

MPC Surrency Conference Room – 3:00 p.m.
 112 East State Street, Savannah
 Minutes

June 16, 2016 Regular Meeting of the 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	
Robbie Byrd	City of Pooler	
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	
Caroline Hankins	Town of Thunderbolt	
Aries Little	GDOT - Planning	X
Trent Long	City of Port Wentworth	X
Don Masisack	Coastal Regional Commission	
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County Engineering	X
Troy Pittman	GDOT - District 5	X
Representative, staff	City of Garden City	
Representative, staff	Town of Vernonberg	
George Shaw	City of Tybee	
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit	X
Thomas L. Thomson	Executive Director MPC, Chair	X
Mike Weiner	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X
<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Pam Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	X
Byron Cowart	GDOT - District 5	X
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Jane Love	MPO	X
Stephanie Rossi	MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO	X

I. Approval of Agenda

1. [Approval of the June 16, 2016 Meeting Agenda](#)

The agenda was approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve the agenda as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Aries Little

Second: Nathaniel Panther

Scott Allison - Aye

George Fidler - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Trent Long - Aye

Nathaniel Panther - Aye

Troy Pittman - Aye

Grant Sparks - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

Mark Wilkes - Aye

II. Action Items

2. [Approval of the April 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [TCC Minutes 4-21-16 2.pdf](#)

The meeting minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve the minutes as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Aries Little

Second: Mark Wilkes

Scott Allison - Aye

George Fidler - Aye

Aries Little - Aye

Trent Long - Aye

Nathaniel Panther - Aye

Troy Pittman - Aye

Grant Sparks - Aye

Tom Thomson - Aye

Mark Wilkes - Aye

3. [FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Updates](#)

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

Ms. Wykoda Wang, with CORE MPO, explained that because of the funding changes resulting from the FAST Act (the new federal transportation legislation) and HB 170 (the State of Georgia transportation bill), the state DOT would be unable to provide the MPO with the revenue projections for the development and adoption of a new FY 2017 – 2020 TIP by June 30, 2016. Thus the current FY 2015 – 2018 TIP remains the CORE MPO's guiding programming document.

Ms. Wang went through a table of changes: those that were administrative modifications (minor); those that were amendments; types of changes, e.g. shifting a projects to a current or future year. There were also some changes for cost estimates and for adding project phases: Truman Linear Park Trail is proposed to be split into two geographic segments, now that the revised concept is approved, with a cost increase for the southern portion; funding would be removed from the Sector 13 Studies; on the culvert replacements at SR 25 and Pipemaker's Canal a PE phase would be added; a construction phase would be added in FY 2017 for Islands Expressway Bridge Replacement; a PE phase would be added for the I-95 at I-16 interchange reconstruction; utility and construction phases would be added for the SR 144 widening; the Section 5307 Passenger Ferry program would be updated to reflect CAT's recent grant award; the Congestion Management Process update would be removed from the TIP because it now has discretionary Highway Planning funds which are reflected in the Unified Planning Work Program instead of the TIP.

Mr. Nathaniel Panther suggested removing sector studies from the TIP.

Mr. Panther asked about the need for the Victory Drive studies, and its relation to transportation. Mr. Thomson and Ms. Love explained that the request for study came from the community, with concerns about degradation of the historically significant and scenic corridor. Development is changing the character of some parts of the corridor and is affecting transportation demands there. Controlling the form of future development could encourage use of other modes besides driving, helping the corridor function better while preserving existing assets.

The cost increases for the Truman Linear Park Trail, Phase 2B were explained as being related to the use of concrete instead of asphalt, known bridge lengths, pedestrian signal.

Staff Recommended: endorsement of proposed updates to the FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

Board Action:

For TCC endorsement of proposed updates to the FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Mark Wilkes	
Second: Aries Little	
Scott Allison	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Aries Little	- Aye
Trent Long	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Troy Pittman	- Aye
Grant Sparks	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

4. Nominations and Election of TCC Chairperson

Mr. Nathaniel Panther nominated himself as chairman.

Mr. Scott Allison seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Panther was elected TCC Chairman by a simple majority.

Board Action:

The selection of TCC Chairperson is to be determined by a simple majority of TCC members. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Nathaniel Panther	
Second: Scott Allison	
Scott Allison	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Aries Little	- Aye
Trent Long	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Troy Pittman	- Aye
Grant Sparks	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Abstain

5. Nominations and Election of TCC Vice Chairperson

Mr. Tom Thomson nominated Mr. Scott Allison as Vice Chairman.

Ms. Aries Little seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Allison was elected TCC Vice Chairman by a simple majority.

Board Action:

The Vice Chairperson is to be selected by a simple majority of TCC members. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Tom Thomson

Second: Aries Little

Scott Allison	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Aries Little	- Aye
Trent Long	- Aye
Nathaniel Panther	- Aye
Troy Pittman	- Aye
Grant Sparks	- Aye
Tom Thomson	- Aye
Mark Wilkes	- Aye

III. Other Business

IV. Status Reports

6. [Congestion Management Process Report Card](#)

Attachment: [2016 CMP Report Card.pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes, with CORE MPO, stated the CMP report card is responsive to the Federal Highway Administration's recommendation with reviewing current and projected congestion in comparison to the baseline of the 2003/2004 CMP. It evaluates the effectiveness of completed congestion mitigation measures since the initial CMP. It forecasts future congestion, which informs the MTP and TIP.

Ms. Little asked if the Victory Drive studies were included in the Report Card model. Mr. Wilkes answered yes, to the extent that anything has been done on Victory Drive; it is a constrained corridor. The current Victory Drive study team looked back at the Victory Drive hot spot analysis that had been done for the 2009 Congestion Management Process update.

Mr. Wilkes concluded that 90% of the congested areas have improved.

7. [Montgomery Street Two-Way Traffic Study Final Report](#)

Attachment: [Montgomery St One to Two Way Report 4.26.16 Reduced.pdf](#)

Mr. Wilkes stated the study focused on the feasibility of returning two-way traffic to Montgomery Street between Oglethorpe and Broughton Street, to improve the circulation for the planned Cultural Arts Center. Two alternatives have been identified: one maintains two northbound travel lanes, provides one southbound lane, but eliminates more on-street parking; the other provides one lane each direction and preserves more of the on-street parking. There would be a slight decrease in level of service on surrounding streets. This study does not make a recommendation but provides information to assist to the decision-makers.

8. [FHWA GA Division MPO Procurement Guidelines: Project Tracking Form](#)

Attachment: [Procurement Timeline.pdf](#)

Mrs. Stephanie Rossi, with the CORE MPO, reviewed the project tracking form and asked the committee for suggestions.

There were no suggestions made by the committee.

9. [FY 2017 UPWP Revised for Additional GDOT Comments](#)

Attachment: [2017 CORE MPO UPWP Amend 1 GDOT Third Round Comments Addressed.pdf](#)

Mr. Wilkes stated that all of GDOT's comments on the FY 2017 UPWP have been addressed.

V. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Federal Highway Administration

10. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

B. Federal Transit Administration

11. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

C. Georgia Department of Transportation

12. [Presentation](#)

Mr. Troy Pittman reviewed status of projects from the GDOT handout.

D. Member Governments

13. [Presentation](#)

Chatham County: Mr. Nathaniel Panther gave the status on a few projects in Chatham County, as listed on the handout.

City of Richmond Hill: Mr. Scott Allison stated that a new Richmond Hill representative was appointed to the CORE MPO CAC.

E. Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia

14. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

F. Chatham Area Transit Authority

15. [Presentation](#)

Mr. Grant Sparks stated that CAT has applied for many grants and hopefully at the next meeting will have a update if they were awarded any.

G. Georgia Ports Authority

16. [Presentation](#)

No report at this time.

H. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

17. [Presentation](#)

Mr. George Fidler stated the I-95 and Airways Avenue ramp widening is wrapping up. City of Pooler and the Airport are coordinating to sync all signals on Pooler Pkwy./Airways Ave., between US 80 and the airport. These would be adaptive signals. A preconstruction meeting is being scheduled.

I. Savannah Bicycle Campaign

18. Presentation

No report at this time.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

19. Next CORE MPO TCC Meeting: August 18, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Although the agenda originally announced the next TCC meeting as occurring at 3:00 p.m., as was previously the usual time, the Committee took action at this meeting, to change the time to 2:00 p.m. See next item.

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

20. Board Discussion

There was Committee discussion to change the time of the TCC meetings from 3:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Aries Little made a motion to accept the change. Nathaniel seconded the motion.

All regular TCC meetings will now be at 2:00 p.m.

The Committee discussed the possibility of shortening all staff reports, as 5-minute overviews, since many members also attend the MPO Board meeting where they could hear the full report anyway. MPO staff recommended not doing that, because the TCC is the working committee intended to really dig into topics at hand.

IX. Adjournment