



CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION (ACAT) MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, April 14, 2004
Williams Court Apartments

2:00 P.M.
1900 Lincoln Street

Members Present:

Berlon, John Paul
Curley, Bob
Dawson, Wayne
James, Angela
Hakim, T.
Iaderosa, Jean
Jackson, Theodis
Jarrett, McArthur
Lamar, Tom
Oakley, Bill
Wang, Wykoda

Representing:

Interested Citizen
Senior Citizens
Fair Housing Council
Housing Authority of Savannah
Chatham Area Transit
Chatham Area Transit
Laidlaw
National Federation of the Blind
Chair
Goodwill, Vice Chair
MPC

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I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Lamar called the April 14, 2004 ACAT meeting to order. Hearing no comments, the agenda was approved as presented.

II. Action Items:

A. Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2004

Ms. Iaderosa identified several corrections to the minutes. She submitted the corrections to staff.

Mr. Dawson moved to accept the minutes subject to the corrections that were identified. Mr. Oakley seconded the motion.

ACAT Action: The motion carried with none opposed. The motion was to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2004 ACAT meeting subject to the corrections that were identified. Voting were Mr. Berlon, Mr. Curley, Mr. Dawson, Ms. Glames, Mr. Hakim, Ms. Iaderosa, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Lamar, Mr. Oakley, and Ms. Wang.

B. Endorsement of Final FY 2005 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Wang stated that the final UPWP document was included in the pre-meeting mailing. This is the staff work program for the coming year.

Mr. Dawson recommended a change to Paragraph 22 Special Studies, to conduct travel training for Para transit users to educate them on the options of fixed route CAT services.

Mr. Oakley moved to endorse the final FY 2005 Unified Planning Work Program and encourage the planning of transit and Para transit systems as outlined in the appropriate section and encourage the development of training for use of the fixed route system. Mr. Curley seconded the motion.

ACAT Action: The motion carried with none opposed. The motion was to endorse the final FY 2005 Unified Planning Work Program and encourage the planning of transit and Para transit systems as outlined in the appropriate section and encourage the development of training for use of the fixed route system. Voting were Mr. Berlon, Mr. Curley, Mr. Dawson, Ms. Glames, Mr. Hakim, Ms. Iaderosa, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Lamar, Mr. Oakley, and Ms. Wang.

C. Endorsement of the proposed intermodal connector addition to the National Highway system (NHS)

Ms. Wang stated that GDOT is requesting to add Grange Road and part of State Route 25/US 17 into the National Highway System as part of the intermodal connector system. The subject area was displayed on a map.

Mr. Oakley moved to approve the endorsement subject to a reminder to the Policy Committee of a previous resolution requesting sidewalks along new roadway construction. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion.

ACAT Action: The motion carried with none opposed. The motion was to endorse the proposed intermodal connector addition to the National Highway System (NHS) subject to a reminder to the Policy Committee of a previous resolution requesting sidewalks along new roadway construction. Voting were: Mr. Berlon, Mr. Curley, Mr. Dawson, Ms. Glames, Mr. Hakim, Ms. Iaderosa, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Oakley, Mr. Lamar, and Ms. Wang.

III. Status Reports

A. Congestion Management System

Ms. Wang stated that the consultant team of Carter & Burgess was hired for this project. Data collection started in November 2003 and was completed in January 2004. Congestion measurements of level of service and congestion index were identified. Congestion mitigation strategies are being prepared. A final report should be ready by June.

B. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

Ms. Wang stated that staff is preparing the update to the LRTP. Some traffic modeling output to the year 2030 has been received. The public involvement process for the LRTP Update was discussed.

C. East-West Corridor Study

Ms. Wang stated that requests for qualifications were sent out to around 160 GDOT Pre-Qualified Consultants. Ten responses have been received. Consultant selection will follow a review of technical proposals. Additional information would be available at the next ACAT meeting.

IV. Informational Reports

A. Laidlaw/Teleride

Mr. Jackson reviewed the ridership statistics for February and March 2004.

Mr. Oakley proposed that Laidlaw upgrade their software to include a reservation ticket numbering system in order to assist riders.

Mr. Jarrett requested an update on progress that has been made on the vans regarding the doors, number of them that are incomplete as far as being repaired. How many are there and what progress has been made?

Mr. Jackson replied that Laidlaw has obtained a cost estimate on repairing all of the doors. The problem was that the automatic switch was not working although the doors could still be opened manually. The switches on two vehicles have been repaired recently. He has not been made aware of other vehicles out there with doors that do not work. Laidlaw owns half of the vans and CAT owns the other half. This is an aging fleet although the matter is being addressed.

Mr. Lamar stated that several lifts are in poor shape.

Ms. Iaderosa stated that several meetings ago Mr. Dawson agreed to draft copies concerning complaints and comments on Teleride to incorporate into the Teleride Handbook which would revolve around a transition from people calling Teleride to calling CAT to lodge complaints and meet with Mr. Jackson as needed.

Mr. Dawson replied that a meeting was held with Mr. Berlon, Mr. Broderick, and others to map that out. He does not have final copy for the group to approve. He would try to have something ready for the next meeting.

Ms. Iaderosa stated that CAT has recently completed a bi-annual review by the Federal Transit Agency. CAT was told that there was only one item that must be changed concerning the Para transit appeal process for the Teleride function. The director of Teleride, in this case Mr. Jackson, must be removed from the appeals committee in order to eliminate the appearance of bias. This change has been made and forwarded to the handbook for deletion. The change has been made on the CAT website also.

She added that in the last meeting the corrections that she provided to the Teleride Policy Handbook were left in abeyance. Those corrections were related to housekeeping and grammatical items. She wanted to bring that back on the table for discussion. A copy of a memorandum that Mr. Berlon left dated November 11, 2003 was distributed.

Mr. Jarrett stated that it seems that there is collective recall from those present at the last meeting. It seems that these matters have been voted on. He did not see it as being voted

on. If there is a majority recall that is fine. He still maintains that as far as he understands it, there was not a motion. If there is it has not been reflected in any minutes that he has ever received.

Ms. Iaderosa stated that she has a copy of the minutes. It was not reflected in the minutes that these amendments were approved. However there is a consensus among the people present that it was voted on and approved.

Mr. Berlon moved to affirm the changes in the Teleride Policy Handbook effective November 11, 2003.

Mr. Jarrett asked the reason that the group would reconfirm something that has already been considered and where there is an absolute consensus that it has already been confirmed. Another motion at this time is not acceptable. Now if you have done it I don't want to get in a protracted discussion with anybody about it. I am just simply making a statement. If you have already confirmed it and you think this motion was done then so be it. There is no reason to do that again.

Mr. Lamar stated that a motion would perfect the record.

Mr. Jarrett replied that the committee could affirm what it wanted but the motion did not happen.

Ms. Wang stated that tapes of previous meetings are available.

Mr. Dawson asked Ms. Wang to listen to the tape of the November ACAT meeting.

Mr. Berlon moved that staff review the tape of the November ACAT meeting and upon review of the tapes determine whether or not there is a motion; a motion was made to determine that the minutes reflect a motion at that meeting. If not, we should put on the agenda for the next month to amend the minutes to reflect the changes in the Teleride Handbook.

Mr. Jarrett requested a copy of the tape from the November 11, 2003 ACAT meeting.

Ms. Iaderosa stated that she wanted return to the changes that she requested to bring back to the floor for consideration. How should these housekeeping changes be made?

Mr. Lamar stated that those changes were semantics and grammar.

Ms. Iaderosa replied that none of the content is changed. There are no policy changes.

Mr. Berlon moved to table this until the next meeting.

C. Chatham Area Transit

Mr. Hakim reviewed the progress toward the goal of installing 100 new or replacement bus shelters. He outlined the locations where concrete slabs and bus shelters have been installed. A report was distributed at the meeting. The proposed bus shelter in front of Dan Vaden on Abercorn Street will be moved 100 feet south in order not to block the view of the automobiles at this location.

Mr. Dawson stated that he has a concern about the perceived lack of progress that is being made regarding access to the current bus stops. Members of the disabled community have no access to the current bus stops. This group in some way needs to emphasize the importance of replacing existing inaccessible shelters with new accessible bus shelters. Does that need to go to the Policy Committee and be distributed to other CAT Board members?

Mr. Hakim stated that he is in agreement with this.

Mr. Oakley moved that a resolution from the ACAT to affirm the importance of replacing those inaccessible shelters with accessible bus shelters. This vital function should take precedence over issues where accessibility is not a factor. The motion was seconded.

ACAT Action: The motion carried. The motion was that ACAT send a resolution to the CAT Board to affirm the importance of replacing those inaccessible shelters with accessible bus shelters. This vital function should take precedence over issues where accessibility is not a factor. Voting in favor of the motion were: Mr. Berlon, Mr. Curley, Mr. Dawson, Ms. Glames, Mr. Hakim, Ms. Iaderosa, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Jarrett, Mr. Oakley, Mr. Lamar, and Ms. Wang.

Mr. Dawson stated that the CAT staff has been charged with 100 new shelters; however it seems as though there are a lot of bureaucratic hassles when CAT staff tries to go to GDOT. Is there anything that this group can do to try and streamline the process? It is not fair to give CAT staff the responsibility of doing that and not give them the authority to get that done.

Mr. Dawson replied that it might be a good idea to include a report to the CAT Board, either a formal presentation or information items on the Board agenda that would inform Board members of the status on each proposed shelter. If Board members have a sense of the convoluted process that staff must follow would be enlightening.

F. Other Business

Mr. Dawson requested that staff add a Public Participation Opportunity to future ACAT agendas.

Mr. Lamar requested that someone investigate the possibility of publicizing ACAT meetings on Laidlaw vans.

Ms. Wang announced a public meeting on the TIP, which is scheduled for April 22 from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM in the MPC Hearing Room. This meeting is to help establish the local priorities.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the April 14, 2004 ACAT meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wykoda Wang
Transportation Planner**