Ave. to Victory Dr. should be a Principal Arterial.

It was moved and seconded that the TCC endorse the Functional Classification updates as modified by the committee's discussion today.

**Board Action:**

For endorsement of proposed roadway functional classification updates. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Michael Weiner

Second: Nathaniel Panther

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti - Aye

George Fidler - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Will Murphy - Aye

Nathaniel Panther - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

Michael Weiner - Aye

Mark Wilkes - Aye

Maggie Yoder - Aye

5. Total Mobility Plan / 2040 LRTP Discussion of Unfunded Needs

This item was moved to Status Reports and combined with item #6 on the amended agenda.  
See Total Mobility Plan/2040 LRTP Status Update in # 6.

### III. Other Business

### IV. Status Reports

#### 6. Total Mobility Plan / 2040 LRTP Status Report

Attachment: Draft Total Mobility Plan staff report.pdf  
Attachment: Draft Project List for Committee Publication.pdf  
Attachment: Thoroughfare Plan.pdf  
Attachment: Vision Plan.pdf  
Attachment: Thoroughfare\_Map\_24x36.pdf

Ms. Beverly Davis gave a presentation including a summary list of proposed projects along with a financial summary demonstrating how the proposed projects can reasonably be expected to be accomplished with funds reasonably expected to be available between 2015 and 2040. This financially constrained plan is cross referenced to the Thoroughfare Plan map and cross sections previously reviewed by the MPO in order to adequately describe each project and advance key policy initiatives such as complete streets, non-motorized transportation, and access to transit.

Public meetings are scheduled for July 21, July 24, and July 30. There will also be a public meeting at the Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on August 21 and the final public meeting will be at the CORE MPO Board meeting on August 27. Adoption is anticipated by the CORE MPO Board on August 27, 2014.

Ms. Davis gave some detail on how the projects were assigned to three cost bands: 2015-2010; 2021-2030; and 2031-2040. There was committee discussion about the appropriate cost bands for certain projects, and how to balance proposed project shifts.

Mr. Mike Weiner stated that the W. Gwinnett St. widening project, with 4 lanes, needs to be in band one because the goal is to complete it by 2020 for the new arena.

Mr. Tom Thomson suggested to move Ogeechee Rd. construction to band two and move Gwinnett St. to band one.

Mr. Nathaniel Panther stated that Islands Expressway at Wilmington River Bascule Bridge PE has already been authorized and the ROW should be \$119,000. He also stated that the \$8,830,000 shown for ROW on Jimmy DeLoach Extension should be for the ROW cost for the Jimmy DeLoach (New Interchange).

Mr. Tom McQueen said that the eventual four-laning of the US 17 Back River Bridge should be listed in the plan since it looks out as far as 2040. This related to the SC DOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and expectations with the Jasper Port.

Mr. Wilkes reviewed with committee members the level of service (LOS) plots from the travel demand model provided by GDOT at the meeting. Focusing on the 2040 financially constrained plan system network, Mr. Wilkes noted several corrections needed, including the need to add the West DeRenne/Hampstead Connector and I-516 Interchange project and Effingham Pkwy. lane count. .

Mr. Wilkes noted that any unmet needs seen on this map will be added to the list of unfunded needs, provided they are consistent with the Thoroughfare Plan. .

## 7. Park and Ride Lot Study Update

Attachment: Park and Ride Lot Study staff report.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang reported that the study should be finished in August. She reviewed the goals, outlined the territory and process. She shared statistics and data gathered from the study.

Based on this information three major corridors were identified for further consideration:

- Northern – along SR 21
- Western – along US 80 & I-16
- Southern – along US 17 & I-95

She then reviewed the evaluation criteria used to measure the 17 possible sites for park & ride lots. The sites were reduced to three along the northern corridor, two along the western corridor, and four along the southern corridor, with the strong possibility that the one existing lot will be closed due to a better-located proposed lot nearby.

## **V. Information Reports (verbal)**

### **A. Federal Highway Administration**

#### 8. Presentation

No report at this time.

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

#### 9. Presentation

No report at this time.

### **C. Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield**

10. Presentation

No report at this time.

**D. Georgia Department of Transportation**

11. Presentation

No report at this time.

**E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia**

12. Presentation

No report at this time.

**F. Chatham Area Transit Authority**

13. Presentation

No report at this time.

**G. Chatham County**

14. Presentation

No report at this time.

**H. City of Savannah**

15. Presentation

No report at this time.

**I. City of Garden City**

16. Presentation

No report at this time.

**J. City of Tybee Island**

17. Presentation

No report at this time.

**K. Georgia Ports Authority**

18. Presentation

No report at this time.

**L. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport**

19. Presentation

No report at this time.

**M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign**

20. Presentation

No report at this time.

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

**VII. Announcements**

21. Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: August 21, 2014

**VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference**

22. Project Recommendations for CORE MPO Transportation Alternatives Funding

Attachment: TAP 2014 Award Recommendations staff report.pdf

**IX. Adjournment**



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