



CORE MPO Technical Coordinating Committee

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

October 11, 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	
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	X
Trent Long	City of Port Wentworth	
Don Masisack	Coastal Regional Commission	
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County Engineering	
George Shaw	City of Tybee Island	
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit	
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Mike Weiner	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X
Vacant	Effingham County	
<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Pam Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	X
<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Vivian Canizares	GDOT - Planning	X
Andrew Heath	GDOT - Traffic Operations	X
Jane Love	CORE MPO	X
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	X

I. Approval of Agenda

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In the absence of the TCC Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, Ms. Pam Bernard was chosen by acclamation to chair the meeting for the day.

The agenda was approved as written.

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the Aug. 17, 2017 TCC Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the August 17, 2017 TCC meeting were approved as written.

3. Endorsement of the 2018 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Jane Love presented a proposed schedule of meetings for calendar year 2018. There were no requests for revisions.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the 2018 schedule of meetings. The motion passed with none opposed.

4. Amendments to FY 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Ms. Wykoda Wang reported on the amendment to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that had been requested by GDOT. The proposal is to move the SR 144 widening project (construction and utilities) out of the TIP due to environmental analysis and congressional district balancing. It would be scheduled for 2022 instead, which is beyond this TIP's four-year window. Mr. Will Eastin, of GDOT Planning, said that the environmental issues had necessitated shifting the construction and utilities out to FY 2018, but there was not enough funds in 2018 to keep the financial balance of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and therefore they would have to list it in 2022 until something could be worked out. He said the solution is not foreseeable currently and thus it is desirable to go forward with amending the TIP. Staff recommended endorsement of the amendment to the TIP.

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

5. Amendments to FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Wang explained that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is proposed to be amended in order to add two studies that were selected by the Georgia Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (GAMPO) to receive Discretionary Highway Planning funds. The studies would be under the Strategic Planning Studies sub-task. Both are interchange traffic studies: one at I-16 and Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy. and the other at I-95 and Airways Ave. Each was selected to receive \$320,000 in federal highway planning funds, with total costs at \$400,000 for each. Chatham County is contributing \$80,000 of local match for the former study and the Savannah Airport Commission is contributing \$80,000 local match for the latter study. Staff recommended endorsement of the amendment to the FY 2018 UPWP.

Mr. Eastin will confirm whether the state's budget office requires that the two studies be individually listed in the UPWP budget table. This would imply new sub-task numbers for the studies. Prior direction to the MPO had indicated that the existing sub-task called 4.13 Strategic Planning Studies was the appropriate location.

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

6. Formation of Study Committees

Ms. Jane Love informed the committee that they could choose to form study committees for three efforts, including the two studies mentioned in the UPWP item. TCC members present indicated whether they wished to be on one or more of the following study committees: I-16 @ Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy. Interchange Study Committee; I-95 @ Airways Ave. Interchange Study Committee; and 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Study Committee. TCC members who were not present would also be notified of the opportunity to be a part of these study committees. The following members volunteered for the I-16 @ Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy. Interchange Study Committee: Mark Wilkes, Nathaniel Panther, Will Eastin, and Byron Cowart. The following members volunteered for the I-95 @ Airways Ave. Interchange Study Committee: Mark Wilkes, George Fider, Will Eastin, and Byron Cowart. The following members volunteered to work with MPO staff through the 2045 MTP Study Committee: Grant Sparks, Jackie Jackson, Pam Bernard, Will Eastin, Byron Cowart. The preliminary membership of the three committees was accepted by acclamation.

III. Other Business

IV. Status Reports

7. Update on the Development of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Ms. Love stated that the development of the new Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), looking out to 2045, has started and would take about two years. She described what kind of activities are involved in creating the plan and showed a draft schedule. Staff currently is coordinating with GDOT on the travel demand modelling schedule, and so the overall plan development schedule might be adjusted once that is finalized. Work has begun on the socioeconomic data for the base year and future year. The TCC or its MTP study committee would likely have some extra meetings in the final year of the planning process, mainly to review travel demand model results. Adoption is targeted in the summer of 2019, before the deadline that August. This report was provided for information. No action was needed or taken.

8. Safety Targets

Mr. Andrew Heath, State Traffic Engineer, gave a presentation on GDOT's selection of safety targets. The US DOT had selected five measures for safety, for which each state must select targets. The five measures are: number of fatalities, rate of fatalities per 100 million miles of travel, number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per million mile of travel, and number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries. GDOT's targets are to be under the projected trend lines on all five measures. Measurement uses a five-year rolling average. The targets are adjusted annually based on the latest five-year average. The US DOT had specified the method for identifying the trend line. MPO's are also required to identify targets, within six months of the state's adoption of targets; the deadline for the MPO's adoption of a safety target is therefore February 27 of each year. Direction at this time suggests that MPO adoption consists of, at a minimum, a resolution and statements in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The MPO may choose to support the state's targets or may set its own for each of these five measures. However, the latter implies parsing and analyzing the data at the level of the MPO planning area. MPO boundaries are not among the geography included in the crash data. This report was presented for information. No action was needed or taken.

V. Information Reports (verbal)

9. Reports

GDOT District Five -- Byron Cowart reviewed the status of projects on the state's handout.
Chatham County -- Pam Bernard reviewed the status of projects on the county's handout.
Garden City -- Jackie Jackson said that the resurfacing of Chatham Pkwy. could begin near the end of the year.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

[10. Next TCC Meeting: Dec. 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in MPC Surrency Conference Room](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

IX. Adjournment

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There being no further business, the October 11, 2017 meeting of the TCC was adjourned.

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