

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

August 18, 2016, Regular Meeting of CORE MPO TCC

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Charles Akridge	City of Bloomingdale	
Toss Allen	Effingham County	
Scott Allison	City of Richmond Hill	X
John Bennett	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	X
Robbie Byrd	City of Pooler	
Byron Cowart	GDOT - District 5	X
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	
Caroline Hankins	Town of Thunderbolt	X
Aries Little	GDOT - Planning	X
Trent Long	City of Port Wentworth	X
Don Masisack	Coastal Regional Commission	X
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County Engineering	X
Representative, staff	City of Garden City	
Representative, staff	Town of Vernonberg	
George Shaw	City of Tybee	X
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Mike Weiner	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	X
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Pam Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	X
Jane Love	CORE MPO	X
Troy Pittman	GDOT - District 5	X
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	X
Melony West	MPC	X

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the August 18, 2016, TCC Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved, with the change to move Item 6: "Proposed Changeable Message Sign along SR 26/US 80" to the top of the agenda.

II. Action Items

2. [Approval of the June 16, 2016, TCC Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [TCC Minutes 06-16-16.pdf](#)

The minutes were approved as written.

3. [Amendments to FY 2015 - 2018 TIP](#)

Attachment: [FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment Staff Report August 2016.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang explained that the proposed amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were to add a PE phase (\$300,000) in FY 2016 for the Truman Linear Park Trail, Phase 2B and to adjust the costs on the SR 144 widening project to reflect only the portion that is within the CORE MPO planning area. It is still all one project, but the appropriate portion of the cost will be shown in the CORE MPO TIP and the rest of the cost will be shown in the GDOT Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the amendments to the FY 2015-2018 TIP. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the amendments. The motion passed.

4. [Title VI Amendment](#)

Attachment: [Title VI Program Amendment August 2016.pdf](#)

Ms. Wang explained that the Title VI Program documents needed to be updated to state that the window for complaints is 180 days after an alleged Title VI infraction, in accord with state and federal processes.

Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the amendment to the Title VI Program. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the amendment. The motion passed.

III. Other Business

5. [Presentation on FY 2017 CORE MPO Member Dues Statement](#)

Attachment: [Final Dues Letter with Attachments.pdf](#)

Ms. Melony West, MPC Finance Director gave a presentation explaining the calculation and content of the MPO member dues statement for FY 2017. The dues provide local match for the planning formula funds and also cover leave and professional association dues for MPO staff. Local match for the use of "urban funds" (also known as "Z230 funds")

for planning activities would be considered by the MPO Board separately, whenever proposed.

In-kind match (e.g. member agencies' staff time in MPO board and committee meetings) is allowed as counting toward member dues. There will be a form for tracking that, to be provided by the CORE MPO Board meeting on August 26. TCC members wishing to count the time at August meetings as in-kind match should turn in the form by mid-September. At future meetings, they should bring the form with them.

The MPO membership dues will be billed quarterly.

6. Proposed Changeable Message Signage along SR26/US80

Attachment: [TThomson CORE MPO Board Price for Portable Electronic Sign on US 80 to Tybee 12-12-2012.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TThomson DSchleicher US 80 Message Signs Cost Estimate 090612.pdf](#)

Ms. Diane Schleicher, City Manager of Tybee Island, stated that Tybee requests that funding be provided to study the location and cost of a better message sign along US 80 near Bryans Wood Rd. Tybee would try to provide the local match. Mr. Nathaniel Panther suggested that Tybee seek funds for a couple of solar-powered signs, instead of a study. The signs could be set up within a few months, and then later, in a phase of the Savannah Regional Traffic Operations Program (SRTOP), some kind of permanent message sign could be provided. The location of that would be determined in SRTOP process. He estimated each solar-powered message sign costs between \$14,000 and \$17,000, including 5-year data plan.

Ms. Tamara Christion, of FHWA Georgia Division, would check on whether the purchase of sign and data plan, is an eligible use of "urban funds" (also known as "Z230 funds"). It was noted that there may be several types of funding that allow such a project.

This funding request could be considered at a future meeting, if necessary information obtained.

IV. Status Reports

V. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Federal Highway Administration

7. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

B. Federal Transit Administration

8. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

C. Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield

9. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

D. Georgia Department of Transportation

10. [Report](#)

Mr. Byron Cowart reviewed the status of projects on the handout.

E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

11. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

12. [Report](#)

Mr. Grant Sparks stated that CAT received a \$13.5 million grant from State Road and Toll Authority (SRTA), which will be used on bus replacements, to be phased in.

CAT is also planning to do an origin-destination study. It will help inform CAT's next Transportation Development Plan

G. Chatham County

13. [Report](#)

Mr. Nathaniel Panther gave a status update for several projects on the handout.

H. City of Savannah

14. [Report](#)

Mr. Mike Weiner reported on the projects listed on the handout.

I. City of Garden City

15. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

J. City of Tybee Island

16. [Report](#)

Mr. George Shaw stated that, in addition to the message sign topic already discussed today, he wanted to mention that the Tybee Island City Council had a lively discussion about GDOT's proposal to convert the four-lane Butler Avenue to a two-lane with center turn lane configuration.

K. Georgia Ports Authority

17. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

L. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

18. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

M. Savannah Bicycle Campaign

19. [Report](#)

No report at this time.

20. [N. City of Port Wentworth Report](#)

Mr. Trent Long gave a status on some Crossgate Rd. improvements. He also mentioned that Port Wentworth is looking for some funding to stripe some crosswalks on Hwy 17. It was suggested that he check with Cynthia in GDOT Traffic Operations.

21. [O. City of Richmond Hill Report](#)

Mr. Scott Allison reported that they had worked with Bryan County and consultants on the South Bryan transportation plan. Also about two miles of sidewalk have been installed in Richmond Hill.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

22. [Regular meetings of the CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee \(TCC\) now begin at 2:00 p.m. All else unchanged.](#)

23. [Appointment of Mark Wilkes as Interim CORE MPO Executive Director](#)

Attachment: [Thomson MPC Staff Appointment of Interim CORE MPO Executive Director 080816 \(2\).pdf](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

24. [Effingham County Transportation Advisory Board July 2016 Meeting Summary](#)

Attachment: [Effingham TAB Meeting Summary.pdf](#)

IX. Adjournment

25. [Adjournment](#)

There being no other business, the August 18, 2016 meeting of the CORE MPO TCC was adjourned.

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