



CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

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

April 11, 2019 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
Caila Brown	Bike Walk Savannah	x
Matt Saxon	City of Pooler	
Ned Green	GDOT - Planning	x
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	x
Byron Cowart	GDOT - District Five	x
Jackie Jackson	City of Garden City	x
Trent Long	City of Port Wentworth	x
Don Masisack	Coastal Regional Commission	x
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 Henry	City of Savannah	
Vacant	Effingham County	
Vacant	Town of Thunderbolt	
<u>Voting Alternate</u>	<u>Representing</u>	
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	x
Michelle Stickland	City of Savannah	x
<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	x
James Small	CORE MPO	x
Eric Landon	Coastal Regional Commission	x

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Mark Wilkes motioned to approve the April 11, 2019 CORE MPO TCC meeting agenda; seconded by Mr. George Fidler. The motion was passed with none opposed.

II. Action Items

1. [Approval of February 7, 2019 TCC meeting minutes](#)

☞ [TCC Feb 7 Minutes.pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes motioned to approve the February 7, 2019 meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. George Fidler. The motion was passed with none opposed.

III. Other Business

NONE

IV. Status Reports

2. [2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update](#)

☞ [April 2019 MTP Update Staff Report edit.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi presented on the status of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update. A draft financially constrained project list has been developed. The next phase of the process is continuing public involvement and having the recommended plan adopted in August.

GDOT and CORE MPO staff are working to update the CORE MPO Travel Demand Model for use in developing the 2045 MTP. To ensure roadway networks in the 2015 base year model is correct, MPO staff has provided GDOT staff with a list of projects completed in years 2010-2015. The MPO then provided the lists of projects that are completed since 2015, under construction or identified in the 2018-2021 TIP.

GDOT has provided CORE MPO staff a 2015 Base Year Model, “Do Nothing” model results for year 2045, and “Existing plus Committed” system projects model results for the year 2045. These models were reviewed in December 2018. The “Completion of the TIP Projects” model results for 2045 were reviewed in January 2019, and the “Non-financially Constrained project” model results for 2045 were reviewed in February. The Financially constrained project list for 2045 was submitted in March and the GDOT model results have been received. TCC then reviewed and commented on the travel demand model results from the Financially Constrained Plan network.

Ms. Rossi further reported that from May 2 to June 1, FHWA/FTA/GDOT will review a draft of the plan document. Public meetings and open houses will be held from June to July. The public will review the draft plan from June 13 – July 16. TCC will be asked to endorse the draft plan’s financially constrained project list on June 20 and the plan document in August.

3. [FY 2045 MTP Financial Plan Development](#)

☞ [2045 MTP Update Financial Plan Development.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang summarized the methodology for developing the 2045 MTP Financial Plan and presented the financially constrained projects lists. The methodology includes how to determine the revenue projections and cost estimates for both Highway and Transit projects.

For Highway Revenues, the revenue forecasts for 2022 – 2045 provided by the GDOT Office of Financial Management based on a three-year average of state’s obligation authority are used. Revenues from the adopted FY 2018 – 2021 TIP for FY 2020 and FY 2021 are used for these two years because these are considered committed funds. These revenues are divided into two parts – those for Projects and those for Maintenance. The financial plan for highway revenue projections further assumes \$2.5 million annual local funds adjusted with inflation factors for use by Projects. The

revenue projections assume a 1% annual inflation rate and the total revenues are allocated to three cost bands. The revenues for Projects in each cost band include funding for specific projects and funding set asides for Operational Improvements, Transit Improvements and Non-motorized Transportation projects.

Highway projects' costs are based on the cost estimates in the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP, or the best available cost estimates from GDOT or local sponsors, or estimates based on per mile costs of comparable local projects as expressed in approved concept reports. The appropriate escalation inflation factors were applied to the cost estimates in each cost band based on the projects' development schedule. The annual inflation rate for cost estimating is 3.5%. For set aside category expenditures, policy statements have been developed for Maintenance, Operational Improvements, Transit Improvements, and Non-Motorized Improvements.

TCC reviewed the methodology and the resulting financially constrained highway plan and suggested some language changes regarding the policy statements.

For Transit revenues, the financial plan assumes \$7.5 million annual transit funds adjusted with inflation factors. The annual inflation rate is 1%. The transit revenues will be allocated to three cost bands to fund transit capital projects. The capital improvement projects are identified by CAT through the CAT's planning process. TCC reviewed the financially constrained transit plan but did not have any comments.

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 presented the Chatham County Projects Status Report.

City of Savannah

Ms. Michelle Strickland spoke on the commissioner's letter concerning the swap for a portion of SR 204 Spur for the State of Georgia to accept Jimmy Deloach as a state route.

Airport Commission

Mr. George Fidler stated that the I-95 Interchange Airways study is underway. Stakeholder and public outreach efforts are ongoing. The international arrivals terminal will be completed June 1, 2019.

Port Wentworth

Mr. Trent Long said that the City will be doing resurfacing and deep patch repair on the Monteith Rd. They are currently taking bid and issuing contracts for this project. Ms. Wang asked about the status of the pedestrian bridge. Mr. Long stated that the bridge isn't being utilized because there is no sidewalk leading to or from the bridge. A contract has been let to construct a sidewalk to the bridge.

Bike Walk Savannah

Ms. Caila Brown stated that the group held a ribbon cutting for the Lincoln Street Bike lane. They are reviewing Price St. and completing the Wheaton St. project. They are working with Mr. Steve Henry at Traffic engineering to identify new projects to include in the bike and pedestrian lane counts to generate base numbers for future City projects.

Coastal Regional Commission

Mr. Eric Landon gave an update on US Bike Route 1. The CRC is working with GDOT to apply to AASHTO this Spring. The CRC has received approval from the 20 localities that the route passes through. Coming from the South, the route will pass through Hwy 17. When it reaches the City, it will go through Stiles, Louisville, and then West to Garden City, and Pooler, then

North through Effingham County to the State line. The US Bike route 1 is an interstate on the road bike network. GDOT has committed to providing all the signage for the route. GDOT has made assurances that there is no new construction involved, it is a designation only.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

NONE

VII. Announcements

[4. Next TCC Meeting: Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chatham County Commission Chamber- Green Room : 124 Bull St.](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

NONE

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the April 11, 2019 meeting of the CORE MPO TCC was adjourned.

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