



CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

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

August 17, 2017 Meeting of the CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee ((TCC))

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Charles Ackridge	City of Bloomingdale	
Scott Allison	City of Richmond Hill	X
John Bennett	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	X
Robbie Byrd	City of Pooler	
Byron Cowart	GDOT - District Five	X
William Eastin	GDOT - Planning	X
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Caroline Hankins	Town of Thunderbolt	
Jackie Jackson	City of Garden City	
Trent Long	City of Port Wentworth	X
Don Masisack	Coastal Regional Commission	
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County Engineering	X
George Shaw	City of Tybee Island	
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Mike Weiner	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	X
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X
Vacant	Effingham County	
<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Pam Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	X
Vivian Canizares	GDOT - Planning	X
Nick Helmholdt	MPC	X
Jane Love	CORE MPO	X
David Moyer	GDOT	X
Troy Pittman	GDOT - District Five	X
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	X
James Small	MPC	X

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Action Items

[1. Approval of the June 15, 2017 TCC Meeting Minutes](#)

The minutes of the June 15, 2017 meeting of the TCC were approved as written.

[2. Approval of the June 23, 2017 TCC Meeting Minutes](#)

The minutes of the June 23, 2017 meeting of the TCC were approved as written.

[3. Amendments to 2040 Total Mobility Plan](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang reported on the request from GDOT to amend the COREO MPO 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) to add two projects: PE and CST for SR 404 Spur/ US 17 @ Back River and PE, ROW, and CST for SR 404 Spur/ US 17 from NE of Savannah Harbor Pkwy. to Back River. The need is to create a four-lane crossing of back river in conjunction with the US 17 widening on the SC side of the river. GDOT is funding 10% of the bridge cost and 100% of the approach widening on the GA side. New funding is added to the MTP with these projects, thus maintaining the financial balance without negatively affecting the funding of other projects.

Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the amendment to the 2040 MTP.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the amendment to the 2040 MTP. The motion passed with none opposed.

[4. Amendments to FY 2015 - 2018 TIP](#)

Ms. Wang said that this amendment to the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is related to the prior item for the long range plan amendment. This amendment would program the funds for each phase of the two Back River projects in the appropriate fiscal year so that the funds could be authorized during the given fiscal year. She noted that this FY 2015-2018 TIP is proposed for amendment in case the PE in the current fiscal year needs to be authorized before the Governor signs CORE MPO's more recently adopted FY 2018-2021 TIP. The FY 2015-2018 TIP is applicable until the Governor signs the new one. Staff recommended TCC endorsement of the amendment to the FY 2015-2018 TIP.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the FY 2014-2018 TIP. The motion passed with none opposed.

[5. Amendments to FY 2018 - 2021 TIP](#)

Ms. Wang reported that, like the prior item, this amendment to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is related to the item for the long range plan amendment. This amendment would program the funds for each phase of the two Back River projects in the appropriate fiscal year so that the funds could be authorized during the given fiscal year. This amendment would prepare for authorization in the event that the Governor signs this recently adopted CORE MPO TIP before authorization of funds is needed on either of the two Back River projects.

Staff recommend TCC endorsement of the amendment to the FY 2018-2021 TIP.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the amendment to the FY 2018-2021 TIP. The motion passed with none opposed.

[6. Endorsement of Submissions for Discretionary Highway Planning Funds](#)

Ms. Jane Love explained the nature of the Discretionary Highway Planning (PL) Funds awards process, conducted by the Georgia Association of MPOs (GAMPO) in coordination with GDOT. There is about \$6 million of these funds unallocated to the MPOs. The three planning projects under this item are being reviewed by the TCC and CORE MPO Board at this time, to consider submitting them to the GAMPO review committee in September. GAMPO's priorities for this type of funding are as follows: First priority will be given to required products of the MPO, such as Metropolitan Transportation Plans, Transportation Improvement Programs, and Congestion Management Processes; Second priority will be given to studies that enable the MPO to meet those core deliverables; and Third priority will be given to special studies.

She reported that the first proposal under this item is for assistance in developing the CORE MPO 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which is in the first priority tier. She reviewed the subset of tasks that would be enhanced with the additional funding of \$180,000 (matched) and the schedule. There was discussion about FHWA Georgia Division's correspondence in reaction to the agenda item, in which the FHWA staff stated that they would not allow use of the funds for such a proposal due to the CORE MPO's staff size. After the 35-minute discussion, a motion was made and seconded to endorse the submission of the request for 2045 MTP Development Assistance with the understanding that there would be additional coordination with FHWA on the specifics of the application and why they would deny the use of these funds. The motion passed with none opposed. The TCC would be copied on additional emails.

Mr. Grant Sparks, from CAT, explained the proposed application for funds for CAT's Transit Asset Management Plan (TAM). The Federal Transit Administration now requires transit agencies to conduct such studies to ensure maintenance is not being deferred to an unsustainable replacement schedule, but no extra funding is provided by FTA. CAT is requesting about \$43,000 in planning funds to have consultant help them assess their buses, facilities, and equipment and create a sustainable replacement schedule based on expected funding sources. It was noted that the MPO will be managing any awarded studies, and the MPO must go through its procurement process to obtain any consultant, if using these funds. FHWA has prohibited the MPOs from using on-call consultants. CAT will remove references to their on-call consultant and send the new version to MPO staff. After this nine-minute discussion, a motion was made and seconded to endorse the submittal of the Discretionary PL application for CAT's TAM. The motion passed with none opposed.

Mr. Sparks explained the request for PL funds for a Streetcar Study. CAT leadership had talked to the City Manager and he committed local match. The total cost would be about \$343,000. After prior discussions with FTA and GDOT, it had been determined that a planning study was needed, but it would not include a full blown NEPA process. The scope tasks were shown in the application. This study would look at an alignment that had not been considered in the Urban Circulator Study. After this seven-minute discussion, a motion was made and seconded to endorse the submission of a Discretionary PL application for a Streetcar Study. The motion passed with none opposed.

III. Other Business

7. Population forecasting exercise

Mr. Nick Helms invited the TCC to participate in the population forecasting exercise immediately after this meeting. This will inform the socioeconomic data that is to be used in the travel demand model in the development of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. He gave a presentation to prepare the committee for the exercise.

IV. Status Reports

8. Safety Targets

Ms. Rossi explained that the performance management focus in MAP-21 and the FAST Act involves measures being selected by the US DOT, and targets for those measures being selected by the State DOTs and the MPOs. GDOT is identifying their targets for the Safety Performance Measures this month. The MPOs have six months after that to specify targets as well -- i.e. MPOs in Georgia must select their safety targets by February. The MPO may or may not choose to employ the same targets as the State DOT. If choosing different targets, then the MPO must be sure to collect the appropriate data that might be required by their separate targets. The safety measures to which the targets will apply are: number and rate of fatalities; number and rate of serious injuries; and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. Staff will bring the topic back to the MPO committees after the state safety targets are known.

V. Information Reports (verbal)

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

[9. CORE MPO To Participate in FTA Research Project](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes announced that CORE MPO has been selected to participate in an All-Hazards Recovery research project, led by Portland State University and funded by the Federal Transit Administration. As part of this, CORE MPO will host a workshop in early 2018 for agencies involved in creating, reviewing, implementing, or executing emergency operations and transportation recovery plans. He will be in Portland a few days next month for host training.

[10. Next TCC Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 11 \(atypical day\) at 2:00 p.m. in MPC Surrency Conference Room](#)

Mr. Nathaniel Panther noted the unusual day and week of the month for the October meeting of the TCC.

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

[11. Transit Asset Management \(TAM\) Targets](#)

IX. Adjournment

The Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission provides meeting summary minutes which are adopted by the respective Board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.