

MPC Mendonsa Hearing Room – 10:00 a.m.  
112 East State Street, Savannah  
Minutes

**Feb. 22, 2017 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO Board**

<b><u>Voting Members</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
James Aberson	ACAT	X
Phillip Claxton	City of Port Wentworth	
Eddie DeLoach	City of Savannah	
Ron Feldner	City of Garden City	X
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	
Harold Fowler	City of Richmond Hill	X
Caroline Hankins	Town of Thunderbolt	
James Hungerpiller	Town of Vernonburg	
Wendall Kessler	Effingham County Commission	
Curtis Koleber	Chatham Area Transit Authority	
Mike Lamb	City of Pooler	
Pete Liakakis	CAT Board	
Tom McQueen	GDOT	X
Jannine Miller	EDFAC	
Tanya Milton	MPC	X
Ben Rozier	City of Bloomingdale	
Diane Schleicher	City of Tybee Island	X
Al Scott	Chatham County Commission	X
Pete Shonka	City of Savannah	
Lee Smith	Chatham County	X
Bob Tully	CAC	X
Vacant	City of Savannah Alderman	
Vacant	Chatham County Commissioner	

<b><u>Regional Coordination Guests</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
Ginnie Kozak	LATS MPO	X
Jeff Ricketson	HAMPO	X

<b><u>Others Present</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
Scott Allison	Richmond Hill	X
Byron Cowart	GDOT District Five	X

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Jane Love	MPO Staff	X
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County Engineering	X
Troy Pittman	GDOT District Five	X
Stephanie Rossi	MPO Staff	X
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO Staff	X
Melony West	MPC Interim Exec. Director	X
Mark Wilkes	MPO Interim Exec. Director	X

**I. Approval of Agenda**

1. [Approval of Agenda](#)

The agenda was approved as written.

**II. Committee Reports (verbal)**

**A. Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation**

2. [Report](#)

Mr. James Aberson reported that ACAT did not have a quorum.

**B. Citizens Advisory Committee**

3. [Report](#)

Mr. Bob Tully said that the CAC endorsed the FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the Amendment to the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**C. Economic Development and Freight Advisory Committee**

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**D. Technical Coordinating Committee**

4. [Report](#)

Mr. Nathaniel Panther stated that the TCC endorsed the FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the Amendment to the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**E. Executive Director's Report**

5. [Report](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes reported on the status of items from the MPO's Federal Certification Review, including the ongoing Congestion Management Process, the Calls for Projects for Surface Transportation Block Grant funds and for Transportation Alternatives funding, and a comprehensive schedule of required planning products, which is provided to the board as a handout today. He noted that the CORE MPO Board schedule includes a meeting in March this year: on Wednesday, the 22nd. It will be important to have a quorum. This and the extra TCC meetings in March are needed to wrap up the efforts on several required planning products, including those mentioned above.

**III. Action Items**

6. [Approval of the Dec. 14, 2016 CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Attachment: [CORE MPO Board minutes 12-14-16.pdf](#)

The minutes of the Dec. 14, 2016 meeting of the CORE MPO Board were approved as written.

7. [Presentation of the FY 2018 CORE MPO Budget](#)

Ms. Melony West gave a presentation on the CORE MPO budget, illustrating how the MPO members dues were calculated for FY 2018.

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8. [Adoption of FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program](#)

Attachment: [FY 2018 UPWP Adoption Staff Report.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Draft 2018 UPWP February 2017.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang gave a presentation on the draft FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). She reviewed the tasks and budgets for each task. She also showed the timeline of planning products. The comments are included in the appendix H. She summarized the nature of those as being minor, having to do with issues such as formatting.

Staff recommended adoption of the FY 2018 UPWP.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the FY 2018 UPWP. The motion passed.

9. [Amendment to FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program](#)

Attachment: [FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment Staff Report February 2017.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang reported that the proposed amendment to the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) includes the addition of transit funding that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is awarding CAT, from the Section 5339b Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program. Inclusion of the funds and project in the TIP will allow CAT to access the funds for the purchase of 26 paratransit vehicles.

Staff recommended approval of the amendment to the FY 2015-2018 TIP.

Chairman Al Scott opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments. He closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the amendment to the FY 2015-2018 TIP. The motion passed.

**IV. Other Business**

**V. Status Reports**

10. [Call for Projects for CORE MPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant \(STBG\) Funds](#)

Attachment: [Z230 Funds Call for Projects staff report version 2.pdf](#)

Ms. Wang gave an update on the progress of the Call for Projects for the MPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding. The TCC had scored eight proposals at their

meeting in February.

The approximately \$13 million in available funding can cover all of the proposals, but the specific programming of project phases by fiscal year will be determined when the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is developed this spring.

This report was provided for information only.

11. [Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects Status](#)

Attachment: [TA Selection Process staff report February.pdf](#)

Ms. Jane Love reported on the status of the Call for Projects for the MPO's Transportation Alternatives funding, which is primarily for bicycle and pedestrian type projects. The TCC had scored three proposals at their February meeting.

The estimated \$3 million in funding will cover all of the proposals, but not all phases of all of the projects can be programmed in FY 2018 as requested by each proposer. The programming by fiscal year will be determined during development of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This report was presented for information only.

12. [Congestion Management Process Update](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi reviewed the progress on the update of the MPO's Congestion Management Process (CMP). She mentioned the types of data that had been examined. Several sources provided information from the 2015-2016 time period, and the MPO's travel demand model also provided data out to the horizon year of the long range plan. She also covered the measures of congestion, such as level of service, 95th percentile travel time reliability, and a travel time buffer index. The TCC discussed the most congested areas at their meetings in February. Currently staff is developing congestion mitigation strategies to include in the CMP.

This report was provided for information only.

**VI. Information Reports (verbal)**

**A. Georgia Department of Transportation**

13. [Report](#)

Mr. Byron Cowart noted the status of some of the projects on the handouts for Pre-construction Projects and Active Projects.

**B. Member Governments**

14. [Reports](#)

Chatham County -- Mr. Nathaniel Panther reviewed the projects on the list that was provided.

Garden City -- Mr. Ron Feldner reported that the contractor would soon be upgrading Chatham Parkway from I-16 to US 80.

Richmond Hill -- Mr. Harold Fowler said he had nothing to report at this time.

Tybee Island -- Ms. Diane Schleicher noted that she is retiring as City Manager on March 3. She asked that efforts to fund and implement the US 80 traffic message boards continue as a new city manager comes in. She believes the Tybee City Council will try to get an appointment made by April.

**C. Chatham Area Transit Authority**

15. [Report](#)

Mr. Grant Sparks announced that the CAT Board elected Mr. Howard French as their Chairperson.

**D. Georgia Ports Authority**

**E. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport**

**F. Hinesville Area MPO (neighboring MPO)**

16. [Report](#)

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Mr. Jeff Ricketson said that he had nothing to report at this time.

**G. Low-country Area Transportation Study (neighboring MPO)**

17. [Report](#)

Ms. Ginnie Kozak reported that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) had approved the Lowcountry Transit Authority (Palmetto Breeze services) as the transit provider. She will send the information about the US 17 (Speedway Blvd.) widening project's Public Information Open House and also information about the Environmental Impact Statement for the Jasper Port.

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

**VIII. Announcements**

18. [Announcement](#)

Mr. Al Scott announced that the next meeting of the CORE MPO Board will be March 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

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

**X. Adjournment**

19. [Adjournment](#)

There being no further business of the CORE MPO Board, the February 22, 2017 meeting was adjourned.

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