



CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

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

October 18, 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	
Pamela Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	x
John Bennett	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	x
Matt Saxon	City of Pooler	
Joseph Capello	City of Savannah Traffic	x
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	
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
Steve Davis	Effingham County	

<u>Voting Alternate</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	x
Aidan Quirke	CAT	x

<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	x
Ann-Marie Day	Federal Highway Administration	x
James Small	MPC	x
Tom McQueen	GDOT-Planning	x
Tommy Crochet	VHB	x
David Pickworth	VHB	x
Matt Thompson	VHB	x
Vivian Canizares	GDOT-Planning	x

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Mark Wilkes motioned to approve the October 18, 2018 CORE MPO TCC meeting agenda; seconded by Ms. Wykoda Wang. The motion was passed with none opposed.

II. Action Items

1. Approval of the August 16, 2018 TCC Meeting Minutes

☞ [TCC Minutes August 16.pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes motioned to approve the August 16, 2018 meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Joseph Capello. The motion was passed with none opposed.

2. Amendment to FY 2018 - 2021 TIP for Electric Bus Purchases and Chargers (CAT)

☞ [FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment Staff Report October 2018.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the amendment to fiscal year 2018-2021 TIP. The Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) was awarded FTA discretionary 5339c grant funds in August 2018. They will use these funds to purchase 4 zero-emission battery-electric buses, 4 depot chargers, and conduct any necessary architecture and engineering work. \$1.5 million dollars is the federal portion and CAT is contributing \$2.5 million dollars. The total for this project is roughly \$4.0 million dollars. For CAT to receive these funds they must be programmed in the TIP. Staff is proposing that the TCC endorse the proposed TIP amendment so that CAT can use the funds to purchase the buses and begin the project.

Mr. Mark Wilkes motioned to endorse the proposed TIP amendment; seconded by Mr. Aiden Quirke. The motion was passed with none opposed.

3. Mobility 2045 Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures

☞ [October 2018 MTP Goals Staff Report.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi presented the 2045 MTP Goals, Objectives, and Performance measures. We have used the information from our surveys and public engagement to refine the goals. We are proposing six goals to adopt and move forward with. The six goals are:

Goal 1: A safe, secure, and resilient transportation system for all types of users and for freight.

Goal 2: An efficient, reliable, multi-modal transportation system that supports economic competitiveness and enhances tourism.

Goal 3: Access and mobility, equitably and reliably available, for people and for freight, through a range of travel options and an integrated, connected transportation system.

Goal 4: A healthy, sustainable environment through the compatible integration with land use and transportation while taking into consideration the impact of transportation, including that of stormwater.

Goal 5: Maintain a state of good repair.

Goal 6: Wise use of public funds through coordination-and a performance based planning process.

Staff is requesting a motion to endorse the goals to the CORE MPO Board as an action item. Staff will move forward with these goals as we develop the plan update.

Ms. Wykoda Wang made a motion to endorse the proposed Mobility 2045 goals, objectives and performance measures; seconded by Mr. Mark Wilkes. The motion was passed with none opposed.

[4. Request to Re-classify Benton Blvd and Highland Blvd](#)

📎 [FC_App_ChangeRequestForm \(002\).pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang made the request to reclassify Benton Blvd and Highland Blvd. Currently Benton Blvd and Highland Blvd are classified as local streets. The City of Savannah is requesting to re-classify Benton Blvd and Highlands Blvd from local streets to a higher classification level, to ensure they will be eligible for federal dollars. The current classification is a 7, which is a local roadway. The City of Savannah proposed a principal arterial but during the meeting it was determined that it would make more sense to reclassify Benton Blvd as a minor arterial due to GDOT's cap on each category.

It was recommended that the City will apply to re-classify Benton Blvd as a minor arterial and Highlands Blvd as a collector.

Mr. Joe Capello made a motion that TCC endorse the City's application to GDOT to re-classify Benton Blvd as a minor arterial and Highlands Blvd as a collector; seconded by Mr. Mark Wilkes. GDOT abstained from the vote. The motion was passed with none opposed.

III. Other Business

TAP Funds

Mr. Tom McQueen spoke on TAP funding. The MPO Board controls Z230 and Z301(TAP) funds. If the project phase using these funds does not obligate in its fiscal year, the funds cannot automatically move forward. The projects for FY19 that have Z301(TAP) funds are McQueens Island Trail Restoration and Mitigation and CAT's Bike Share program.

After some discussion, MPO staff proposed doing a call for projects to reallocate the CAT Bikeshare funds to a project ready to go. The call will go out after the TCC Meeting in December.

Status Reports

[5.I-16 / Little Neck Road Interchange Study](#)

📎 [0015850-PLN_ExistingConditionsTechnicalMemo Comments Addressed.pdf](#)

📎 [GAMPO PL Progress Report I-16 Little Neck August 2018.pdf](#)

Mr. Matt Thompson and Mr. David Pickworth with VHB presented on the I-16 / Little Neck Rd Interchange Study. VHB has completed an existing condition review and submitted the existing conditions technical memo. The next steps are to finalize the traffic and design year forecast, refine the travel demand model to illustrate future year growth rates, and begin using these numbers to refine the concepts and begin alternative screening processes for concepts. They will return in the Spring when the previously mentioned steps are completed. VHB staff does not plan to submit for approval until the preferred alternative has been determined. They are considering an open year of 2030 and design year of 2050. The study concludes near the end of 2019.

[6.I-95 / Airways Avenue Interchange Study](#)

- ☞ [GAMPO PL Progress Report I-95 Airways August 2018.pdf](#)
- ☞ [I-95 at Airways Ave Airport Comm Board Presentation \(002\).pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes stated that due to the recent plane crash and hurricane evacuations, it was not feasible to count traffic in the Spring as was done for the I-16 / Little Neck Rd. study. The time frame for traffic counts is now the middle of October. It is believed that we can adhere to the contractual schedule with completion by the end of 2019. A presentation was made to the Airport Commission in September.

[7. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update](#)

- ☞ [October 2018 MTP Update Staff Report.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi gave a status report on the 2045 Metropolitan Plan Update. Concerning community outreach, we initially did public outreach roughly one year ago when we were pursuing our socio-economic data. Most recently we conducted a second round of outreach effort.

We conducted a survey in June and July, and in person meetings during August and October. There was advertising in the Savannah Morning News, the MPC website, and the Savannah Tribune. Many partners shared our advertisements via their social media pages and e-mail distributions. We also utilized flyers and went out to community events and meetings outside of those organized by the department and presented on the plan update. Those included City Council meetings of Richmond Hill and Garden City, the Coastal Ga. Indicators, CAT Board, and SAGIS Technical Committee. In addition, we organized three public open houses during September and October.

During the open houses, we had several different types of materials and activities for participants that illustrated the functions of an MPO. We had posters that outline the process and maps that illustrate projects completed, underway, in the pipeline and planned long range. Staff administered a dot exercise and a money game that allowed participants to prioritize transportation needs.

Concerning the plan update schedule, we have recently finalized our goals, started analyzing the existing and future conditions, and are expecting to receive model results from GDOT within the next 2 months. We have started looking at our financial picture for the 2045-time frame plan update. We will be returning to the board with a draft plan in June and July and looking at adoption in August. In June and July, we will do another strong push for public outreach and involvement. During this time, we will have a draft plan with the project list to discuss with residents.

Staff will be focusing on turning in the 5th network which is the completion of the remaining identified projects to address transportation needs through 2045. This will be due Jan 4th. Information will be sent out in December for TCC comments. Staff will be presenting results from the 4th network at the January 5th special called meeting.

[8. 2045 MTP Financial Plan Development](#)

- ☞ [2045 MTP Financial Plan Development staff report.pdf](#)
- ☞ [2045 MTP Financial Plan Development.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang updated TCC on the revised cost estimating methodology, financial constraint plan, revenue sources, and revenue projections. Financial details are outlined in the 2045 MTP Financial Plan Development document.

[9. Proposed Transit Planning Tasks for the CORE MPO FY 2020 UPWP](#)

☞ [Draft FY 2020 UPWP Transti Program Staff Report.pdf](#)

☞ [Draft 2020 UPWP Transit Planning Tasks.pdf](#)

For the 5303 funds, we normally submit the application at the end of November and do not adopt the UPWP until February. We are offering the draft transit work program to the TCC for comment before submitting the Section 5303 application to GDOT and FTA. Staff is requesting comments on the planning task and budgets by November 7th 2018. The final information will be included in the FY2020 UPWP.

IV. Information Reports (verbal)

GDOT

Mr. Byron Cowart, Planning and Programming engineer for GDOT 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. Joseph Capello presented the City of Savannah Projects Status Report.

Chatham Area Transit Authority

Mr. Aidan Quirke gave an update on CAT's Bike Share program, the system redesign project, retreat information, and the upcoming announcement of public meetings.

V. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

NONE

VI. Announcement

[10. Next TCC Meeting: December 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the MPC Surrency Conference Room](#)

VII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the August 16, 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.

