



CORE MPO Board

Minutes
June 28, 2023 at 10:00 am

JUNE 28, 2023 CORE MPO BOARD MEETING

Voting Members	Representing	Present	On-Line
Pamela Oglesby	Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation		
Les Fussell	City of Richmond Hill	X	
Tim Callanan	Effingham County Commission	X	
Nick Palumbo	City of Savannah	X	
Dwayne Stephens	Metropolitan Planning Commission		
Scott Robider	City of Garden City		
Jim Aiello	Savannah Airport Commission	X	
Deidrick Cody	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors		
Shawn Gillen	City of Tybee Island		
Beth E. Goette	Town of Thunderbolt		
James Hungerpillar	Town of Vernonberg		
Faye DiMassimo	Chatham Area Transit Authority	X	
Tom Hutcherson	City of Pooler	X	
Mayor Van Johnson	City of Savannah	X	
Vivian Canizares	Georgia Department of Transportation	X	
Jamie McCurry	Georgia Ports Authority		X
Armand Turner	Citizens Advisory Committee		
Gary Norton	City of Port Wentworth		
Charles Ackridge	City of Bloomingdale		
Chester Ellis	Chatham County Commission (Chairman)	X	
Dr. Estella Shabazz	City of Savannah	X	
Michael Kaigler	Chatham County	X	
Pamela Bernard	Economic Development & Freight Advisory Committee		
Tanya Milton	Chatham County		
Voting Alternates	Representing		
Others	Representing		
Ted Hicks	Georgia Department of Transportation	X	
Katie Proctor	GDOT District 5		X
Mario Clowers	GDOT		X
Joseph Shearouse	City of Savannah	X	
Audra Miller	Bryan County		X
Rithvika Dara	CORE MPO Intern	X	
Anna McQuarrie	CORE MPO/MPC	X	
Joseph Longo	FHWA		X
Deanna Brooks	Chatham County	X	

Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X	
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO	X	
Sally Helm	CORE MPO/MPC	X	
Ambria Berksteiner	Chatham Area Transit	X	
Denise Grabowski	Symbiosity		X
Mark Denmark	Savannah Hilton Head International Airport		X
Nathan Clark	City of Richmond hill	X	
Brad Clement	Member of Public		X
Matt Genova	Member of Public		X
Christopher Lindsey	Cambridge Systematics		X
Cody Jones	Savannah Board of Realtors		X
Jeff Ricketson	Liberty County Consolidated Planning Commission/HAMPO		X

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Les Fussel motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Faye DiMassimo. The motion passed with none opposed.

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

ACAT

Ms. Asia Hernton gave the presentation on ACAT stating they met but did not have a Quorum, so no actions were taken.

CAC

Ms. Asia Hernton gave the presentation on CAC stating they met but did not have a Quorum, so no actions were taken.

TCC

Ms. Deanna Brooks gave the presentation on TCC stating there were several action items endorsed such as the 2045 MTP Amendment, FY 2021- FY 2024 TIP amendments, and Reapportionment MPA boundary update.

EDFAC

Ms. Wykoda Wang gave the presentation on EDFAC stating there was only one agenda item which was the Freight Plan presentation.

Executive Director

Ms. Melanie Wilson stated the MPO is still working on the Urban Flooding Model Study and hope to have a final report by October.

III. Action Items

[1. Approval of the April 26, 2023 CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Dr. Estella Shabazz motioned to approve the April 26, 2023 CORE MPO meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Les Fussell. The motion passed with none opposed.

[2. 2045 MTP Amendment](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that the 2045 MTP Amendment is for the I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Project Interchange Modification Report (IMR). This project was included in the previous MTP and TIP, but it was stopped because the City of Savannah put it on hold since the Federal Highway Administration refused to review the IMR. The City renewed this project last year and applied for and received earmark funds to kick off the IMR update. Before the City can use these funds, they must be added to the MTP and then TIP. There was a coordination meeting with GDOT where GDOT stated they wanted to take the lead in developing the IMR to prevent the FHWA from refusing

to read the report since they are an implementing agency. Thus, the MPO is doing their part by amending the MTP. The City and GDOT need to come to an agreement and sign an MOU.

Some of the benefits provided by the City of this project include:

- Reclaiming eight acres of developable land, 650 linear feet fronting MLK, and 350 linear feet fronting Montgomery Street.
- Improving safety for all – drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and others.
- Reclaiming MLK as a major economic mixed-use corridor by reinventing it as a gateway to the City instead of as the edge of downtown;
- Establishing additional connectivity between downtown to Greater West Savannah communities, the Savannah Enmarket Arena, and the redevelopment of the civic center site.
- Creating the opportunity to make Montgomery Street a two-way street.
- Improving traffic flow and walkability with a new street grid; and
- Providing civic, business, and affordable housing opportunities in newly created publicly owned land.

The MPO advertised a 15-day public comment period for the MTP amendment. The only verbal comment received was that this might mess up traffic, but staff did talk to Mr. Joseph Sherouse of the City who indicated that the purpose of the IMR is to find out what the future traffic will be, so that will be addressed in the IMR. Staff received a written comment from the Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF) stating their support for including the IMR in the MTP.

Mr. Kaigler said when we go down this path with all the freight traffic on I-16, they really need to look at the traffic impact. We could be in a world of trouble if this doesn't get investigated.

Mayor Van Johnson stated he agrees but given the current situation, it is quite dangerous with speeding, going from I-16 into a street grid.

Mr. Joseph Sherouse stated that is a huge concern, but the IMR is to do a study to see the impact. He noted that there are 5 access ramps within a 2-mile radius to get onto I-16.

Mr. Kaigler said having access isn't the issue; it's the traffic coming into the City. They need to provide a safe way for people to get into the City.

Mr. Sherouse stated that if the IMR comes back with a negative impact, they will no longer support the project. He did note that the report in 2015 came back with positive results.

Motion to open for a public hearing.

Motion made by Mayor Johnson and Seconded by Mr. Palumbo to open the floor for public comments.

No public comments.

Motioned to close the public hearing by Ms. DiMassimo, seconded by Mr. Palumbo.

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the 2045 MTP amendment; seconded by Dr. Estella Shabazz. The motion passed with none opposed.

[3. FY 2021 - FY 2024 TIP Amendments June 2023](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the FY 2021-2024 TIP amendments and stated that now that the IMR has been amended into the MTP, they can start to program it into the TIP.

Besides the IMR, there are 3 other projects that will be updated.

- US 17 Back River Bridge - The right of way will be moved from FY 2023 into FY 2025 as the ROW funds won't be authorized in FY 2023.
- I-95 ITS Project – The construction phase will be moved from FY 2023 into FY 2026 since the CST funds won't be authorized in FY 2023.
- The 3rd project is the Ferry Vessel Construction. The federal funds were authorized in FY 2022, so that CAT could go out for bid, but the bid came in \$7 million dollars more than expected. The original cost was \$3.2 million. The Federal portion was going to be \$2.56 million, and CAT was going to pay \$640k. When the bid came in, it was around \$10 million. The federal dollars are still there but CAT has to come up with additional funds. This update should be reflected in the TIP to make sure the information is accurate.

There was a 15-day public comment period advertised and only one comment was received in support of the IMR.

Mr. Chester Elis asked if the Ferry information was included. Ms. Wang stated yes.

Motion to open public Hearing

Motion to open the public hearing was made by Mr. Les Fussell; seconded by Dr. Shabazz.

No public comments

Motion to close the public hearing was made by Mr. Les Fussell; Seconded by Dr. Shabazz.

Mr. Kaigler made the motion to approve the FY 2021-2024 TIP amendments; seconded by Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed with none opposed.

4. Reapportionment MPA Boundary Update

Ms. Asian Hernton presented the MPA Boundary Update stating that an MPO must have a defined MPA boundary. It is based on the US Census, and this update is based specifically on the 2020 Census. The CORE MPO is revising the MPA using the Savannah Urban Area as well as areas expected to become urbanized in the next twenty years. The process staff went through to update the boundary were proposing a draft MPA and then meeting with a Working Group to review the draft as well as Effingham County and Bryan County over the last few months. We recently just had a workshop on the MPA for further discussion.

After all the discussion, there are proposed gains in about half of Effingham County including Rincon, most of Springfield, and portions of Guyton. In Bryan County, more of Pembroke and Richmond Hill will be included so there will be major gains towards the north and south. The only portion not included in Bryan County is Fort Stewart.

Dr. Shabazz motioned to approve the MPA boundary; seconded by Mr. Palumbo. The motion passed with none opposed.

Mr. Kaigler asked if there were any concerns about splitting the city like that? Mr. Fussell said there were no issues. When they had a meeting, this issue was brought up and Effingham County agrees with this. There will be more growth in that area in the future. Mr. Callanan said Effingham is adjusting their future land use map and is using SR 119 as an urban growth boundary. The MPA fits. Mr. Fussell said everyone is revising their land use maps, Bryan County, Richmond Hill, and Pembroke.

IV. Other Business

V. Status Reports

5. 2050 MTP Update

Ms. Wykoda Wang gave the status report. She introduced new employee Anna McQuarrie who will be managing the Urban Flooding Model Study and dedicating her time to the coastal resiliency, new Intern Rithvika Dara who is helping with the non-motorized transportation plan, and Interim Director of Development Services Edward Morrow who is assisting in the Socio-Economic Data Development.

Mr. Morrow is working with SAGIS and IT on the 2050 SE data development, and information should be submitted by the end of June or early July.

The Travel Demand Model is being worked on by Dara who is focusing on completing the link checks for Chatham County which are expected to be submitted by the end of June.

The CORE MPO Planning Boundary - with concurrence from the MPO Board about the proposed Boundary, staff will begin to coordinate with GDOT for the revenue projections over the next 25 years.

Contributing Plans and Studies

- Mr. Chris Lindsey will give a presentation about the Freight Plan and explain what will be recommended.
- The US 80 Corridor Study is wrapping up. The consultant is developing alternative analysis, and there will be a presentation in August.
- CAT is doing a Master Transit Plan update and Transit Development Plan update which will be added to the 2050 Plan.

- Ms. Asia Hernton is working on the non-motorized transportation plan, and she will give a presentation on this as well.
- The new staff member will start the Congestion Management Process in July.

Regarding public involvement, there will be a second round of public engagement for the 2050 MTP. Staff will present to the community on the input that was collected in the first round of meetings as well as ask for their input with the project developments.

The new focus area for the federal government is the resiliency planning and the link between transportation planning and affordable housing. Anna will take charge of the resiliency planning portion and Asia will take charge of the housing portion.

6. CORE MPO Regional Freight Plan Update

Mr. Chris Lindsey presented the Freight Plan Update. He stated that the items that will be discussed are the overview of Technical Tasks and Key Findings, Stakeholder Outreach, Needs Assessment and Draft Recommendations, and Next Steps.

He went on to explain the key findings:

Safety

- Multiple corridors with hotspots for truck crashes
- About 6.5% of all crashes involved trucks and 2.2% resulted in a serious injury or fatality

Congestion and Reliability

- Freight corridors experience some of the most significant congestion and reliability challenges
- This results in higher costs for businesses and negatively impacts other roadway users.

At-Grade Rail Crossings

- Nearly 200 at-grade crossings contribute to safety and congestion challenges.
- Highway-rail crashes were concentrated at 34 of these crossings.

Equity and Environment

- Certain communities are overburdened by freight – i.e., more intense truck congestion, poorer reliability, and 90% of at-grade rail crossings.
- Wetlands and environmentally sensitive areas have been impacted by freight-related development.

Land Use

- Freight-related development has accelerated, and facilities are becoming larger.
- New freight activity centers are emerging and will add over 15,000 acres of industrial space to the region.

He then explained the public outreach which consisted of interviews with freight stakeholders, an online survey, and two public forums.

Key findings included:

- Preserving efficient access to the Port is crucial to the region's long-term economic success.
- Freight-oriented growth along I-16 to the west, SR 21 to the north, and President St. to the east
 - Hyundai will accelerate Western growth.
- Need for east-west connectivity across Savannah and Effingham County (e.g., SR 21 to I-16)
- At-grade crossings remain an issue – Garden City and President St.
- Land use conflicts in Effingham County due to warehousing developments

Additionally, when speaking to stakeholders they asked what their main priorities were and their responses were mainly focused on Safety and Accessibility, Mobility and Connectivity.

He explained that the next section was Needs Assessments and Draft, giving a brief overview of the needs. He discussed:

- Congestion and Reliability
- Freight Network Connectivity
- Safety
- Infrastructure Conditions
- Truck Parking
- Resiliency

The recommendations included collecting previous study recommendations, filter and enhance, and then fill in the gaps. He explained that prioritization is broken down into 3 categories with Tier 1 being a higher priority and Tier 3 being lower. They also put them on a time frame and put them into groups A and B; A being in the MPO boundary and B being outside of the boundary.

They collected 200 projects and filtered them down to 100 and separated them into different buckets:

- Advance Strategic Capacity Expansions, Proactively Increase Network Connectivity
- Implement Operational Strategies to Enhance Freight Mobility and Safety
- Support Increased Capacity, Enhanced Operations, and Safety on the Freight Rail Network
- Implement Technology Strategies to Enhance Freight Operations and Safety
- Increase Access to Safe Truck Parking
- Improve Freight Network Resiliency
- Mitigate Freight Impacts on Communities and the Environment
- Integrate Freight Considerations into Land Use Planning

Mr. Lindsey's audio was then cut out, so Ms. Wykoda Wang explained that the information is in the handout and the technical memo will be posted by the end of June on the website. She explained that this is just a draft, and we have already received recommendations from the TCC and EDFAC, which have been sent to the consultant.

Mr. Kaigler stated he just wants to make sure the consultants estimated how much growth was going to be caused by the Hyundai plant.

Ms. Melanie Wilson replied that one of the things that was discussed was that some of the areas have not updated their land use boundary which has been addressed with Mr. Lindsey, so they are working on getting the updated information.

Chairman Ellis stated that they are operating in a box and asked how much interaction did they have with the ports, CSX and others?

Ms. Wykoda Wang explained that there were interviews with each company as a part of the stakeholder outreach. She gave an example where she read a Savannah Morning News article talking about a new project between Norfolk Southern and Colonial which she forwarded to Mr. Lindsey who stated that it was already discussed in the stakeholder outreach. They just didn't expect the project to be implemented.

Chairman Ellis asked if the stakeholders informed the MPO of the workings that they have with other agencies such as the City and County. He mentioned it would be beneficial to have everyone together to discuss it.

Ms. Wilson stated that would be ideal, but the MPO never seems to get invited to these events.

Chairman Ellis stated that if federal money is being given to the MPO and the County, the MPO must know how that money is being spent so that things aren't being done twice. He gave an example, Railroad Elimination. When the County and the feds got together with Norfolk Southern, CSX, and the ports, they identified where the railroads caused a problem coming out of the ports and they have been given money to come up with solutions to help the areas affected the most. What he doesn't want the MPO to do and feel that it's not beneficial is if the MPO consultants, Ports Consultants, and Counties consultants are all working on their own thing and just pass a report with no active participation, then when the plan comes up it's not wholesome because it doesn't consider how it is going to impact everyone. So, they need to get everyone in the same room to make sure everyone is on the same page to maximize how funds are spent.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that the state is completing statewide freight plan and just completed the Coastal Empire Study, but the CORE MPO's plan is more in-depth for our area because it deals with every mile versus the 10,000 feet that the state focused on.

Ms. Wilson stated that she was on the technical committee that the governor set up, so they are aware of what's going on and the MPO is collaborating with them. All the other local agencies have been pretty good about sharing studies, but the MPO will reach out to the Port again.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that she participated in the GPA interview.

Mr. Lindsey stated that he understood the Chairman's points and Wykoda and Melanie did stress to include all of the other agencies, so his team did their best to collect all of the studies and a majority of their recommendations are coming from what these studies have recommended.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that they are still in the process of getting recommendations, but the final recommendations should be done by October.

Chairman Ellis stated that Bryan and Effingham counties want to know some of the stuff that others want to know. If he is allowed to give out the information, he will.

[7. Urban Flooding Model Study Update](#)

Ms. Anna McQuarrie presented the Urban Flooding Model study stating that she met with the project lead and UGA staff and that MPC staff is reviewing study contracts with the UGA team to ensure timely delivery of expected products. Previously this was expected to end in August but will not be ending in October. The SWMM is expected to be completed on time and will receive an early draft next week. Data availability and accuracy have been a challenge, so UGA has looked into hiring some graduates and undergrads to work on the project. She received a draft of the SWMM this week and will follow up. Other products are expected to be closer to October, at which point the study will be finished.

[8. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update June 2023](#)

Ms. Asia Hernton gave the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan update stating that the MPO has drafted new chapters relating to pedestrian and bike infrastructure. Some of the chapters are Infill Development as a Tool for Creating a more walkable and bikeable town, the Impact of Urban Heat on Non-Car Travel, and What is a Stroad and how does it impact street safety.

Additionally, staff are trying to track the nonmotorized updates in the original plan. There are over 400 projects listed and most don't have a project ID, so it's hard to know if they have been implemented. Staff are trying to find the status of each project as well as documenting new trails and bikeways that aren't included in the current plan.

Staff are also exploring low-cost technology solutions to assist in traffic calming. She gave an example of a traffic light that was put into a residential neighborhood where people were speeding. The light only turned green when you slowed down to the speed limit.

Staff also identified common themes in responses from public surveys such as safety, separating, connectivity, and policy and education.

There was also a steering committee to discuss the proposed bike network, which most people agreed on except on segment, and also recommend that there should be a barrier on roads with high traffic and speeds over 35 miles an hour. There was also a lot of discussion about greenways or multi-use paths.

Some of the next steps in this process are:

- use satellite images to observe gaps in sidewalk coverage - this plan covers portions in Chatham and Bryan which is a lot of areas to see which places have sidewalks, so satellite imaging is really helpful;
- examine infrastructure characteristics of the most dangerous roadways for cyclists and pedestrians; and
- explore the scoring criteria and methodology used by the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy. The current plan already has a scoring criterion, but we want to see if it is still relevant.

The projected adoption date is June 2024.

[9. US 80 Corridor Study Status Update](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that there was no one online to present the US 80 Corridor Study but they did send progress status report. They are at the Draft Alternative Analysis stage and have sent the CORE MPO a draft list in coordination with the freight plan. They will have a presentation in August.

[10. FY 2024 - 2027 TIP Development](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that she did receive the proposed projects list in March but there have been quite a few things that happened such as the COVID relief funds lapsing, so there has been a funding swap. Staff received the news on Wednesday that all of the swapped funds got authorized right away. Chatham County received CRRSAA funds for State Route 204 Study, President Street Railroad Elimination Study, and Green Island trail Projects. The funds have been authorized for the Airports at I-95 at airways avenue project. The City of Savannah's Middleground road preliminary engineering phase had funds authorized. The Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B earmark funds were authorized. Because of the funding swap, around \$2.5 M dollars have been released back to the pot for other projects. The MPO is expecting an updated revenue projection from GDOT so we can start the Highway Fiscal Plan development for the new TIP. She stated that she was also working with Ms. Stephanie Cutter from CAT to get Transit Section updated. Staff are targeting to have the update done by August since the public comment period starts on July 19th. She has already sent the first two chapters to FHWA/FTA/GDOT for review and will send them the updated chapters when she receives the updated information from GDOT and CAT, but this might cause a delay if she does not get them in time. If that happens, we will target for an October adoption for the new TIP.

Ms. Faye DiMassimo stated that she knows Ms. Wang and Ms. Cutter have been working together to set up a time so it's just a matter of them getting a time that works. She also said on behalf of staff that they will target getting it done by Friday.

Ms. Melanie Wilson noted that FHWA likes to have 2-3 weeks to review the updates, so the sooner the faster they will get out.

Mr. Nick Palumbo wanted to congratulate Ms. Wang for keeping those grant funds local and asked if there were more funds available and seeking more projects.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that they are still waiting for the Updated revenue. She stated that as of right now, the Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B is programmed at about \$6M for construction, but the consultant gave an estimate of \$3.9M and that probably won't be enough, but GDOT can only authorize funds based on the cost estimate. Thus, if there is more money coming back to the pot, we might have additional funds to help the project.

[11. MOU and Bylaws Updates](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the MOU and Bylaws update saying that now that they have the new CORE MPO planning boundary, staff are going to start working on the MOU and Bylaws update. The MOU will include the new adopted areas including their roles and responsibilities, as well as update the Fee structure which will probably be presented in August. For the Bylaws, there is discussion of adding a Bike Ped Committee to oversee the non-motorized transportation plan and assist in the implementation of those projects. Both the ACAT and CAC committees struggle to meet quorum, so there has been discussion on how to restructure these committees. It has been suggested to combine the two committees and rename them to Transportation Equity and Public Involvement committee. There will be meetings/workshops set up in July or August to discuss these. If a special meeting is needed in September to adopt these changes, staff will let you know in August.

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

[12. GDOT Project Status Update Report](#)

Ms. Katie Proctor gave the GDOT Status Report.

Preconstruction

- SR 25 @ MIDDLE RIVER IN PORT WENTWORTH – Approval of Bridge Design
- SR 404 SPUR @ TALMADGE MEMORIAL BRIDGE – Pre Schedule-Development
- SR 204 FROM SR 21 TO CS 1201/RIO ROAD @ 23 LOCS – PFPR
- I-16 @ CS 647/CS 2289/CHATHAM PKWY – LET scheduled for July.

- SR 404 SPUR/US 17 @ BACK RIVER – Concept is approved.
- SR 404 SPUR/US 17 FM NE OF SAVANNAH HARBOR PKWY TO BACK RVR – Concept Approval
- SR 26/US 80 @ BULL RIVER – Waiting on Env Doc Approval
- SR 26/US 80 @ LAZARETTO CREEK - Concept Approved
- SR 30 @ CS 673/HODGEVILLE ROAD – Concept Approved

Construction projects:

- I-16 From I-95 to I-516 – 62%
- I-16 @307 DDI – 77%
- SR 25 @ SAVANNAH RIVER IN PORT WENTWORTH – 22%
- CR 787 / Islands Expressway @ Wilmington River Bascule Bridge – 65%
- SR 21 @ SR 30 Intersection Improvement and Turning Lanes – 91%
- Widening and Reconstruction to construct 4 lanes on US 801/516 (Brampton Rd Conn) -35%
- Cable Barrier Upgrade on I-95 – Anticipated completion summer 2023.
- Widening and reconstruction on US 80/SR 26 (Ogeechee Road) beginning from I-516/SR 421 extending to Victory Drive (CS 188) – Awaiting NTP
- 2 Lane Roadway on Effingham Parkway beginning at SR 30 and extending to Blue Jay Rd – 27%

[13. Chatham County Project Status Update Report](#)

Ms. Deanna Brooks presented the Chatham County Roadway improvement.

Federally Funded:

- Chevis Road Improvements - ongoing
- Garrard Avenue Improvements - ongoing
- Green Island Road Path – Concept Submitted, Kick-off meeting in July.
- SR 25 Corridor Study – Phase 2 of the Consultant Selection Process
- SR 204 Access Study - Phase 2 of the Consultant Selection Process
- President St at Truman RR Study - Phase 2 of the consultant Selection Process

Local Preconstruction

- Quacco Road Widening Project -Approved
- Little Neck Road Reconstruction – ROW acquisition has begun.
- Skidaway Road Improvements Montgomery Cross Road to Ferguson Avenue – Construction Pending modification.
- Walthour Road Slope Stabilization – Waiting for Bid
- Traffic Signal on Johnny Mercer Blvd at Lyman Hall -Approved
- U.S. 80 Sidewalks -Final Design under review
- Johnny Mercer at Walthour -In Preliminary design

[14. City of Savannah Project Status Update Report](#)

Mr. Joseph Sherouse presented the City of Savannah Updates.

- DeLesseps Ave. Widening from Water Ave. to Skidaway Road - Dry utility relocations are complete. A contractor is progressing to storm drainage improvements and water and sewer relocations at this time.
- City of Savannah - I-516 @ CS 1503/DERENNE AVE - Additional Environmental Justice Outreach is being developed as directed by FHWA.
- Truman Linear Park Trail Phase 2B - Construction fund is authorized and the project will be out for bids in the next 45 to 60 days.

[15. Savannah Hilton Head International Airport Project Status Update Report](#)

Mr. Jim Aiello gave the Savannah Hilton Head International Airport Project Update report.

- SAC 30566 – SECURITY CHECKPOINT EXPANSION – The TSA checkpoint expansion will expand the existing three lanes security lanes to six lanes. Work began on October 10, 2022. Collins Construction is the general contractor. Current work includes foundation, utility, and site work. Steel erection should begin in July. Project is scheduled to be completed in Spring of 2024.
- SAC 30616 – DEMO AIR CARGO, CONSTRUCT APRON, TAXILANE– Project to redevelop the southeast quadrant of the airport. Phase 1 is complete. Phase 1a begins in April 2023 which is construction of Taxiplane GA7. Project to be completed by late fall, early winter of 2023.

[16. Chatham Area Transit Project Status Update Report](#)

Ms. Fay DiMassimo gave the CAT's project status report.

- Ferry Purchase Construction – Contract has been awarded.
- Paratransit Vehicles have been received and unveiled at a press conference.
- Diesel Bus Replacement is still estimated to be in June, early July.
- Ferry Boat Maintenance – Notification from FTA, it is in the Department of Labor waiting for Union signature, will be on the July Board meeting.
- AOPP Grant – Still holding a study, hopefully will complete soon.
- ARP Route Restoration – Expected to be complete in FY 2024.
- Master Transit plan – Final recommendations received from board, will be back in August to present.
- Smart Grant – Notified to have a July 15th start date.

Underway with Savannah State and internship and Savannah Tech with a program that will build capacity in the community for mechanics on Electric transportation.

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that the Electric Busses are too quiet, so it causes problems with Vision impaired community. Ms. DiMassimo stated that audible technology pieces can be added so they are reaching out to vendors to work with ADA compliance on that front.

[17. LATS-SCDOT Project Status Update Report](#)

Report attached to agenda.

[18. TIP Funding Tracking Report](#)

Report attached to agenda; updated items are highlighted.

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VIII. Notices

Ms. Chester Elis Stated that the Attorney General stated that members must be in person unless for health reasons approved by a physician, which can only be done twice.

The information will be sent out as a reminder.

Mr. Les Fussell introduced Nathan Clark, who is the new Assistant City Manager for Richmond Hill.

[19. NEXT CORE MPO BOARD MEETING AUGUST 23, 2023 AT 10:00 AM](#)

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 28, 2023 CORE MPO Board 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.