



CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

MPC Jerry Surrency Conference Room -- 2:00 p.m.
112 East State Street, Savannah
Minutes

December 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes of the CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Charles Ackridge	City of Bloomingdale	
Scott Allison	City of Richmond Hill	x
Pamela Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	x
John Bennett	Bike Walk Savannah	x
Matt Saxon	City of Pooler	
Byron Cowart	Engineering GDOT - District Five	x
Ned Green	GDOT - Planning	x
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	
Caroline Hankins	Town of Thunderbolt	
Jackie Jackson	City of Garden City	x
Trent Long	City of Port Wentworth	
Don Masisack	Coastal Regional Commission	
George Shaw	City of Tybee Island	
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit	
Melanie Wilson	MPC Executive Director	
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO/MPC	x
Vacant	Effingham County	
Traffic Engineering Rep	City of Savannah	
<u>Voting Alternate</u>	<u>Representing</u>	
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	x
Aidan Quirke	Chatham Area Transit	x
Jessica Smith	Savannah Airport Commission	x
Nick Defley	City of Savannah	x
<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	x
James Small	CORE MPO	x
Tom McQueen	GDOT-Planning	x
Habte Kassa	GDOT- Planning	x
Sara Lamont	GDOT - Planning	x
Shawn Emerson	City of Savannah	x
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County	x

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Mark Wilkes motioned to approve the December 6, 2018 CORE MPO TCC meeting agenda; seconded by Ms. Wykoda Wang. The motion was passed with none opposed.

II. Action Items

1.Approval of October 18, 2018 CORE MPO TCC meeting minutes

☉ [TCC October 18 Minutes.pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes motioned to approve the October 18, 2018 meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Aidan Quirke. The motion was passed with none opposed.

2.2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Travel Demand Model Development

☉ [Do Nothing Model Resolution.pdf](#)

☉ [December 2018 MTP Update Staff Report.pdf](#)

☉ [LRTP Network Description.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi and Mr. Habte Kassa presented on the 2045 MTP Travel Demand Model Development. Over the last year the CORE MPO staff and GDOT have been working together to develop the travel demand model which will be used as the primary analysis tool for the Metropolitan Plan Update. CORE MPO staff provided GDOT with socioeconomic data and transportation projects which GDOT incorporated into the travel demand model. GDOT staff presented the 2015 Base Year model results and the 2045 “do Nothing” results. Overall the model performed well. TCC was given an opportunity to see the results along with various validation measures and ask questions. TCC and CORE MPO staff were satisfied with the performance of the model and voted to “accept” the Base year and “Do Nothing” model. GDOT will now build on those models to provide the MPO with additional future scenario results to review in early 2019.

Mr. Mark Wilks made the motion to accept the base year and 2045 “Do Nothing” Travel Demand Models, based on the information presented, for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Development; seconded by Ms. Jackie Jackson. The motion was passed with none opposed.

3.Amendment to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan

☉ [MTP Amendment Staff Report December 2018.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the amendment to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan. The 2040 Total Mobility Plan can be amended as project scopes change or new needs are identified. According to the CORE MPO’s Participation Plan adopted in March 2016, any proposed changes to the MTP can be sorted into three categories, an Administrative Modification, One Step amendment, or Two Step amendment. In November 2018 Chatham Area Transit requested to program the purchase of a new Intelligent Transit System (ITS). The system will integrate with in-vehicle peripherals such as head signs and annunciators, as well as passenger information systems such as real-time bus arrival monitors and mobile applications. The system will allow CAT staff to collect vital data used by dispatchers. The request is considered a one-step amendment because the funding for this project has already been authorized by GDOT/FHWA and flexed to the Federal Transit Administration. The Federal/local split is 80/20. CAT is providing the local match and will apply for these funds from FTA as a Direct Recipient after the project is amended into the 2040 MTP and FY 2018-2021 TIP. The MPO is currently conducting a 15-day public comment period for the MTP amendment.

Mr. Aiden Quirke motioned to endorse the proposed 2040 Total Mobility Plan amendment; seconded by Mr. Nick Defley. The motion was passed with none opposed.

4.Amendments to FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program

☉ [FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment Staff Report December 2018.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the amendments to the FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). In November of 2018 CORE MPO received 10 TIP amendment requests.

1. Remove the CAT Bikeshare Phase II project

2. Add the CAT Intelligent Transportation Systems project
3. Remove the McQueens Island Trail Restoration project
4. Revise SR 26 from I-516 to CS 188/Victory Drive
5. Revise SR 26 from Johnny Mercer to old US 80; including Bull River & Lazaretto
6. Revise Brampton Road Connector from SR 21/SR 25 to SR21 Spur
7. Revise Effingham Parkway from CR 156/Blue Jay/Effingham to SR 30/Chatham
8. Revise SR 404 Spur/US 17 @ Back River
9. Revise SR 25/US 17 @ Savannah River in Port Wentworth
10. Revise SR 25/US 17 @ Middle River in Port Wentworth

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the specific amendments to these projects. The Transportation Improvement Program must be consistent with the current 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Also, the TIP must follow Performance Based Planning and Programming requirements and projects must achieve performance targets. A 15-day public comment period must be held, and a public hearing be advertised. The public meeting is to be held in conjunction with the December 12, 2018 CORE MPO Board meeting. Staff is requesting that the TCC endorse the proposed TIP amendments.

Staff received some comments from the Bike Walk Savannah and the East Coast Greenway concerning the McQueen's Island Trail. Clarifications have been made that the McQueen's island trail is proceeding without the use of federal transportation funds. Staff also received a comment in support of having bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on the US Hwy 80 bridge replacement.

Mr. Nick Defley motioned to endorse the proposed TIP amendments; seconded by Ms. Jackie Jackson. The motion was passed with none opposed.

5.Call for Projects for FY 2019 - 2021 Z301 Funds

📎 [CORE MPO TA Application December 2018.pdf](#)

📎 [CORE MPO TA Manual December 2018.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the Call for Projects for FY 2019 – 2021 Z301 Funds. Transportation Improvement Program amendments #1 Removed the CAT Bikeshare Phase II project and #3 Removed the McQueens Island Trail Restoration project are related to this Call for Projects. Due to the projects being removed from the TIP, the funding allocated to those projects is now made available for use by other eligible projects. Roughly 1million dollars is available for each of the next 3 years resulting in a total of \$3,024,247 dollars available for eligible projects. For the 2019 funds, whatever project we allocate the funds to, the project must be production ready and the request must be no less than \$200,000. The Call for Projects will be announced on December 12, 2018, applications are due January 15, 2019 and the FY 2019 funds must be authorized by June 30, 2019. The projects being proposed must be consistent with the 2040 Long Range Plan and can be amended into the TIP. The MPO staff is requesting the TCC endorse the proposed Z301 Call for Projects schedule, manual and application materials.

Mr. Mark Wilkes motioned to endorse the proposed Z301 Call for Projects schedule, manual, and application materials; seconded by Mr. Nick Defley. The motion was passed with none opposed.

6.Call for Projects for FY 2019 Z230 Funds

📎 [CORE MPO Z230 Application December 2018.pdf](#)

📎 [CORE MPO Z230 Manual December 2018.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the Call for Projects for the FY 2019 Z230 Funds. The Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B is currently programed in FY 2019 at roughly 1.12 million dollars. The project has been programed for construction in the TIP but is not construction ready. GDOT mandates that the federal funds cannot be carried over into the next year. Due to the City of Savannah not being able to use these funds in 2019, we intend to release the funds to be used by other projects. As a result, staff will conduct a Call for Projects and program the funds in February 2019 to one or more production ready projects. The Call for Projects will be announced on December 12, 2018, applications are due January 15, 2019 and the funds must be authorized by June 30, 2019. Staff is requesting that TCC endorse the proposed Z230 Call for Projects schedule, manual, and application materials.

Mr. Aiden Quirke motioned to endorse the proposed Z230 Call for Projects schedule, manual, and application

materials; seconded by Mr. Jackie Jackson. The motion was passed with none opposed.

7.Safety Targets

📎 [Safety Targets Dec MPO.pdf](#)

📎 [SafetyPerfMeasuresResolutionMPC2019.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi presented the Safety Targets. As part of the Transportation Performance Management Plan (TPM) each state DOT and MPO has until February 27, 2019 to adopt safety targets to strive for within the Planning and Programming Process.

The 5 performance measures are:

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
5. Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries

The MPO has two options in terms of setting 2019 safety targets. The MPO can support the state's targets or create its own unique targets.

GDOTS Safety Targets are:

- To maintain the 5-year moving average traffic fatalities under the projected 1,655 (2015-2019) 5-year average by December 2019.
- To maintain the 5-year moving average traffic fatalities per 100 million VMT under the projected 1.31 (2015-2019) 5-year average by December 2019.
- To maintain the 5-year moving average serious traffic injuries under the projected 24,324 (2015-2019) 5-year average by December 2019.
- To reduce the 5-year moving average serious traffic injuries for every 100 million vehicle miles traveled by 3% from baseline 19.6 (2012-2016) 5-year average to 18.9 (2015-2019) 5-year average by December 2019.
- To maintain the 5-year moving average non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries under the projected 1,126 (2017-2021) 5-year average by December 2021.

MPO staff is recommending that rather than defining unique targets for the region, CORE MPO support the targets adopted by the state through its planning and programming activities. This is considered an administrative modification to appendix B and F of the MTP and TIP.

Mr. Mark Wilkes motioned to endorse supporting the State's adopted safety targets; seconded by Ms. Wykoda Wang. The motion was passed with none opposed.

8.Nomination and Election of the TCC Chairperson

Ms. Jackie Jackson motioned to open the floor for TCC Chairperson nomination and election; seconded by Mr. Nick Defley. The motion was passed with none opposed.

Ms. Wykoda Wang nominated Ms. Pamela Bernard for Chairperson. Nominations were closed, the vote was taken, and Ms. Pamela Bernard was elected Chairperson by a majority of those present.

9.Nomination and Election of the TCC Vice Chairperson

Mr. Nick Defley motioned to open the floor for TCC Vice Chairperson nomination and election; seconded by Ms. Wykoda Wang. The motion was passed with none opposed.

Mr. Scott Allison nominated Mr. Mark Wilkes for Vice Chairperson. Nominations were closed, the vote was taken, and Mr. Mark Wilkes was elected Vice chairperson by a majority of those present.

III. Other Business

NONE

IV. Status Reports

NONE

V. Information Reports (verbal)

GDOT

Mr. Byron Cowart, Planning and Programming engineer for District 5, presented the GDOT/Chatham County Projects Status Report.

Chatham County

Ms. Pamela Bernard, Senior Transportation Engineer for Chatham County, presented the status report for the Chatham County Roadway Improvement Program.

City of Savannah

Mr. Nick Defley presented the status of the Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B. The City is working with GDOT to get a more current schedule. This project is ongoing.

City of Richmond Hill

Mr. Scott Allison stated that land clearing has begun on I-95 Exit 82 new interchange at Belfast Keller Rd.

Airport Commission

Ms. Jessica Smith stated that the notice to proceed for the terminal 8 expansion has been delivered to the contractor and work will begin soon.

Bike Walk Savannah

Mr. John Bennett stated that after 10 years, the Savannah Bicycle Campaign has changed its name to Bike Walk Savannah.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

NONE

VII. Announcements

10. [Next TCC Meeting: Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the MPC Jerry Surrency Conference Room](#)

11. [Next TCC Working Group Meeting: Thursday, January 24th 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the MPC Jerry Surrency Conference Room](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

12. [Transit Asset Management \(TAM\) Agreement](#)

☞ [TAM Agreement Staff Report Dec 2018.pdf](#)

☞ [Savannah MPO - GDOT Transit Planning Agreement -20181029.pdf](#)

13. [Notice of a Public Information Open House PI#521855](#)

☞ [P.I.NO 521855 Notice of Public Information Open House Dec 13 2018.pdf](#)

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the December 6, 2018 meeting of the CORE MPO TCC was adjourned.

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.