



**FY 2008 - 2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments to
Transit Section as Adopted on April 30, 2009**

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 FY 2008-2011 TIP was adopted by the MPO on June 27, 2007 and amended in 2007 and 2008 for several highway and transit project shifts.

In April 2009 the Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT) requested amendments be made to the transit section of the FY 2008-2011 TIP. These proposed amendments include correction of local match for the Section 5307 operating costs, and incorporation of the actual dollars now known for the fiscal year 2009 Sections 5309, 5316 and 5317 programs. The proposed amendments also include incorporation of transit funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and an updated bus and van replacement schedule for fiscal years 2009-2015.

The TIP amendment process follows the requirements of the CORE MPO's Participation Plan – public advertisement, a 15-day public review and comment period, and endorsement and adoption by the CORE MPO committees and the CORE Board. The following provides an overview of the TIP amendments in the transit program as adopted by the CORE Board on April 30, 2009. The updated transit section of the FY 2008-2011 TIP follows the summary.

Amendment: Section 5307 of Transit Capital Improvements

- LRTP Priority: Public Transportation
- Project Description: Correct the Local Match amounts for fiscal years 2008-2011. As of 1999, operating assistance is no longer available to urbanized areas with populations of 200,000 and above. Savannah reached that threshold according to the 2000 Census. Correct the 2009 Federal Allocation of capital assistance to \$3,387,055.
- Requesting Agency: Chatham Area Transit
- Requesting Date: 4/6/2009
- Comment Period: 4/15/2009 – 4/29/2009

Amendment: Section 5309 of Transit Capital Improvement

- LRTP Priority: Public Transportation
- Project Description: Correct the 2009 figure from estimate of \$4,000,000 to actual Federal allocation of \$1,580,040.
- Requesting Agency: Chatham Area Transit
- Requesting Date: 4/6/2009
- Comment Period: 4/15/2009 – 4/29/2009

Amendment: Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC)

- LRTP Priority: Public Transportation
- Project Description: Correct the 2009 figure from estimate to actual Federal allocation of \$180,341.
- Requesting Agency: Chatham Area Transit
- Requesting Date: 4/6/2009
- Comment Period: 4/15/2009 – 4/29/2009

Amendment: New Freedom

- LRTP Priority: Public Transportation
- Project Description: Correct the 2009 figure from estimate to actual Federal allocation of \$80,012.
- Requesting Agency: Chatham Area Transit
- Requesting Date: 4/6/2009
- Comment Period: 4/15/2009 – 4/29/2009

Amendment: ARRA, Economic Stimulus

- LRTP Priority: Public Transportation
- Project Description: Add the \$4,490,394 ARRA funds apportioned to the Savannah area for programmed transit projects.
- Requesting Agency: Chatham Area Transit
- Requesting Date: 4/6/2009
- Comment Period: 4/15/2009 – 4/29/2009

Amendment: Bus and Van Replacement Schedule

- LRTP Priority: Public Transportation
- Project Description: Update of bus/van replacement schedule
- Requesting Agency: Chatham Area Transit
- Requesting Date: 4/6/2009
- Comment Period: 4/15/2009 – 4/29/2009

FY 2008-2011 Transit Improvement Program

Financial Capacity Statement of the Chatham Area Transit Authority

PURPOSE

The purpose of this statement is to demonstrate that Chatham Area Transit (CAT) has the financial capacity to undertake the four-year (FY 2008-2011) program of projects as outlined in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). FTA requires this analysis to insure that the local transit entity possesses the financial capacity to complete the TIP projects for which federal assistance is being requested.

SCOPE

The FTA circular provides that this assessment addresses two specific aspects of financial capacity. These are: (1) the financial condition of CAT; and (2) the financial capability of CAT. This assessment is to include all of the funding sources that support the CAT system. The following sections address these areas.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Chatham Area Transit became a functional entity on January 1, 1987 as a result of the signing of Georgia House Bill Number 1699 on March 28, 1986 by Governor Frank Harris. On December 19, 1986, the Commissioners of Chatham County created a Special Transit Tax District and levied a 1.3 mill property tax for the sole purpose of funding public transit within this district. In 1992, a 0.1 mill tax was levied county-wide to fund CAT's paratransit services. Currently, the transit district tax is 0.82 mills and the county-wide paratransit tax is fully funded from Chatham County's M&O fund.

Chatham Area Transit Authority's (CAT) fiscal year has been amended from a calendar year to July through June. The information under Non-Federal Operating Funds and Capital Funds is stated for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 to reflect this change.

NON-FEDERAL OPERATING FUNDS

ENTITY	2008	PERCENT
State of Georgia	\$97,631	0.74
Local Tax District	\$7,239,064	53.56
System Revenues	\$4,581,017	33.89
County Contribution	\$1,596,674	11.81
TOTAL	\$13,514,386	100.0

NON-FEDERAL CAPITAL FUNDS

ENTITY	2008	PERCENT
State of Georgia	\$161,311	100.0
Local Tax District	\$ 0	0.0
System Revenues	\$ 0	0.0
TOTAL	\$161,311	100.0

The funds generated by the local dedicated transit tax, along with State and Federal funds, together with revenues from system operations, cover the operating and capital costs of the system. There is no cap on the allowable millage rate. The rate can be raised to cover unanticipated costs, or else service cuts and fare increases can be made as determined by the CAT Board, which consists of the Chatham County Commissioners and four appointed citizens.

FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

CAT is maintaining the financial capability to continue to provide quality transit service. Ridership for fiscal year 2008 is consistent with the fiscal year 2007 level.

Federal operating assistance continues to decline requiring CAT to allocate more of the Federal formula funds to preventive maintenance. This may delay some small capital projects but will allow CAT to maintain the financial capability to provide quality transit service. Earmark funds will be requested for the needed major capital projects.

FY 2008-2011 Capital Improvement Justification for the Chatham Area Transit

Preventative Maintenance/Capital Maintenance Items – These line items includes the purchase of tires, major component rebuilding, body work, electrical and other system investments to be valued at ½ of 1% of the depreciated value of the bus.

Passenger Amenities – Funding for shelters, benches, signage, and other passenger amenities are included in this line item. The development of enhanced transfer stops to include bike racks is anticipated.

Facility Enhancement – This line item provides funds for CAT's property expansion and for needed facility modifications in order to improve CAT's facility layout. These facility modifications and improvements will improve CAT's safety and efficiency.

Purchase Buses -This line item will be used to purchase replacement vehicles with related equipment through leasing and purchase. Funding buses will have a positive impact on providing transportation to persons with disabilities, as all buses will be lift-equipped.

Job Access – This line item provides funds to support CAT's existing program and additional programs stated in the grant application. This will enable CAT to continue its commitment to provide various forms of transportation to the community.

Intelligent Transportation System – Geographical Information System (GIS), Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL), other management information systems, and Operational Technology Improvements.

Water Ferry -Funding for water ferries facilities and equipment.

Transportation Development Plan – The development of a five-year strategic transportation plan

Service and Support Vehicles – Purchase service and support vehicles for maintenance, transportation, and marine services.

Centre Station -This line item will be used for preliminary design, right of way acquisition, construction and related costs for Centre Station.

Security and Safety – Purchase cameras for the facility and parking lots to enhance security and safety.

FY 2008-2011 Transit Project Pages

The transit projects are grouped according to their sources of federal funding. The state and local match are listed according to their required shares. The types of projects being funded in FY 2008-2011 include job access and reverse commute, transit capital improvements, transit preventive maintenance, and others.

Section 5307 Capital Improvement

CAPITAL AND OPERATING SCHEDULE FOR CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT								
FUNDING	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	FY 2008	FY2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	TOTAL	
	STIP							
Section 5307	5307 Projects	VARIABLES	3,939,681	4,233,817	1,751,522	1,795,310	11,720,330	
	PROJECT COST		3,939,681	4,233,817	1,751,522	1,795,310	11,720,330	
	FEDERAL COST		3,151,745	3,387,055	1,401,218	1,436,248	9,376,266	
	STATE COST		393,968	423,381	175,152	179,531	1,172,032	
	LOCAL COST		393,968	423,381	175,152	179,531	1,172,032	
	DOT DISTRICT # 5		CONG.DIST. 1,12			RDC	CG	

Section 5309 Capital Improvement

CAPITAL SCHEDULE FOR CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (80/10/10)								
FUNDING	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	TOTAL	
Section 5309	CAT Capital Items	N/A	1,370,628	1,410,750	1,440,015	1,476,015	5,697,408	
Section 5309	Water Ferry	N/A	606,372	564,300	637,069	652,995	2,460,736	
	PROJECT COST		1,977,000	1,975,050	2,077,084	2,129,010	8,158,144	
	FEDERAL COST		1,581,600	1,580,040	1,661,668	1,703,208	6,526,516	
	STATE COST		197,700	197,505	207,708	212,901	815,814	
	LOCAL COST		197,700	197,505	207,708	212,901	815,814	
	DOT DISTRICT # 5		CONG.DIST 1,12			RDC	CG	

Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute

CAPITAL SCHEDULE FOR CHATHAM AREA TRANSTI AUTHORITY (50/50)							
FUNDING	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	TOTAL
Section 5316	Job Access and Reverse Commute Projects	N/A	307,294	360,682	264,332	264,332	1,196,640
	PROJECT COST		307,294	360,682	264,332	264,332	1,196,640
	FEDERAL COST		153,647	180,341	132,166	132,166	598,320
	LOCAL COST		153,647	180,341	132,166	132,166	598,320
	DOT DISTRICT # 5		CONG.DIST.	1,12	RDC	CG	

Section 5317 New Freedom

NEW FREEDOM (80/10/10)							
FUNDING	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	FY2008 & 2006, 2007 Rollover funds	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	TOTAL
Section 5317	New Freedom Projects	VARIES	274,516	110,014	82,100	82,100	548,730
	PROJECT COST		274,516	110,014	82,100	82,100	548,730
	FEDERAL COST		219,614	88,012	65,680	65,680	438,986
	STATE COST		27,451	11,001	8,210	8,210	54,872
	LOCAL COST		27,451	11,001	8,210	8,210	54,872
	DOT DISTRICT #		5	CONG.DIST.	1,12	RDC	CG

Section 5340 ARRA Funds

ECONOMIC STIMULUS, ARRA (100)				
FUNDING	DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	FY 2009 - 2010	TOTAL
Section 5340	Hybrid Buses	\$555,518	\$3,888,626	\$3,888,626
Section 5340	Capital Maintenance Items	Varies	\$425,000	\$425,000
Section 5340	Security Equipment	Varies	\$125,000	\$125,000
Section 5340	Program Support	Varies	\$51,768	\$51,768
	PROJECT COST		\$4,490,394	\$4,490,394
	FEDERAL COST		\$4,490,394	\$4,490,394
	STATE COST		0	0
	LOCAL COST		0	0
	DOT DISTRICT # 5		CONG.DIST.	1,12

**CHATHAM AREA TRANSIT
BUS REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE**

Year Purchased	Current Buses	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1996 30ft	4	4						
1996 35ft	4	4						
2000 Trolley	2	2						
2003	31	31	31	24	14	4		
2005 Goshen	3	3	3	3				
2006 30ft	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	
2006 35ft	5	5	5	5	5	5		
2007 (MMB)	2	2	2	2	2			
2010 29ft			2	2	2	2	2	2
2010 35ft			9	9	9	9	9	9
2011				7	7	7	7	7
2012					10	10	10	10
2012 Cut away					3	3	3	3
2013						10	10	10
2013 (MMB)						2	2	2
2014							9	9
2015								5
Total	56	56	57	57	57	57	57	57