



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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

October 16, 2014 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO TCC

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
John Bennett	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	X
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	
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	

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

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the October 16, 2014 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the August 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC Minutes 8-21-14.pdf

The minutes were approved as written.

Staff Recommends: Approval of the minutes as written.

Board Action:

Approve minutes as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Mark Wilkes

Second: Michael Weiner

John Bennett - Aye

George Fidler - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Will Murphy - Aye

Ramond Robinson - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

3. Approval of the CORE MPO 2015 Meeting Schedule

Attachment: 2015 CORE MPO Committee Meeting Schedule.pdf

The TCC approved their 2015 schedule of meetings as shown on the Draft CORE MPO 2015 Meeting Schedule.

Staff Recommends: Approve the CORE MPO 2015 meeting schedule as written.

Board Action:	
Approve the CORE MPO 2015 meeting schedule as written.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Mark Wilkes	
Second: John Bennett	
John Bennett	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Aries Little	- Aye
Will Murphy	- Aye
Ramond Robinson	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

4. Amendments to the FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program

Attachment: FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendments Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that in September 2014 the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) requested to amend the TIP to increase the cost estimates for # PI 0012722, I-95@ SR 21 Diverging Diamond project from \$3,641,400 to \$6,698,955. The added funding comes from the state, and so the amendment does not negatively impact other TIP projects.

Another amendment involves Chatham Area Transit's (CAT's) requested funding for two special studies in FY 2015, Regional Mobility Management Program and Service Tactical Optimization Process Route Level Profile Analysis, Monitoring and Response. Since CORE MPO set aside \$750,000 for special transportation studies in FY 2015 with PI 0010563, a portion of that funding is to be split out and assigned to the CAT studies, as a project with its own PI number.

Staff Recommends: For endorsement of the proposed amendments to the CORE MPO's FY 2015

- 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the proposed amendments to the
CORE MPO's FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Michael Weiner

Second: Mark Wilkes

John Bennett - Aye

George Fidler - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Will Murphy - Aye

Ramond Robinson - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

Michael Weiner - Aye

Mark Wilkes - Aye

5. Adoption of the Non-motorized Transportation Plan

Attachment: Adoption of the Non-motorized Transportation Plan_staff report.pdf

Attachment: Whole Non-motorized Transportation Plan_without appendices.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated The CORE MPO Non-motorized Transportation Plan is a bicycle and pedestrian plan that serves as an update to the Chatham County Bikeway Plan and also now includes pedestrian projects.

MPOs must address multiple modes in transportation planning. Projects in the Non-motorized Transportation Plan are listed in the MPO's Total Mobility Plan (2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan). The projects will thus be eligible for federal funding, although local governments may opt to implement some of the projects over time with entirely local funding. The majority of projects in the Non-motorized Transportation Plan currently have no funding, either federal or local. Some projects will be implemented over time as part of funded roadway projects, while a few will be implemented as stand-alone projects, in cooperation with local sponsors, using the MPO's Transportation Alternatives funding or MPO urban-attributable funding as available.

Ms. Love reviewed the process for developing this plan, including the public participation. She reviewed projects included in the pedestrian and bicycle section of the plan by northwest, southwest, central, and east portions of the county. After reviewing all the pedestrian and bicycle projects she noted the top five scoring projects and reviewed the criteria used to score the projects.

Staff Recommends: For TCC endorsement to the CORE MPO Board.

Board Action:

For TCC endorsement to the CORE MPO Board. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: John Bennett

Second: Michael Weiner

John Bennett - Aye

George Fidler - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Will Murphy - Aye

Ramond Robinson - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

Michael Weiner - Aye

Mark Wilkes - Aye

6. Park and Ride Lot Study

Attachment: Draft Final Report 9-30-14.pdf

Attachment: Park and Ride Lot Study staff report.pdf

Ms. Wang reviewed the time line and goals of the study. She reviewed the seven identified park and ride lot sites in three different corridors. The review included the lot development alternatives, development costs, and maintenance costs. She also reviewed possible transit service potential and costs. For each corridor, it is proposed that there be one route to each destination. Each route would start from the farthest park and ride lot, make a mid-route stop at the closest park and ride lot, then continue non-stop to the employment destination.

The recommended implementation strategy begins with park and ride lot development, then implementation of a carpool/vanpool program, and lastly development of regional commuter transit service.

Staff Recommends: Endorse to accept the Park and Ride Study reports and recommendations for distribution.

Board Action:

Endorse to accept the Park and Ride Study reports and recommendations for distribution. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Michael Weiner

Second: John Bennett

John Bennett	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Aries Little	- Aye
Will Murphy	- Aye
Ramond Robinson	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Michael Weiner	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

III. Other Business

7. TCC Bylaws Update

Attachment: Draft_Bylaws_Reapportionment.pdf

Mr. Thomson reminded the committee that the MPO is in the process of updating all of the bylaws as well as the Memorandum of Understanding, due to the need to expand the planning area and adjust membership because of the larger Census-defined Urbanized Area in 2010.

The current members of the CORE MPO Board and the advisory committees come from within Chatham County. With the establishment of CORE MPO as a three-county regional transportation planning agency, the compositions of the CORE MPO Board as well as its advisory committees need to be updated to reflect the regional character of the membership. There has been a working group, comprised of staff members from various agencies in the three counties, and it has proposed an updated CORE MPO Board structure.

The bylaws of the CORE MPO Board and the advisory committees define the membership of each committee, the roles, responsibilities and duties of each member, the procedures to conduct the meetings, as well as other related issues. It has been determined that each committee will work on the specifics of its bylaws and then forward the finalized bylaws to the CORE MPO Board for adoption. Mr. Thomson gave an overview of the proposed TCC bylaws by noting the headers of each section.

IV. Status Reports

8. CORE MPO Re-apportionment Update

Attachment: CORE MPO Re-apportionment Staff Report.pdf

Attachment: Draft_MOU_Updates_Reapportionment.pdf

Mr. Thomson gave an update to included the first steps in the CORE MPO's re-apportionment process is determining the MPA boundary through a cooperative working process between the MPO representatives, the Governor and any adjacent MPOs. The establishment of the planning boundary will provide the basis for all other re-apportionment undertakings. CORE MPO has been working with the

City of Richmond Hill, Bryan County, and Effingham County to establish the MPA.

The time line for completing this re-apportionment, is to obtain board approval of the MOU and hopefully the bylaws in December 2014. Then all the jurisdictions (local, state, federal) involved need to sign on, hopefully by July 2015, so that the new CORE MPO can begin the new fiscal year on July 1, 2015.

To formalize the CORE MPO's planning boundary and organization, committee composition and funding agreements, the MPO's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and bylaws must be updated as a part of the re-apportionment process. The working group has met seven times between April and July 2014 to draft the revised MOU document and format the bylaws of the committees.

If the proposed MPA boundary is approved, CORE MPO will conduct transportation planning in the area with a total population of more than 276,000.

The question was asked whether CORE MPO is now allocated more funding since the Census increased the urbanized area. The answer was, "No. Our formula funding is based on our Urbanized Area's share of the population of all of the Urbanized Areas in the state. Because Atlanta's Urbanized Area increased more then all the others, CORE MPO actually gets less than before."

Mr. Thomson explained that a few scenarios were being considered as far as member dues. The federal planning funds used to conduct the required planning process must have local matching funds. In the past, the match has been provided by City of Savannah and Chatham County. In fairness, the idea gong forward is to share the cost of matching among all the jurisdictions. Dues will be population based, but decisions to consider include: Round all dues up to the nearest \$1000? Should there be a "floor" limiting how low the dues are for the smallest towns?

Mr. Thomson reviewed the working group's thinking about representation on the MPO Board. At this time, the proposal would still add up to 22 members, but the board would be constituted differently.

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

No report at this time.

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

No report at this time.

H. City of Savannah

16. Presentation

No report at this time.

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 stated that the turn lanes from I-95 on to Airways Avenue are now open a month ahead of schedule.

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: December 04, 2014 (1st Thursday)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

23. Administrative Modifications to the FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program

Attachment: TThomson TMcQueen TIP Administrative Modification 10-2-14.pdf

24. Savannah Morning News article regarding Project DeRenne Boulevard Option

25. Effingham Parkway Draft Concept Report

Attachment: 0006700-Effingham Pkwy Concept_Report-5-06-14 with attachments.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.