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CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, June 15, 2005
Williams Court Apartments

2:00 P.M.
1900 Lincoln Street

<u>Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Black, Allan R.	Chatham County	
Broker, William K.	Georgia Legal Service	
Dawson, Wayne	Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council	x
Executive Director	Kicklighter Resource Center	
Fontaine, Yolanda	Housing Authority of Savannah	x
Greenblum, Herb	Georgia Infirmary Day Center for Rehabilitation	
Habas, Bob	Living Independence for Everyone Inc. (LIFE)	x
Hakim, Timamu	Chatham Area Transit Authority	
Hunt, Carol	NAACP-Savannah Branch	
Jackson, Theodis	Laidlaw Transit Services (Teleride)	x
Jarret, McArthur	National Federation of the Blind	x
Jones, Billy	City of Savannah	
Lamar, Tom	Interested Citizen	x
Lewis, Jack	Georgia Council of the Blind	x

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Lyons, Patti	Senior Citizens Savannah -Chatham Inc.	
Monroe, Lori	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Schroeder, Greg	United Way of the Coastal Empire	
Scott, Teresa	GDOT District 5	
Simmons, Walt	Savannah Association for the Blind	
Timmons, Clealice	Coastal Center for Development Services	
Wang, Wykoda	Metropolitan Planning Commission	x

<u>Member Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Curley, Bob	Senior Citizens Savannah -Chatham Inc.	
Jennette, Russell	CAT	x

<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Gardner, William	Consumer	x
Grabowski, Denise	Connecting Savannah	x
Leighton, Brian	Savannah Council of the Blind	x
Palmer, Tyrone	Interested Citizen	x
Nusrat Hussain, Ali	Interested Citizen	x

Call to Order

In the absence of Chairman Tom Lamar at the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Jarret called the June 15, 2005 ACAT meeting to order. He read the agenda items for the benefit of those attending the meeting for the first time.

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Lewis moved to approve the agenda as it was read. Ms. Wang seconded the motion.

ACAT Action: The motion to approve the agenda as it was read carried with none opposed.

II. Action Items:

A. Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2005

Mr. Dawson moved to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2005 ACAT Meeting. Ms. Wang seconded the motion.

ACAT Action: The motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2005 ACAT meeting carried with none opposed.

B. Endorsement of Amendment to FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Wang gave an update of the amended document and asked the ACAT Committee to endorse the amended document to the Policy Committee.

Mr. Lewis moved to endorse the FY 2006 UPWP amendment. Mr. Jackson seconded.

ACAT Action: The motion to endorse the amendment to FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program as read and reviewed carried with none opposed.

C. Endorsement of FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program.

Ms. Wang distributed an updated list of the TIP and asked that the ACAT Committee endorse the TIP to the Policy Committee. Ms Wang also noted that she would check the status of the curb cuts and sidewalks as it relates to the TIP projects.

Mr. Dawson moved to endorse the TIP with a forth-coming amendment. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion.

ACAT Action: The motion to endorse the FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program with a forth-coming amendment carried with none opposed.

- D. Endorsement of Amendment to 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan and FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program to Incorporate Proposed Strategies for the Connection Savannah process**

Ms. Grabowski gave a brief presentation on the strategies for the Connecting Savannah process. She requested that ACAT endorse to the Policy Committee the Connecting Savannah recommendations as outlined in the action plan. There were four main issues recommended for modification plans.

- 1. How to become more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.**
- 2. The DeRenne Avenue Congestion**
- 3. Bay Street Traffic**
- 4. Truman Pkwy Extension & the second bridge over The Savannah River**

There was a period for questions and answers after Ms. Grabowski's presentation.

Mr. Lamar moved to endorse the amendment to the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan and FY 2006-2008 TIP. Mr. Leighton seconded.

ACAT Action: The motion to endorse the amendments to the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan and FY 2006-2008 TIP with additional information provided carried with none opposed.

Mr. Lamar had arrived at this point and chaired the remaining of the meeting.

III. Status Reports

A. Federal Planning Certification Review Final Report

Ms. Wang gave a quick update of the Federal Planning Certification Review Final Report. In addition to not having any corrective actions, the Transportation Program was commended on The ACAT Committee.

B. TEA-21 Reauthorization

Ms. Wang gave a report on the status of the TEA 21 Reauthorization while answering questions.

C. Chatham County Intermodal Freight Study

Ms. Wang stated contact had been made with Georgia Port Authority but there was nothing new on this project at this time.

D. GDOT Interstate Improvement Study

Ms. Wang stated this project is still under negotiations between GDOT and the consultant.

E. CAT Downtown Transit Station Study

Mr. Russell stated this study is on going. There have been no decisions made at this time.

F. ACAT Bylaw Update Issues

Ms. Wang gave a summary of the Bylaw Update progress. Letters were sent out to various committee members making them aware of their membership and urging their participation on the committee. Ms. Wang read a copy of the letter that was mailed. She also advised the ACAT members to give her their email addresses to allow them to receive the agenda and the minutes in a timely manner.

IV. Informational Reports

A. Laidlaw/Teleride

Mr. Jackson distributed an updated report. He reviewed the complaints, reservations, non-available trips, cancellations, and no-shows for the months of April and May. The floor was opened for discussion. Mr. Jarrett and other ACAT members voiced concerns regarding the Teleride Van purchase process. In order to determine the availability of funding for and the purchase process of the Teleride vans, the Chatham Area Transit financial officer will be invited to the next ACAT meeting.

B. Chatham Area Transit

Mr. Russell gave an update on the schedule changes and availability of trips of the shuttle buses. There was a period for question and answers.

C. Other

Mr. Dawson presented information from the Council of Disabilities Act. A study has been released on the state of transportation for people with disabilities. This information will be forwarded to Ms. Wang by email and presented to the ACAT Committee on the next regular meeting.

V. Other Business

Mr. Dawson stated one of the goals of the ACAT Committee was to develop an accessible taxi service. He urged the committee to adopt the concept of the wheelchair accessible taxi service and recommend this to the Disability Council.

Mr. Lewis made the motion to conceptually adopt Mr. Dawson's proposal. Mr. McAuthur seconded the motion.

ACAT Action: The motion to adopt Mr. Dawson's proposal carried with none opposed. The proposal was to endorse the amenities of the taxi ordinance to include each provider of a certain size provide wheelchair access.

VI. Public Participation Opportunities

Mr. Lamar asked if there was anyone present with a transportation issue to address.

Ms. Fontaine took the opportunity to thank Mr. Jackson for the driver training he has provided to their driving facilitator. The driver will in turn train additional staff members.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 15, 2005 ACAT meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wykoda Wang
Transportation Planner**