



**COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
JUNE 2017 MPO MEETINGS**

Agenda Item: Amendments to FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program

Presenter: Wykoda Wang, MPO Staff

Summary: The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the MPO's short-range programming document and is a staged, multi-year listing of surface transportation projects proposed for federal, state and local funding within the metropolitan area. The TIP may be modified in accordance with the procedures outlined in the adopted Participation Plan by resolution of the CORE MPO Board if priorities, area goals, project schedules or funding levels change. The CORE MPO's FY 2015 - 2018 TIP was adopted by the MPO Board in August 2014. Several administrative modifications and TIP amendments have been processed for various projects. The original adopted TIP and the amendment reports are all available for review on the MPO website at <http://www.thempc.org/Dept/Tip>.

In June 2017 GDOT requested a TIP amendment for PI# 0007128, CR 787/Islands Expressway @ Wilmington River/Bascule Bridge. The amendment is to move the construction (CST) phase currently programmed in FY 2017 to FY 2018 with cost estimates increased by more than \$20 million. GDOT indicated that the amendment is needed in June 2017 because the project is set for letting in August 2017. Even if the updated project information is included in the upcoming FY 2018 – 2021 TIP which is expected to be adopted by the CORE MPO Board in June 2017, the final approval of this new TIP by the Governor will not happen before the project letting date. In short, the FY 2015 – 2018 TIP will still be in effect before it's superseded by the governor - approved FY 2018 – 2021 TIP. Thus to ensure timely letting of the project, the information contained in the current FY 2015 – 2018 TIP must be up-to-date. PI# 0007128 also was awarded Z230 funds for its utility (UTL) phase during the 2017 Call for Projects process for FY 2018 – 2021 TIP development. The UTL update should be a part of this TIP amendment process. In order to accommodate the UTL phase in the FY 2015 – 2018 TIP, several Z230-funded studies will be deleted so that Z230 funding balance can still be maintained.

The adopted TIP/STIP amendment process outlined in the CORE MPO's Participation Plan requires public review and comment and responses to all comments (either individually or in summary form) for all TIP amendments. In order to process the proposed amendments, CORE MPO advertised a fifteen (15) day public comment period in the Savannah Morning News on Sunday, June 11, 2017. The notice was sent to the local news media and the consultation agencies as well as neighborhood associations, and posted on the CORE MPO website. The comment period starts on June 13, 2017 and closes on June 27, 2017. A public hearing has been advertised – it will be held in conjunction with the CORE MPO Board meeting on June 28, 2017.

The following outlines the proposed TIP amendments.

CR 787/Islands Expressway @Wilmington River/Bascule Bridge

- **PI #:** 0007128
- **MTP Priority:** ROW and CST phases are in the 2040 MTP, Cost Band One.
- **Project description:** Replace the bascule bridge at Islands Expressway/Wilmington River with a high-level fixed bridge.
- **Project Status:** Chatham County is the project sponsor. Funds for Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase were programmed in previous years and were authorized. The revised concept report was approved. Final design is on-going. ROW phase is programmed in FY 2015 with local SPLOST funds in the current FY 2015 – 2018 TIP and the funds have been authorized. ROW acquisition is complete. Construction (CST) is programmed with Z001 funds in FY 2017 in FY 2015 – 2018 TIP. Both the construction phase and the utility phase are programmed in FY 2018 in the Draft FY 2018 – 2021 TIP.
- **Amendment:**
 - GDOT requested to move the construction phase to FY 2018 with updated cost estimates. The funding code (Z001) remains unchanged.
 - CORE MPO will add the utility (UTL) phase to FY 2018 to be consistent with the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP currently in development. The UTL phase will be funded with Z230 funds, and Chatham County will provide the local match.
- **Reason for Amendment:** Roadway project phases that have a cost change more than \$2,000,000 is considered an amendment. Addition of a phase of a project is also considered an amendment.

• **Funding/Year:**

Year	Phase	Funding Code	Fed\$	State\$	Other\$	Total Funding	
2017	CST	Z001	\$28,011,638.75	\$7,002,909.69	\$0.00	\$35,014,548.44	Current
2018	CST	Z001	\$44,830,945.72	\$11,207,736.43	\$0.00	\$56,038,682.15	Amended
NA	UTL	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Current
2018	UTL	Z230	\$ 257,600	\$0	\$ 64,400	\$322,000	Amended

- **Requesting date:** June 2017
- **Requesting Agency:** GDOT/CORE MPO
- **Comment Period:** 6/13/2017 – 6/27/2017

Special Studies to be Deleted from FY 2015 – 2018 TIP

The current Z230 balance as of the end of FY 2018 is \$20,406 in FY 2015 – 2018 TIP, not enough to accommodate the UTL phase of the Islands Expressway bridge replacement project. However, several special studies currently programmed with Z230 funds need to be deleted from the current TIP. These special studies might be pursued later with other funding sources and their programming will be following the FHWA Procurement Process for Georgia MPOs that was implemented several years ago. The following table summarizes these special studies. The

released funds from them are enough to cover the UTL phase of PI# 0007128. Deletion of these projects from FY 2015 – 2018 TIP is also considered a TIP amendment. It should be noted that these released funds have already been accounted for during the Call for Projects process for the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP development (as a part of the revenue projections for the new TIP) and part of them are allocated to PI# 0007128. In short, the information for the June amendments to FY 2015 – 2018 TIP is consistent with information contained in the new FY 2018 – 2021 TIP.

PI#	Description	Funding Code	Funding Amount	Fiscal Year
TBA	SAVANNAH MPO STRATEGIC PLANNING STUDY – SECTOR FOURTEEN	Z230	\$500,000	FY 2018
TBA	MODEL DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATIONS	Z230	\$159,621	FY 2017
TBA	SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT AND FHWA/FTA RULES COMPLIANCE	Z230	\$15,000	FY 2017
TBA	VICTORY DRIVE CORRIDOR STUDY IV	Z230	\$100,000	FY 2018
TBA	AIRPORT AREA TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN	Z230	\$255,000	FY 2017
TBA	CAT STREETCAR STUDY	Z230	\$85,000	FY 2017
Total Z230 Funds			\$1,114,621	

Appendix

Several appendices are attached with this report:

- Appendix A - the updated project page for FY 2015 – 2018 TIP that incorporates the proposed amendment
- Appendix B – 2040 MTP Addendum to document the updates
- Appendix C - the public involvement materials including the change request

Recommendation: For endorsement and approval of proposed TIP amendments.

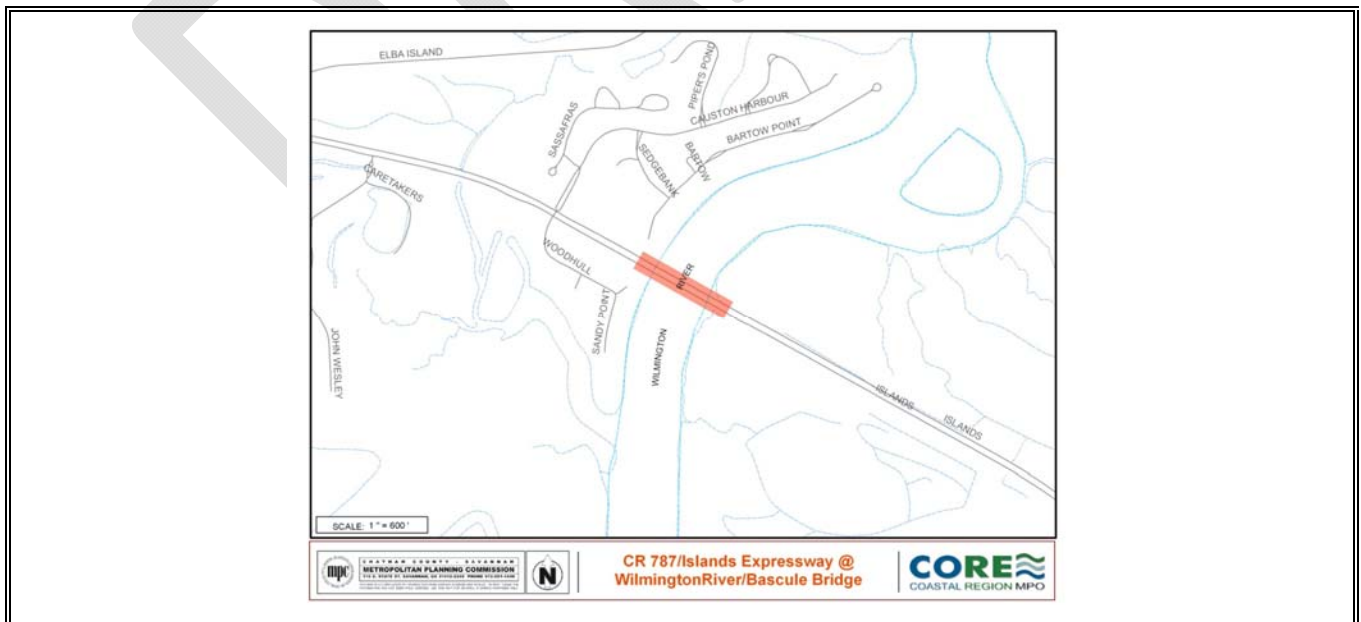
Appendix A: updated TIP project page incorporating the proposed amendment

Current Project Page

**COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FY 2015 - 2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

CR 787/ISLANDS EXPRESSWAY @ WILMINGTON RIVER/BASCULE BRIDGE				P.I. #: 0007128		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Replace the bascule bridge at Islands Expressway/Wilmington River with a high-level fixed bridge.				TIP #: 2005-H-03		
				COUNTY: CHATHAM		
				PROJ. #: CSBRG-0007-00(128)		
				FUND: Z001, Local		
				GDOT DISTRICT: 5		
TRAFFIC VOL. 2005 AADT:				2030:		CONG. DISTRICT: 1
NO. OF LANES EXISTING:	4	PLANNED:	4	RC: CG		
LOCAL ROAD #:	STATE/US ROAD #:			LENGTH (MI): 1.2		
COMMENTS/REMARKS: Chatham County is the project sponsor. A concept meeting was held in 2007. The consultant has analyzed the alternatives and GDOT selected Alternative 8. The revised concept report was approved on March 9, 2012. Design is on-going. \$1 million of MPO sub-allocation of ARRA funds were authorized to fund PE in FY 2010. Right-of-way is the local responsibility and programmed in 2015. The ROW funds have been authorized. Construction is in programmed in FY 2017 with Z001 funds.						
PROJECT PHASE	\$ SOURCE	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	TOTAL
PRELIM. ENGR.	Authorized	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RIGHT-OF-WAY	Local	\$119,917	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$119,917
UTILITY	Local	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CONSTRUCTION	Federal/State	\$0	\$0	\$35,014,548.44	\$0	\$35,014,548.44
PROJECT COST		\$119,917	\$0	\$35,014,548.44	\$0	\$35,134,465.44
FEDERAL COST		\$0	\$0	\$28,011,638.75	\$0	\$28,011,638.75
STATE COST		\$0	\$0	\$7,002,909.69	\$0	\$7,002,909.69
LOCAL COST		\$119,917	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$119,917

PROJECT LOCATION

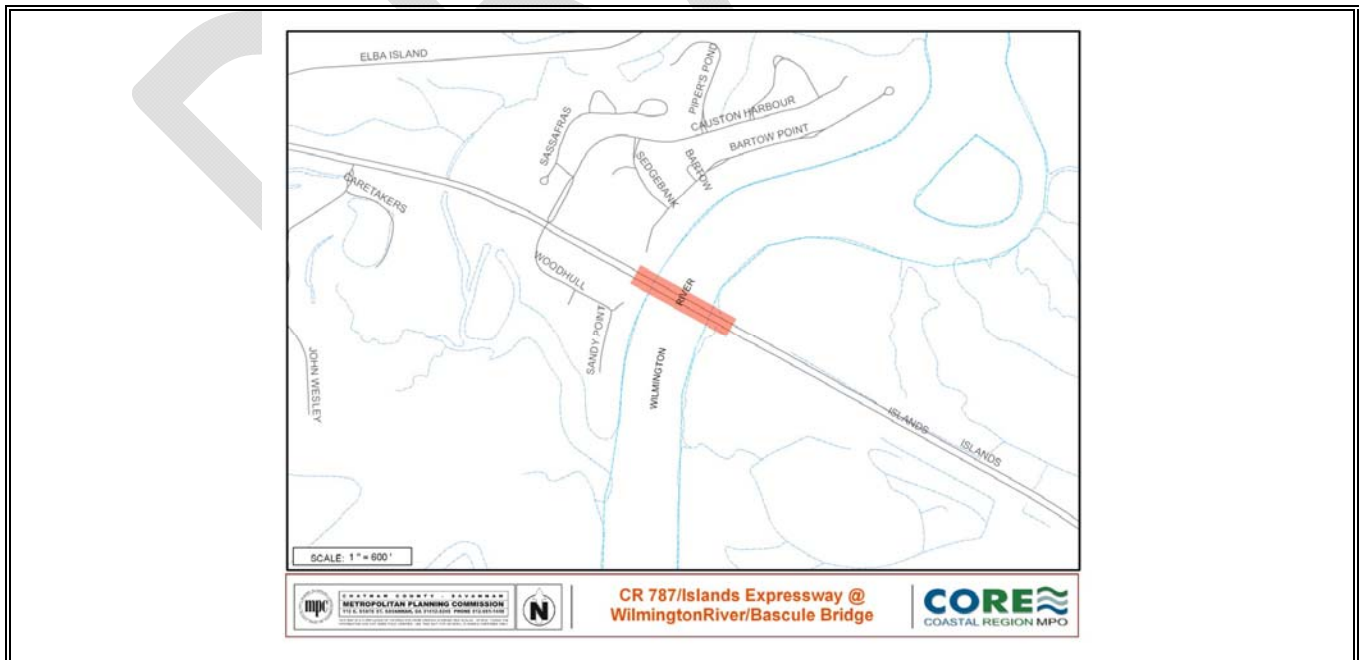


Revised Project Page

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			FUND: Z001, Z230, Local			
			GDOT DISTRICT: 5			
TRAFFIC VOL. 2005 AADT:		2030:		CONG. DISTRICT: 1		
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PRELIM. ENGR.	Authorized	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
RIGHT-OF-WAY	Local	\$119,917	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$119,917
UTILITY	Federal/Local	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$322,000	\$322,000
CONSTRUCTION	Federal/State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$56,038,682	\$56,038,682
PROJECT COST		\$119,917	\$0	\$0	\$56,360,682	\$56,480,599
FEDERAL COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$45,088,546	\$45,088,546
STATE COST		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,207,736	\$11,207,736
LOCAL COST		\$119,917	\$0	\$0	\$64,400	\$184,317

PROJECT LOCATION



Appendix B: 2040 MTP Addendum for June 2017 TIP Amendment

Addendum to 2040 MTP										
2040 MTP Original					June 2016 Addendum			June 2017 Addendum		
PI #	DESCRIPTION	Phase	Current MTP Cost Band	Cost	Phase	New MTP Cost Band	New Cost	Phase	New MTP Cost Band	New Cost
0007128	CR 787/Islands Expressway at Wilmington River/Bascule Bridge	ROW, CST	One (2015-2020)	\$45,019,917	ROW, CST	One (2015-2020)	\$35,134,465	ROW, UTL, CST	One (2015-2020)	\$56,158,599

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Appendix C: Public Involvement Materials

June 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR MTP and TIP AMENDMENTS

The Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO), the transportation planning agency for the Savannah urbanized area, is requesting the public to review and provide comments on proposed amendments to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The MTP evaluates transportation system performance and is a source of policies, projects and actions that implement community vision of transportation improvements needed to reach the community goals. The TIP is the short-term programming document that lists transportation improvement projects to receive funding in the next four years. Reports providing details of the proposed MTP and TIP amendments are available for review at the Live Oak public libraries, the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) office, the MPC website at <http://www.thempc.org/Dept/Tran>, and other public review agencies. Any changes to the reports will be posted on the website.

The comment period starts on **June 13, 2017** and written comments on the proposed MTP and TIP amendments will be accepted until close of business on **June 27, 2017**. Please send your comments to Wykoda Wang, Metropolitan Planning Commission, 110 E. State Street, Savannah, GA 31401, or via email at wangw@thempc.org.

CORE MPO will host a public hearing for the proposed MTP amendments and a separate hearing for the proposed TIP amendments at the June 2017 CORE MPO Board meeting. Meeting time and location are listed below:

CORE MPO Board Meeting

June 28, 2017

10:00 a.m.

**MPC Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room
112 East State Street, Savannah, GA 31401**

For a complete list of public review agencies or additional information regarding the proposed MTP and TIP amendments, please call (912) 651-1466.

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Cc: Mann, Scott <smann@dot.ga.gov>; Eastin, William <weastin@dot.ga.gov>; McQueen, Thomas <tmcqueen@dot.ga.gov>
Subject: Amendment Request - PI 0007128 (CR 787/Islands Expressway @ Wilmington River/Bascule Bridge)

Good Morning Wykoda:

Following up on our phone call, the Planning Office requests an amendment to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan (MTP) and FY 2015 – FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Please update the funding amount and fiscal year for the CST phase for the project described below:

PI 0007128 (CR 787/Islands Expressway @ Wilmington River/Bascule Bridge)

Work Type: Bridges

County: Chatham

Phase	Old Amount	New Amount	Fund Code	Old Funding Year	New Funding Year
Construction	\$ 35,014,548.44	\$ 56,038,682.15	Z001	2017	2018

All other aspects of the project will remain the same. Thank you for your help and let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
 Vivian

Vivian Canizares

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Subject: RE: Amendment Request - PI 0007128 (CR 787/Islands Expressway @ Wilmington River/Bascule Bridge)

Wykoda,

The Office of Planning is requesting an amendment for PI 0007128 because it is scheduled for letting on August, 2017. In other words, we would like to make sure we will have the updated cost in the FY 2015-2018 TIP before August, 2017.

As you are aware, the TIP is included by reference in the STIP; both documents need the approval of the MPO and the Governor which may occur between July and September (See 23 CFR 450.328 “TIP revisions and relationship with the STIP”).

We would like to thank you for your cooperation and as always, let us know how we may assist you.
Vivian