

# **CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee**

Minutes February 16, 2023 at 2:00pm

## February 16, 2023 Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting (TCC)

Voting Members	Representing	Present		
Charles Ackridge	City of Bloomingdale			
Les Fussell	City of Richmond Hill	X		
Deanna Brooks	Chatham County Engineering	X		
Caila Brown	Bike Walk Savannah	X		
Robby Byrd	City of Pooler			
Robert Caudill	GDOT – Planning	X		
Jim Aiello	Savannah Airport Commission	X		
Troy Pittman	GDOT – District Five			
Scott Robider	City of Garden City			
Trent Long	City of Port Wentworth	X		
Don Masisack	Coastal Regional Commission			
Peter Gulbronson	City of Tybee Island	X		
Vacant	Chatham Area Transit			
Melanie Wilson	MPC Executive Director			
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority			
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X		
Stephen Henry	City of Savannah			
Teresa Concannon	Effingham County	X		
Robert Milie	Town of Thunderbolt			
Vacant	Town of Vernonburg			
Voting Alternate	Representing			
Michelle Strickland	City of Savannah	X		
Katie Proctor	GDOT District 5	X		
Leon Davenport	City of Pooler	X		
Jamie McCurry	Georgia Port Authority	X		
Others	Representing			
Sally Helm	CORE MPO/MPC	X		
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO	X		
Joseph Longo	FHWA	X		

Casey Langford	GDOT	Х
Seth Hartley	GDOT (Carbon Reduction Presentation)	X
Jasmine Champion	CORE MPO	X
Omar Senati Martinez	City of Port Wentworth (Asst. City Manager)	X
Pam Everett	MPC	X
Jason Stewart	Port Wentworth	X
Tim Callanan	Effingham (online listen only)	X
Christy Lovett	GDOT	X
Nathan Clark	Richmond Hill	Х
Marlo Clowers	GDOT	X
Pamela Bernard	Chatham County	X
Candace Foster	Modern Mobility Partners	X

## I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Michele Strickland motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Caila Brown. The motion passed with none opposed.

#### II. Action Items

#### 1. Approval of the December 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Michele Strickland motioned to approve the December 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes; seconded by Ms. Deanna Brooks. The motion passed with none opposed.

## 2. Approval of the FY 2024 UPWP

Ms. Wykoda Wang said the UPWP is the staff work program with the staff budget. It documents how much money we get and how those resources are allocated. The calendar year runs from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2024. To support the MPO staff planning activities, there are three grants.

- Highway Planning (PL) Grant from the Federal Highway Administration
- Set aside from the PL is the Y410. That is for Non-Motorized Transportation Planning.
- Section 5303 from the Federal Transit Administration.

Each of those requires a local match. MPO membership dues will be used to help pay for the match funds. The PL local match is 20%. The Y410's match requirement is 20%, but since the grant is so small, FHWA is waiving the local match requirement. The Section 5303 local match is 20%, GDOT pays 10% and the MPO dues will take care of the other 10%. These funds are used only for planning. Any funds not spent are forfeited. GDOT pulls those funds into a large source and asks all the MPOs for applications for Discretionary funds.

Next year's budget total funding is a little over \$776,000. For the PL funds, the federal portion is around \$435,000 with approximately \$109,000 local match with a total of about \$545,000. The Y410 is approximately \$11,000. Section 5303 has a federal portion of around \$176,000, and state and local match of about \$22,000 respectively with a total of approximately \$220,000. The \$776,000 will be used to operate the MPO, produce plans, have meetings, etc.

The Highway Planning (PL) funds will be used for Administration; Public Involvement; Data Collection, Analysis and Forecasting; and System Planning and Operations.

- Administration includes having all the meetings and coordination between the MPO and local, state, and federal agencies, contracting services, reimbursement, staff training, and the UPWP.
- The Public Involvement will support the Citizens Advisory Committee and the public involvement not specific to the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update. The public involvement for the MTP update is more intensive. The public involvement for this task includes processing information requests

such as the jurisdictions or public members calling for traffic counts at certain locations, asking what the level of service for certain roads is, etc. Those kinds of calls come in every day. The task would also include the general maintenance of the MPO website.

- The Data Collection Analysis and Forecasting revolves around census data collection. Staff does use the SE data for the Travel Demand Model Forecasting and coordinate with Land Use data collection. Land Use can involve traffic analysis - if there is a major subdivision, staff would evaluate the major impact on major roadways.
- The System Planning and Operations will include the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update and any amendments made. Staff is planning to have the FY 2024-2027 TIP adopted by June of this year. Next year will be amendments, administrative modifications, etc. Staff are currently working on the Regional Freight Transportation Update Plan. The System Planning and Operations includes all these major plan updates and the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan (NMTP) update which will continue into FY 2024. Staff is working with Bike Walk Savannah for the NMTP update.

The Section 5303 funds will be used for administration such as supporting meetings, the 2050 Plan Update, and Short-Range Planning. CAT is working on the Master Transit update and The Transit Development Plan. MPO staff will coordinate with CAT on those projects. The transit has a TIP component as well, and the transit TIP will cover that area.

The Y410 funds for Increasing Safe and Accessible Transportation will be supplemental to Task 4, specifically, the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan update included in Task 4.

The staff will also provide oversight to the major planning studies and conduct coordination work. The discretionary funds will be used for consultant work but the staff activities such as reviewing deliverables will be covered under System Planning and Operations and Short-range Planning for the transit. For the consultant work we use PL discretionary funds along with Y230 funds and CRRSSA funds. The PL discretionary funds are managed by GDOT. Those funds are vetted through GDOT's Call for Studies process, then the Georgia PL Funds Review Committee awards that funding. The MPO conducts the Call for Projects for the Y230 funds and the CRRSSA funds. All projects and studies selected with these funding sources will need to provide a 20% local match. Currently these funds are used for the following studies.

## FY 2022 Discretionary PL Awards

- MPO Freight Plan Update (CORE MPO) \$300,000
- Urban Flooding Model/Planning Tools (CORE MPO) \$150,000

#### FY 2023 Y230 Awards

- SR 204 Access Study (Chatham County) \$300,000
- US 17/SR 25 Corridor Study (Chatham County) \$500,000
- President Street Railroad Crossing Elimination Study (Chatham County) \$300,000

## FY 2022 CRRSSA Awards

• US 80 Corridor Study (Pooler) - \$285,000

## Discretionary 5303 Grants

• Staff applied for funding, approximately \$35,000 (federal portion \$28,000). That will be for REMIX, the software that will be used for CAT to do the routing re-design and enhance transit improvements.

## Other Transit Grants

- FY 2022 Section 5307 Transit funding awards for the Transit Development Plan and the Master Transit Plan.
- FY 2022 American Rescue Plan Act Transit Funding Route Restoration and Transit Enhancement study.
- FY 2022 Areas of Persistent Poverty Transit Funding Address Poverty Reduction through transit improvements.

#### Priorities for FY 2024 UPWP tasks

- Adopt the 2050 MTP plan in August of 2024
- Congestion Management Process Update start in FY 2023 with intensive development in FY 2024
- Completion of Regional Freight Transportation Plan and Urban Flooding Model Studies.
- TIP Maintenance and Update
- Finalization of Re-apportionment
- Other plan updates (PP, Title VI, etc. per re-apportionment)
- Performance Based Planning and Programming.
- BIL/IIJA Monitoring and Implementation

#### The FY 2024 UPWP Development Process

- Call for Plans and Studies Aug 2022
- Transit Tasks September Oct. 2022
- Section 5303 Grant Application Oct. 2022
- Preliminary Draft Oct-Nov 2022
- CORE MPO Board and Advisory Committees approve/endorse preliminary draft for review Dec. 2022
- Preliminary draft transmitted to FHWA, FTA and GDOT for review Dec 2022
- Comments received from FHWA Jan. 2023
- Address/incorporate comments and develop revised draft Jan.- Feb. 2023. Updates throughout document, added MPO Board and Advisory committee rosters, added list of terms and acronyms, added Y410 program, updated budget. No significant changes to major planning tasks.
- Final FY 2024 UPWP reviewed, approved by CORE MPO anticipated February 22, 2023
- Final FY 2024 UPWP transmitted to FHWA, FTA and GDOT Late February early March 2023
- FHWA Approval: Anticipated prior to June 30, 2023
- Execute FY 2024 funding contracts (PL, Y410 and Section 5303) Dates to be determined.

The changes are highlighted in the document for viewing so you can easily see the changes.

Staff asks TCC to endorse the draft UPWP. If anyone has any comments, please send them to Wykoda Wang by next Wednesday so staff can incorporate those comments.

Ms. Michele Strickland motioned to endorse the FY 2024 UPWP; seconded by Ms. Caila Brown. The motion passed with none opposed.

## 3. Performance Based Planning Target Adoption

Ms. Jasmine Champion said the staff has received performance targets from both GDOT and Chatham Area Transit for adoption. GDOT's PM1, PM2, and PM3 targets were adopted on December 12, 2022. CAT's transit safety targets were adopted on January 1, 2023. The Transit Asset Management targets were adopted on July 1, 2022. CORE MPO has 180 days from each respective agency's adoption date to adopt the targets for the Savannah area. Staff are expecting to adopt the targets this month. Once they are adopted, they will be incorporated into the System Performance Report which will be an appendix of the current Long-Range Transportation Plan and the current TIP.

## GDOT's Calendar Year 2023 Statewide PM1 Targets for Safety (2019-2023 rolling average)

#### Performance measures

## Targets (to maintain numbers under)

•	Number of Fatalities	1,680
•	Rate of fatalities per 100 million VMT	1.36
•	Number of Serious Injuries	8,966
•	Rate of serious injuries per 100 million VMT	7,679
•	Number of non-motorized fatalities/serious injuries	802

## Georgia Targets for Bridge and Pavement Condition (PM2)

## Bridge Level of Service Measures

ASSET	PERFORMANCE MEASURE	DESCRIPTION	2-YEAR TARGET	4-YEAR TARGET
Bridge Structures	Percent of NHF Bridge in <b>Poor condition</b> as a percentage of total NHS bridge deck area	Bridge Conditions are based on results of inspection on all Bridge structures. Bridges rated as "Poor" are safe to drive on; however, they are nearing a point where it is necessary to either replace the bridge or extend its service life through substantial rehabilitations investments	≤ 10% (NHS) in Poor Condition	≤ 10% (NHS) in Poor Condition
Bridge Structures	Percent of NHS Bridges in <b>Good condition</b> as a percentage of total NHS bridge deck area	Bridges rated as "Good" will be evaluated as to cost of to maintain Good condition. Bridges rated as "Fair" will be evaluated as to cost of replacement vs. rehabilitation to bring the structure back to the condition rating of Good.	≥ 50% (NHS) in Good Condition	≥ 60% (NHS) in Good Condition

**Note:** GDOT will have an opportunity to revisit and adjust (if necessary) the 4-year target in 2024

## Pavement Level of Services

ASSET	PERFORMANCE MEASURE	DESCRIPTION	TARGET
Interstate NHS	Percent of Interstate NHS pavements in <b>Poor</b> condition	Pavement conditions are measured through field inspections. Pavements in "poor" condition are in need of work due to either the ride quality or due to a structural deficiency.	≤ 5% (NHS) in Poor Condition
Interstate NHS	Percent of Interstate NHS pavements in Good condition	Interstate pavement rated as "good" will be considered for potential pavement preservation treatments to maintain the "good" rating.	≥50% (NHS) in Good Condition
Non-Interstate NHS	Percent of NHS pavements in <b>Poor</b> condition	Non-interstate NHS pavements in "poor" condition are in need of major maintenance. These will be evaluated for potential projects.	≤ 12% (NHS) in Poor Condition
Non-Interstate NHS	Percent of NHS pavements in <b>Good</b> condition	Non-interstate NHS pavements in "good" condition will be evaluated for potential preservation treatments.	≥40% (NHS) in Good Condition

## Georgia Targets for System Performance (PM3)

Performance Measure	2-year Target	4-year Target
Percent of person-miles traveled on the Interstate that are reliable	73.9%	68.4%
Percent of person-miles traveled on the non-Interstate NHS that are reliable	87.3%	85.3%
Truck Travel Time Reliability (TTTR) Index	1.62	1.65
Annual Hours of Peak Hour Excessive Delay (PHED) Per Capita*	23.7 hours	27.2 hours
Percent of Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) Travel*	22.7%	22.7%
Total Emissions Reduction	VOC: 157.200 kg/day;	VOC: 257.100 kg/day;
	NOx: 510.900 kg/day	NOx: 904.200 kg/day

#### **Chatham Area Transit Asset Management Targets**

ASSET CATEGORY	VEHICLE CLASS	REGIONAL TARGET (% IN STATE OF GOOD REPAIR) FY23	REGIONAL TARGET (% IN STATE OF GOOD REPAIR) FY24	REGIONAL TARGET (% IN STATE OF GOOD REPAIR (FY25)	REGIONAL TARGET (% IN STATE OF GOOD REPAIR (FY26)
	Bus (BU)	74%	65%	65%	65%
	Cutaway bus (CU)	100%	100%	100%	100%
ROLLING STOCK	Minivan(MV)	100%	100%	100%	0%
	Van (VN)	100%			
	School Bus (SB)	50%			
	Ferryboat (FB)	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Automobile (AO)	40%	53%	40%	53%
	Trucks and Other Rubber Tire				
EQUIPMENT	Vehicles	86%	71%	57%	100%
	Maintenance	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Admin Maintenance				
FACILITIES	Facility	50%	50%	100%	100%
	Passenger &				
	Parking	100%	100%	100%	100%

## **Chatham Area Transit Safety Targets**

Mode	Fatalities		Serious Injuries		Safety Events		Reliability
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	MDBF
Fixed Route Bus	0	0	13	0.63	13	0.54	11,842
Demand Response ADA Paratransit	0	0		0.30	3	0.30	87,686

MDBF = Mean Distance Between Failures. Rate = Per 100,000 Vehicle Revenue Miles.

The staff is asking for endorsement of the Performance Based Planning Targets.

Ms. Michele Strickland motioned to endorse the Performance Based Planning Targets; seconded by Mr. Jim Aiello. The motion passed with none opposed.

## **III. Other Business**

## 4. Georgia's Carbon Reduction Strategy Presentation by GDOT

Mr. Seth Hartley with GDOT gave a presentation on Georgia's Carbon Reduction Strategy. The presentation is attached to the agenda.

## 5. MPO Boundary, MOU and Bylaws Updates

Ms. Wykoda Wang said the reapportionment process will affect all the jurisdictions. The census defined Savannah urban area boundary has been released. The current CORE MPO planning boundary is all of Chatham County with a small portion of Effingham County, and Richmond Hill in Bryan County. The requirement is that after each census delineation, we are supposed to update our planning area boundary. Associated with the boundary update are the bylaws and MOU updates. The census released the Savannah urban area on December 29, 2022. Staff will begin working on the reapportionment process soon. The MPO boundary revision will be the Savannah urban area plus areas expected to be urbanized in the next 20 yrs.

The MOU will include the finalized MPO boundary, adding new members, and reconfiguration of the funding agreement to MPO dues.

The Bylaw updates will include updates to the MPO Board structure and the Advisory Committee structure.

The MPO planning boundary change will lead to other changes as well.

- MTP will include more projects with this change.
- The population percentage will change, making Section 5303 and PL allocation changes to fit the area.
- The Congestion Management Process currently includes three counties, so it will not significantly impact the boundary change.
- With the growth of the boundary, Effingham County and Bryan County will have more involvement in the Participation Plan and Title VI.
- The Non-Motorized Plan currently only consists of Chatham County. There will be more projects included from Bryan and Effingham County.
- The roadway functional classification will be updated.

## Proposed schedule

- MPA boundary finalized April 2023
- MOU document and bylaws adoption by CORE MPO Board June 2023
- MOU document adoption by local governments July-August 2023
- MPA boundary and MOU adoption by Governor-September 2023

## Major Plan Adoption per Revised MPA

- UPWP update adoption in October 2023
- TIP development/update October 2023
- PP/Title VI update adoption in August 2024
- MTP update adoption in August 2024

CORE MPO Operates under new MOU and Bylaws - January 2024

#### How the process is done

- MPO staff proposes MPA, draft MOU and bylaws updates.
- MPO staff revise MPA per input from working group, advisory committees and MPO board.
- Working group revise/format MOU and bylaws
- · Advisory committee update bylaws.
- CORE MPO Board adopt MOU and bylaws.
- Local Governments adopt MOU.
- GDOT/Governor/FHWA/FTA approve MPA, MOU and bylaws updates.
- CORE MPO update plans and programs.

Staff are soliciting volunteers from all advisory committees for a working group. Once we compile the list of volunteers, we will set up monthly meetings for March – May.

#### MOU contents

- Defining contracting parties (local governments, modal agencies, GDOT, CAT, GPA, Savannah Airport Commission, etc.)
- Define CORE MPO (MPA boundary, CORE MPO roles and responsibilities, CORE MPO organization, CORE MPO staff support)
- Defining contracting parties' roles and responsibilities in supporting CORE MPO
- Contracting Parties' Signatures
- Exhibit A (CORE MPO MPA boundary map) revised.
- Exhibit B (Funding Agreement) revised.

#### Example language on planning partner's roles and responsibilities

It is further intended, that the signatory counties and municipalities, within its official jurisdiction, be responsible for the following:

1. Collaborate with the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process of the CORE MPO.

- Maintain records of crashes occurring on the roads and highways by location and description and maintain these files on a current basis and provide the data to the CORE MPO for analysis and reports upon request.
- 3. Assist the CORE MPO to collect planning information within the counties and or municipalities such as socioeconomic data, utility locations, land use and zoning, street inventories, inventories of bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and other data as required for the metropolitan planning process.
- 4. Provide funding for planning, scoping preliminary engineering, right of way acquisition, utility and construction ideally matching federal funds to further the implementation of the CORE MPO per appropriate project framework agreement.
- 5. Aid the MPO in developing planning-oriented planning, scoping, preliminary engineering, right of way, utility and construction cost estimates where applicable for the CORE MPO's 20-year multimodal Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- 6. Contribute funds toward the annual budget for the CORE MPO's operations as established by the adopted UPWP and funding agreements outlined in Exhibit B, Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operations of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Notify CORE MPO in advance of public meetings and project-related neighborhood meetings and/or stakeholder meetings so that the information can be incorporated into the CORE MPO's plans and programs.

The proposed planning boundary would be areas marked on the map attached to the agenda as well as areas that are to be urbanized in the next 20 yrs. Currently Richmond Hill and Bryan County are already included in the MPO boundary. Buckhead is not, but it will have to be included in the boundary. Richmond Hill has done some annexing to the south which will expand that boundary more to the south. The census delineation for the urban area is not using population, they are using housing. Based on the current population and projections, northern Bryan County will be included as well. In Effingham County, Rincon is currently not included in the Savannah Urban Area. The census changed their criteria, and they did not use the urban cluster and reduced the jump distance to 1.5 miles. During the 2050 MTP update presentation in Rincon, they expressed interest in being a part of the CORE MPO boundary.

Funding Agreements – agreements focus on providing local match to the federal grants for CORE MPO operations.

- Current funding Formula PL, Y410 and 5303 (federal funds) a little over \$600,000 each year.
- Current funding local match of around \$125,000 for formula funds provided by MPO member agencies.

#### Local match formula - the current method

- Local governments amount based on latest census population (mostly) and other considerations (different pct)
- Modal agencies (port, airport, CAT) fixed amount to be determined.
- GDOT- fees exempt, pay 10% for Section 5303

## **Bylaws**

#### **Proposed Updates**

- Keep bylaws of CORE MPO Board and advisory committees in one document
- Standardize format for bylaws of CORE MPO Board and advisory committees membership, duties and responsibilities, officers and organization, duties of the officers, election time and terms of officers, meetings, amendments.

## Revise CORE MPO Board membership

- Remove CAC and ACAT chairpersons from CORE MPO Board
- Add new jurisdictional representative to CORE MPO Board
- Election of MPO Chairperson and Vice Chairperson every year
- Quorum TBD

## **Proposed Updates**

- Agenda item request no change (minimum 21 days of advanced notice to MPO).
- Combine CAC and ACAT into one committee.
- CAC and ACAT membership TBD (by position or appointment)
- Meeting frequency- meetings to coincide with milestones of plans and studies (Participation Plan, Title VI Plan, MTP, Non-Motorized Plan, etc.)

Clarified public involvement strategy to be determined by re-organized CAC/ACAT

The staff is looking for volunteers for this working group committee. Ms. Teresa Concannon said Effingham County would like to participate. Mr. Les Fussell said Richmond Hill will volunteer, Ms. Caila Brown with Bike walk Savannah volunteered to participate, Ms. Pamela Bernard said Chatham County will participate in the working group.

## 6. Election of Vice Chair

Mr. Les Fussell said the Vice Chair that was elected in December is no longer with the organization. TCC committee will need to nominate and elect a Vice Chairperson. He will open the floor to any nominations. Ms. Pamela Bernard nominated Deana Brooks of Chatham County for the Vice Chair position. Ms. Wykoda Wang nominated Caila Brown with Bike Walk Savannah for the Vice Chair position. There being no other nominations, the floor was closed for nominations and opened for discussion. Both nominees were presented, and the committee then went to paper vote. Votes were 6-3 in favor of Deanna Brooks for the new Vice Chair.

## **IV. Status Reports**

#### 7. 2050 MTP Update

Ms. Asia Hernton presented the 2050 MTP Comment Map results.

We have received approximately 70 comments. The comments cover an array of topics, from intersection improvement needs to safety concerns. The results from the map survey help us identify specific geographic locations that must be more deeply explored in the MTP. Most of the comments come from Savannah, with over 30 comments. Within Savannah, downtown, midtown and the area surrounding Victory Drive received the most comments. In Pooler, there were around 10 comments, many of which were concentrated around Pooler Parkway. The Islands received 8 comments, especially around Islands Expressway and Johnny Mercer Boulevard.

Many respondents were concerned about traffic and congestion. For example, "Benton Blvd is very congested every day, and there is only one lane in one direction. Obviously, it cannot meet the increasing traffic flow. Is it possible to add more lanes?" Infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists was a common concern, especially regarding safety. For example, "There are a number of bicyclists (of all ages, including children) that ride along Coffee Bluff/White Bluff where there is no shoulder or sidewalk; this creates a dangerous situation for both driver and cyclist" Intersections, especially regarding left turns, came up often. Example response, "Left turn signal needed at Habersham & 63<sup>rd</sup> St intersection. Traffic backs up on Habersham during busy times. The left turn lane was constructed, but no signal was provided."

We read every comment we receive to better understand the transportation needs of the area. The comment map is extremely helpful in assisting CORE staff with identifying some of the most problematic areas in the region.

#### 8. CORE MPO Regional Freight Plan Update

Ms. Wykoda Wang said the freight plan development is on schedule and several technical memos are available for review on the MPO website at https://www.thempc.org/Core/Fp. Comments from FWHA, GDOT, stakeholders and the public on the technical memos are being addressed as they come in. The consultant presented the Freight Plan Update progress and findings at the February 16, 2023, Economic Development and Freight Advisory Committee (EDFAC) meeting. Two public meetings have been scheduled, one in March 2023 and one in June 2023. The CORE MPO Regional Freight Transportation Plan Update is expected to be completed in July 2023. There will be a virtual forum on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the MPC/CORE MPO in the Arthur Mendonsa Hearing room. You are welcome to come in person or register online to participate.

Mr. Les Fussell said he encouraged all surrounding municipalities to participate. There is a lot of traffic in all of our areas.

## 9. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update Status Report

Ms. Asia Hernton said the staff is in the process of updating the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. New data is being added to better understand the needs in the area. This new data includes percentages of Households without a car, population in poverty, population over 65 years of age, population under 16 years of age, and percentage of population with a disability. Those populations may have less transportation access than the average citizen. Additionally, staff identified priority areas in order to focus on the areas that need non-motorized infrastructure the most. While we are developing a wider network of sidewalks and bike lanes, staff met with Caila from Bike Walk Savannah this past week to build out a regional bike network that extended through Effingham

County, Bryan County and Chatham County. We wanted a larger regional network with some smaller individual focal areas as well.

We have added a SWOT Analysis. This identifies the strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats related to non-motorized transportation. CAT Ridership Data will be added. Seeing the ridership data of each bus line gives staff insight into the relationship between public transportation and biking and walking. We are updating the formatting as well. The timeline of the plan has been extended; we are trying to create a more robust plan that will lead to better infrastructure in the future. The target adoption date is prior to August 2024 which will be the adoption of the 2050 MTP.

## 10. Urban Flooding Model

Ms. Jasmine Champion said the staff has received all the critical infrastructure data from all the counties within the planning area. That data will go into the Social Vulnerability Analysis. UGA will provide a presentation during the April round of meetings.

## 11. US 80 Corridor Study Status Update

Progress report is attached to the agenda.

## V. Information Reports (verbal)

#### 12. GDOT Project Status Update Report.

Ms. Katie Proctor gave the GDOT Project Status Update report.

#### Pre-Construction

 SR 26 from I516 to Victory Dr – widening project – LET in January, has been rejected and is awaiting a Re-LET date.

#### Construction

• All projects are running on schedule.

#### 13. Chatham County Project Status Update Report

Ms. Deanna Brooks presented the Chatham County Project Status Update report.

- SR 25 Corridor Study, SR 204 Study, and the President Street at Truman RR study all currently in Solicitation for consultant qualifications.
- Quacco Road Widening Project clearing contract will go out soon.
- Little Neck Road Reconstruction- ROW acquisition is ongoing.
- Skidaway Rd Improvements- ROW acquisition will begin soon.
- Walthour Rd Slope Stabilization out for BID soon.
- Traffic Signal on Johnny Mercer Blvd at Lyman Hall out to BID soon.

Ms. Wang asked what the deadline for the RFP on the three studies? Ms. Brooks said they are getting solicitation for consultant qualifications now.

## 14. City of Savannah Project Status Update Report

Ms. Michele Strickland presented the City of Savannah Project Status Update report.

- DeLesseps Avenue Widening from Waters Ave to Skidaway Utility relocation is ongoing. New heads have been hung at the signal.
- I-516 and DeRenne Ave. ROW cost estimation and EJ maps have been updated and submitted to GDOT. In turn, GDOT submitted new Utility Relocations for review.
- Truman Linear Park Trail Phase 2B One outstanding piece of property to be acquired, then GDOT can finalize the ROW.

## 15. Chatham Area Transit Project Status Update Report

Project Status Update report attached to the agenda.

#### 16. Savannah Hilton Head International Airport Project Status Update Report

Mr. Jim Aiello presented the Savannah HHI project status update report.

- SAC 30566 SECURITY CHECKPOINT EXPANSION The TSA checkpoint expansion will expand the existing three lanes security lanes to six lanes. Collins Construction is the general contractor. Projected completion date is January of 2024.
- SAC 30616 Demo Air Cargo, TAXILANE, Construction Apron Project to redevelop the southeast quadrant of the Airport. Project to be completed by late fall, early winter of 2023.

Ms. Wang asked is Gulfstream going to take away the overflow parking? Mr. Aiello said there is an RFQ out to expand the parking. We are looking at other options as well.

## 17. LATS-SCDOT Project Status Report

Project Status Report attached to the agenda.

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

No Public Comments

Mr. Joseph Longo, Federal Highway Administration, said the Y410 match was covered earlier but I would like to talk about Safe Streets for All. Chatham and Effingham Counties received awards for their action plans. I am the point of contact from the Georgia Division for these action plans. I would like to focus on 2CFR200, Beautiful and Guidance requirements. There is a new NHI course which covers these requirements well. I have started the course. It is very long but very important. It covers the uniform guidance requirements and the general requirements for all federal awards.

#### VII. Notices

18. Exploring the Use of Public Transportation Among Older Adults During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A National Survey

Report attached to agenda.

19. Federal Register: Improving Road Safety for All Users on Federal-Aid Projects

Report attached to agenda.

20. Next CORE MPO TCC meeting April 20, 2023 at 2:00pm

## VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the February 16, 2023 TCC meeting 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.