

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

**Mar. 13, 2017 Meeting of the CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee (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	
Byron Cowart	GDOT - District 5	X
William Eastin	GDOT - Planning	
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Caroline Hankins	Town of Thunderbolt	
Jackie Jackson	City of Garden City	
Trent Long	City of Port Wentworth	
Don Masisack	Coastal Regional Commission	
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County Engineering	X
Representative, staff	Town of Vernonberg	
George Shaw	City of Tybee	
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit	
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Mike Weiner	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	X
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X
<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Vivian Canizares	GDOT - Planning	X
Others Present	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Pamela Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	X
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	X

**I. Approval of Agenda**

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of a status report on the Unified Planning Work Program's budget adjustment involving highway planning funds. The motion passed.

## II. Action Items

### 2. Approval of the Feb. 16, 2017 TCC Meeting Minutes

Attachment: TCC minutes 2-16-17.pdf

The motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes, incorporating an edit on Item #5: Call for Projects for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Funds to note that the TCC remarked on the ability to revise the future call for projects process and criteria. The motion passed.

### 3. Congestion Management Process Update

Attachment: cmpagenda3\_2017.pdf

Attachment: CMP FINAL.pdf

Ms. Stephanie Rossi reviewed the CMP report and requested suggestions on an appropriate level of detail for the presentation to the MPO Board. The TCC heard about the data sources, performance measures, findings of congested segments, proposed strategies, evaluation of past strategies, and recommendations for the process, data, and methods to be used in the future update. She noted the types of comments she had received so far: requests to connect the text and the tables with more explanation.

Members suggested: highlighting the positive findings (improvements that have made a difference); highlighting areas that need improvements; using specific examples; summarizing statistics (e.g. percentage of segments that have seen some congestion relief). Ms. Rossi thanked the members for attending the more frequently scheduled meetings. Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the CMP report.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the 2017 CMP report with comments addressed. The motion passed.

### 4. I-16 at Little Neck Rd. / Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy. Interchange Traffic Study

Attachment: Funding Comittment Letter.pdf

Attachment: I-16 at Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Traffic Study (2).pdf

Mr. Mark Wilkes explained the process for the Georgia discretionary PL (highway planning) funds requests. Chatham County had requested that the MPO submit proposal to use PL funds to study an interchange improvement for Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy. at I-16, so that the necessary information exists for an eventual Interchange Modification Report. The County has stated that they would provide the local match for those PL funds. Mr. Wilkes added that the Savannah Airport Commission had also talked to MPO staff about using PL

funds to study the interchange at Pooler Pkwy./Airways Ave. and I-95. The Airport would provide the matching funds. Staff received the Airport's written submittal at this TCC meeting.

Ms. Vivian Canizares stated that PL funds are intended for general planning covering the MPO's area as a whole, such as the long range plan or the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mr. Nathaniel Panther, as TCC Chairman, proposed that the committee act on the County submission, hear from the Airport about their submission and then possibly act on that.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the Chatham County request for Discretionary PL funds for a study of the interchange of Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy. at I-16. The motion passed.

Mr. George Fidler explained that the airport proposes to use PL funds to update a prior interchange study for current conditions so that they are prepared to get a project going. Mr. Scott Allison suggested that Pooler contribute to the local match requirement, as they will be receiving sales tax revenue from a lot of the development that is necessitating the interchange improvements. He added that in general, there needs to be a mechanism to obtain funds for such necessary studies (not merely short-term Traffic Impact Assessments) from developers or industrial property owners making the land use changes that lead to all this.

A motion was made and seconded to add an action for consideration of the Airport submittal. The motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the Savannah Airport Commission's submittal for Discretionary PL Funds for a study of the interchange at Pooler Pkwy./Airways Ave. and I-95. The motion passed.

### **III. Other Business**

### **IV. Status Reports**

#### **5. FY 2017 Planning (PL) Funds Budget Adjustment**

This item was added to the TCC agenda during Item #1: Approval of the Agenda.

Ms. Wykoda Wang informed the TCC that MPO staff was notifying GDOT that the PL budget in the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program needs to be adjusted to shift some funds from certain tasks to other tasks, based on changes in staff's planning activities since UPWP adoption. The total budget amount would not change. Some funds would be shifted from tasks titled Contracts & Grants and Strategic Planning Studies to tasks titled Program Coordination, Operations & Administration, and Congestion Management Process. The tasks giving up the funds are not expected to be negatively impacted by this shift.

Members suggested that the report omit the UPWP original budget and compare only the

most recent budget to the newly proposed budget, to avoid confusion.

This report was provided for information. No action was necessary.

**V. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)**

**VI. Announcements**

6. Next TCC Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2017, 2:00 p.m.

7. Planning partners should submit any amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that are needed in April as soon as possible.

Ms. Wykoda Wang added this announcement because the agenda deadline for the April MPO committees' meetings is coming up very soon.

GDOT expects to soon have the expected revenue figures that will allow the new TIP to be developed. They will let everyone know when they have the information. The optimistic schedule for adoption of a new TIP is June of 2017.

**VII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference**

**VIII. Adjournment**

8. Adjournment

There being no other business, the March 13, 2017 meeting of the CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee was adjourned.

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