

Amendments to FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)

August 2011

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 2012-2015 TIP development activities began in April 2011 with a reevaluation of project prioritization criteria and priority project lists. The CORE MPO Board adopted the FY 2012-2015 TIP on June 22, 2011. TIP is a living document and is being updated when project priorities or project development schedules change.

In August 2011 the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) proposed that several revisions be made to the FY 2012-2015 TIP. The proposed changes involve various projects in terms of their cost estimates, development schedule, and other administrative revisions.

In order to process these proposed changes, the MPO started the TIP amendment process that requires advertising and a fifteen day public comment period. The amendment proposal was advertised in the Savannah Morning News on August 7, sent to the local news media and the consultation agencies, and was posted on the MPO website. The comment period started on August 9 and closed on August 23, 2010.

The following outlines the proposed TIP amendment and administrative modifications.

Amendment to the TIP:

US 17 Bridge Replacement Over Back River

- PI #: 522920
- LRTP Priority: 1st Phase (Construction in 2010 – 2015)
- Project description: Construct two lane bridge over Back River at SR 404 Spur/US 17, one mile north of Savannah. The typical section of the bridge consists of two 12-foot travel lanes (one on each side) with 8-foot shoulders; the roadway typical section will be two 12-foot travel lanes (one on each side) with 10-foot shoulders, 6.5 to 8-foot paved. In August 2009 the MPO formally requested that barrier separated bike/pedestrian accommodations be provided and that the bridge be constructed so as to allow for widening to four lanes in the future.
- Formal requesting date: 8/2/2011
- Amendment: Construction phase is shifting from 2012 to 2013 with cost increase due to environmental delay.
- Funding/Year:
 - CST, FY 2013, L1C0 (on system bridges) funds, increased from \$12,627,386 to \$12,879,933 with 80/20 federal/state split
 - CST, FY 2013, LY 10S (high priority project) funds, \$4,409,501 with 80/20 federal/state split – no change from adopted TIP
- Comment Period: 8/9/2011 – 8/23/2011

Administrative Modifications to TIP:

During the development of the FY 2012-2015 TIP, several projects were programmed without project identification numbers assigned to them. After the adoption of the TIP, GDOT has assigned the following Project IDs to these projects.

New PI#	TIP#	Project Description
0010560	2012-BRI-01	US 80 Bridges Replacement at Bull River and Lazaretto Creek
0010559	2012-H-01	SR 204 Corridor Improvements from Truman Parkway Phase V to Forest River
0010561	2012-BP-02	Savannah-Whitemarsh Bikeway along Islands Expressway from Goebel Street to Bryans Wood Road
0010562	2012-CORE-03	Savannah MPO Strategic Planning Study – Sector Ten
0010563	2012-CORE-04	Savannah MPO Strategic Planning Study – Sector Eleven,
0010522	2009-R-02	Georgia Ports Authority Rail Tie-In to the Mason Intermodal Container Transfer Facility

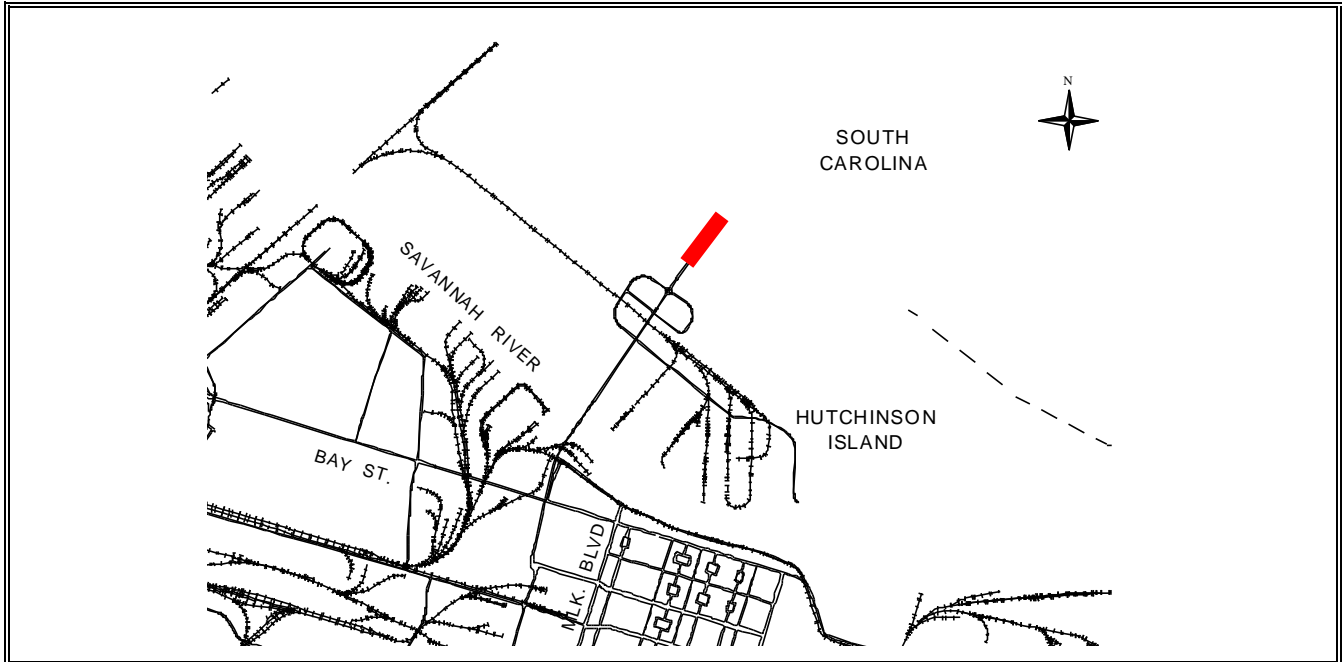
In addition, the MPO Sector Studies (MPO Strategic Study Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten and Eleven) in the TIP have been revised to show funding with L230 funds with federal/local match instead of L230S funds with federal/state match. At the same time, minor project description revisions have been made to West Bay Street Improvements (PI# 0002923) and SR 204 Interchange at King George Blvd (PI# 522870).

The MPO followed the TIP amendment process and adopted the amendment and administrative modifications at the August 24, 2011 CORE MPO Board meeting. The detailed amendment project page, the signed resolution for adoption as well as the received comments are documented below.

**COASTAL REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FY 2012 - 2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

SR 404 SPUR/US 17 BRIDGE OVER BACK RIVER				P.I. #:	522920	
				TIP #:	98-H-1	
<p>PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Construct two lane bridge over Back River at SR 404 Spur/US 17, one mile north of Savannah. The typical section of the bridge consists of two 12-foot travel lanes (one on each side) with 8-foot shoulders; the roadway typical section will be two 12-foot travel lanes (one on each side) with 10-foot shoulders, 6.5 to 8-foot paved. In August 2009 the MPO formally requested that barrier separated bike/pedestrian accommodations be provided and that the bridge be constructed so as to allow for widening to four lanes in the future.</p>				COUNTY:	CHATHAM	
				PROJ. #:	NH000-009-02(093)	
				FUND:	LY10S, L1C0	
				GDOT DISTRICT:	5	
TRAFFIC VOL.	2005 AADT:	13,600	2030:	34,730	CONG. DISTRICT:	12
NO. OF LANES	EXISTING:	2	PLANNED:	2	CRC:	CG
LOCAL ROAD #:	STATE/US ROAD #:			SR 404 Spur/US 17	LENGTH (MI):	0.80
<p>COMMENTS/REMARKS: Preliminary engineering fund was authorized in 1998. Right-of-way funds were authorized in FY 2010. Construction was scheduled for FY 2012 but is amended to push back to 2013 due to environmental delays. Constuction is to be funded by LY10S funds (\$4,409,501) and L1C0 funds (\$12,879,933).</p>						
PROJECT PHASE	\$ SOURCE	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	TOTAL
PRELIM. ENGR.	Authorized	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
RIGHT-OF-WAY	Authorized	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
CONSTRUCTION	Federal/State	\$ 0	\$17,289,434	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$17,289,434
PROJECT COST		\$ 0	\$17,289,434	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$17,289,434
FEDERAL COST		\$ 0	\$13,831,547	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$13,831,547
STATE COST		\$ 0	\$3,457,887	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$3,457,887
LOCAL COST		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

PROJECT LOCATION





METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Resolution to Revise the FY 2012 – 2015 Transportation Improvement Program of the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO)

WHEREAS, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) desires to adopt amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2012 - 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the CORE MPO transportation planning area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed TIP amendment involves shifting the construction phase of PI# 522920, US 17/Back River Bridge Replacement, from fiscal year 2012 to fiscal year 2013 with an updated cost estimate of \$17,289,434; and

WHEREAS, the proposed administrative modifications include assigning project identification numbers (PI#s) to the following projects:

- 0010560 - US 80 Bridges Replacement at Bull River and Lazaretto Creek,
- 0010559 - SR 204 Corridor Improvements from Truman Parkway Phase V to Forest River,
- 0010561 - Savannah-Whitemarsh Bikeway along Islands Expressway from Goebel Street to Bryans Wood Road,
- 0010562 - Savannah MPO Strategic Planning Study – Sector Ten,
- 0010563 - Savannah MPO Strategic Planning Study – Sector Eleven,
- 0010522 - Georgia Ports Authority Rail Tie-In to the Mason Intermodal Container Transfer Facility; and

WHEREAS, the proposed administrative modifications also include revising the funding code of MPO Sector Studies from L230S to L230 with federal/local funding split, as well as minor project description revisions to West Bay Street Improvements and SR 204 Interchange at King George Blvd; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO has completed a 15-day public review and comment period for the TIP revisions according to the Participation Plan; and

WHEREAS, CORE MPO would like to complete the TIP amendment and administrative modification process to incorporate all the project funding, schedule and other revisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization approves the proposed revisions to the FY 2012 - 2015 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in the summary of TIP update report with any corrections or any other projects that need to be updated based upon the conversation of August 24, 2011.

Approved this day, August 24, 2011

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pete Liakakis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

From: Jo Claire Hickson [mailto:johickson@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 3:04 PM
To: Jessica Hagan; Wykoda Wang
Cc: Mike Toma; Susan Jaycox
Subject: Re: CORE MPO Board and Committee Members: Public Notice for TIP Amendments

Hello,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). I am in favor of the proposed amendments, and in particular the Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc. supports the US 17 Bridge Replacement over Back River amendment in accordance with the 10/8/09 request by the MPO that barrier separated bicycle/pedestrian accommodation be provided and that the bridge be constructed so as to allow for widening to four lanes in the future.

The Back River Bridge, when replaced, will accommodate the East Coast Greenway, a trail linking cities from Calais, Maine, to Key West, Florida and in Savannah, it will make the Georgia/South Carolina connection for the trail and become part of the Coastal Georgia Greenway as well.

Sincerely,

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