



## CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, October 19, 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
Fontaine, Yolanda	Housing Authority of Savannah	
Greenblum, Herb	Georgia Infirmary Day Center for Rehabilitation	
Habas, Bob	Living Independence for Everyone Inc. (LIFE)	x
Hakim, Timamu	Chatham Area Transit Authority	
Hardenbrook, Zoe	GDOT District 5	
Hunt, Carol	NAACP-Savannah Branch	
Jackson, Theodis	Laidlaw/Teleride	
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	
Lyons, Patti	Senior Citizens Savannah -Chatham Inc.	
Monroe, Lori	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Nichols, Mary	Kicklighter Resource Center	
Schroeder, Greg	United Way of the Coastal Empire	x
Simmons, Walt	Savannah Association for the Blind	x
Timmons, Clealice	Coastal Center for Development Services	
Wang, Wykoda	Metropolitan Planning Commission	x



<u>Member Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Jennette, Russell	CAT	X
Newton, Terry	Housing Authority of Savannah	X
Roper, Barbara	Laidlaw/Teleride	X
Ward, Betsy	Kicklighter Resource Center	X
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Boyle, John	CAT	X
Gardner, William	Consumer	X
Hendricks, John	United Way of Coastal Empire	X
Leighton, Brian	Savannah Council of the Blind	X
Carl Palmer	CAT	X
Palmer, Tyrone	Interested Citizen	X

## Call to Order

In the absence of Chairman Tom Lamar at the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Jarrett called the October 19, 2005 ACAT Meeting to order.

### I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bob Habas moved to modify the agenda. The modification was to move the item concerning Teleride van purchase to the top of the agenda. Mr. Wayne Dawson seconded the motion.

**ACAT Action:** The motion to modify the October 19, 2005 ACAT Agenda to present the item concerning Teleride van purchase to the front of the agenda carried with none opposed. Voting in favor of the motion was Mr. Gregg Schroeder, Mr. McAuther Jarret, Ms. Wykoda Wang, Ms. Terry Newton, Ms. Betsy Ward, Mr. Bob Habas, Ms. Barbara Roper, Mr. Walt Simmons, Mr. Wayne Dawson, and Mr. Russell Jennette,

At this point the Chairman arrived at the meeting and took his place as the Chair. He then asked that everyone do a self introduction.



## **II. Informational Reports**

### **A. Teleride Van Purchase: Process and Status**

**Mr. Carl Palmer gave a brief presentation of the updated status of the Teleride Van Purchase Process and Status. He stated there are 8 vans that have been through the process and are expected to be delivered and accessible for transportation by February 2006. The additional feature on the new vans will be wheelchair accessibility. The new vans will now allow for four wheelchairs instead of the former two. The 8 new vans will replace 8 of the old ones.**

**Mr. Jarrett stated he failed to see the advantage of removing 8 vans that are presently operational and replacing them with new ones. How would this increase capacity?**

**Mr. Palmer explained there were 2 issues: capacity and the safety of the ride ability of the vehicles. He stated CAT has the advantage to go back into the contract and look at increasing the number of vehicles operating on the street and balance this against the condition of the vehicles. He further concluded at this juncture CAT is looking at replacing 8 older vehicles because of liability issues and age. However, some vehicles may be maintained and continued. There will be at least twelve vehicles of the sixteen vehicle fleet in operation at all times.**

**Mr. Boyle explained the purchasing process. He assured this process has been completed and the estimated time of delivery of the vans will be around the first of February 2006.**

**Mr. Jarret stated the primary problem is a capacity issue and he feels this needs to be addressed immediately. He also questioned if there was anything in place to ensure the majority**



of the vans will remain in operation on the street while the others are out for maintenance.

## **B. Chatham Area Transit**

Mr. Carl Palmer made brief comments regarding negotiations on the purchase of a site for the CAT transit station. There will also be a request for qualification to engage the services of an architectural firm that will take this project from the conceptual phase to the preliminary design, final design and construction phase.

### **III. Action Items**

#### **A. Approval of June 15, 2005 ACAT Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Walt Simmons moved to have each member of the committee or speaker identify himself or herself prior to making motions or comments in order to aid in making the minutes more accurate. Mr. McArthur Jarret seconded the motion.

**ACAT Action:** The motion to have each member of the committee or speaker identify himself or herself prior to making comments or motions enabling the secretary to produce a more accurate minutes carried with none opposed. Voting in favor of the motion was: Mr. Tom Lamar, Mr. McArthur Jarret, Ms. Wykoda Wang, Mr. Walt Simmons, Mr. Wayne Dawson, Mr. Barbara Roper, Ms. Terry Newton, Ms Betsy Ward, Mr. Greg Schroeder, Mr. Wayne Dawson, and Mr. Russell Jennette.

#### **B. Endorsement of Amendment to FY 2006 – 2008 Transportation Improvement Program: Truman Parkway Interchange Lighting.**

Ms. Wykoda Wang gave a brief background introduction of the MPO transportation planning process, the MPO composition, and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to familiarize



the ACAT members of the objectives and requirements. She stated the MPO is requesting ACAT's endorsement to the Policy Committee of the amendment to the FY 2006-2008 TIP. The amendment was to advance the project of Truman Parkway Interchange Lighting from 2008 to 2006.

Mr. McArthur Jarret moved to have the ACAT Committee endorse and support the amended TIP Report. Mr. Greg Schroeder seconded the motion.

**ACAT Action:** The motion that the ACAT Committee support and endorse the amended TIP to advance Truman Parkway Interchange Lighting carried with none opposed. Voting in favor of the motion was Mr. Tom Lamar, Mr. Greg Schroeder, Mr. Jarret McAuther, Mr. Wykoda Wang, Ms. Terry Newton, Mr. Bob Habas, Mr. Wayne Dawson, Ms. Betsy Ward, Mr. Barbara Roper, Mr. Walt Simmons, and Mr. Russell Jennette.

### **C. Review and Comment on Chatham County TE Application Projects**

Ms. Wang gave a brief description of the Transportation Enhancement (TE) program and the six TE applications in Chatham County. The six projects are: 1) AASU Bicycle/Pedestrian Path TE Grant; 2) Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd Streetscape Phase 2; 3) Pooler Sidewalk Extension; 4) Rehabilitation of Paint Shop Building's Sawtooth Roof; 5) Savannah State University Marsh Front Multi Purpose Path; and 6) Tybrisa Street Streetscape Improvements. The ACAT Committee reviewed the reports and recommended to the Policy Committee to consider design of curb cuts, rails and crossings right at the first stages of the projects.

**ACAT Action:** The ACAT Committee made a motion to recommend to the Policy Committee to consider design of curb cuts, rails and crossings right at the first stages of the TE projects. The motion was seconded. Voting in favor of the



**motion was Mr. Tom Lamar, Mr. Greg Schroeder, Mr. Jarret McAuther, Mr. Wykoda Wang, Ms. Terry Newton, Mr. Bob Habas, Mr. Wayne Dawson, Ms. Betsy Ward, Mr. Barbara Roper, Mr. Walt Simmons, and Mr. Russell Jennette.**

**D. Review and Comment on Revised CUTS Public Involvement Plan**

**Ms. Wykoda Wang gave a brief update of the revised Public Involvement Plan. She asked that the Committee review the report and submit their comments.**

**Ms. Wang further announced that the MPC is now posting all agendas and package materials for the MPO and committee meetings on the MPC website. This will allow the committee members to receive their agenda and packages early.**

**E. Action on ACAT Bylaw Modification**

**Ms. Wang updated the committee on ACAT Bylaw modification regarding the membership vacancies. A subcommittee was appointed to make bylaw updates. The MPO staff contacted the inactive members. Many members were unaware they were members of the committee. Georgia Legal Services, Chatham County Engineers and the City of Savannah Representatives asked to be removed from membership. Ms. Wang stated she spoke with Mr. Al Black, Assistant County Engineer and Mr. Billy Jones, Director of Facility Maintenance of City of Savannah. Both stated they would be willing to serve as advisors on an as needed basis. Those contacted that were willing to serve were: representatives from the GDOT Intermodal Program, the Economic Opportunity Authority, Savannah Association for the Blind, the United Way of Coastal Empire, and Kicklighter Resource Center. Georgia Infirmary Day Center for Rehabilitation could not be reached. Ms. Wang informed the committee in order to modify the Bylaws the membership must be updated.**



It has been decided that Mr. Jarret will contact Georgia Legal Services, Mr. Habas will contact Coastal Center for Development Services, and Mr. Lamar will contact the Georgia Infirmity Day Center for Rehabilitation to urge their participation in the committee. The committee also decided that it is unacceptable that Chatham County and City of Savannah resigned. Mr. Jarrett made a motion to send letters to the Chairman of Chatham County Commission, the Mayor of City of Savannah and cc the department heads of the City and County Human Resources Departments regarding the participation in the ACAT. He explained the Human Resources Department has responsibility for the ADA matters. He also stated active members should inform the committee in writing as to whether or not they will continue to serve as active members on the ACAT Committee. Mr. Simmons seconded the motion.

**ACAT Action:** The motion to mail letters to the Chairman of the Chatham County Commission, the Mayor of City of Savannah and copy to the department heads of the City and County Human Resources Departments regarding participation in ACAT carried with none opposed. Voting in favor of the motion was Mr. Tom Lamar, Mr. Greg Schroeder, Mr. McAuther Jarret, Mr. Wykoda Wang, Ms. Terry Newton, Mr. Bob Habas, Ms. Betsy Ward, Mr. Barbara Roper, Mr. Walt Simmons, and Mr. Russell Jennette.

#### **IV. Status Reports**

##### **A. TEA-21 Reauthorization**

Ms. Wang updated the committee of the TEA-21 Reauthorization. The SAFETEA-LU has after a two-year delay been approved and signed into law. She stated more funding will be available for transportation planning in this area with more requirements on the TIP and the Long Range Transportation Plan.

##### **B. Chatham County Intermodal Freight Study**

**Ms Wang stated GPA is still in the data collection process.**



### **C. GDOT Interstate Improvement Study**

Ms Wang gave a brief status report of the GDOT Interstate Improvement study. She stated GDOT is still coordinating with the consultant on the scope of services. The MPO staff has mailed letters to GDOT and the consultants informing them of the City of Savannah and Chatham County requirements.

### **D. Transportation Amenities Plan**

Ms. Wang gave a brief status report of the Transportation Amenities plan. A consultant will be hired to develop the context sensitive design standards. Staff is in the process of developing a request for proposal (RFP).

## **V. Informational Reports**

### **A. Laidlaw/Teleride**

Ms. Barbara Roper gave a brief presentation on the Laidlaw / Teleride activity for the months of June, July, August, and September 2005. The activity consisted of the number of no shows, cancellations, reservations, actual riders, and complaint logs.

## **VI. Adjournment**

There being no other business come before this committee, the October 19, 2005 ACAT Committee meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wykoda Wang  
Transportation Planner