



CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, December 7, 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	
Fontaine, Yolanda	Housing Authority of Savannah	
Greenblum, Herb	Georgia Infirmary Day Center for Rehabilitation	
Habas, Bob	Living Independence for Everyone Inc. (LIFE)	
Hakim, Timamu	Chatham Area Transit Authority	x
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	
Lewis, Jack	Georgia Council of the Blind	x
Lyons, Patti	Senior Citizens Savannah -Chatham Inc.	
Monroe, Lori	Economic Opportunity Authority	x
Nichols, Mary	Kicklighter Resource Center	x
Oakley, Bill	Goodwill Industries	x
Schroeder, Greg	United Way of the Coastal Empire	
Simmons, Walt	Savannah Association for the Blind	
Timmons, Clealice	Coastal Center for Development Services	x



Wang, Wykoda	Metropolitan Planning Commission	x
<u>Member Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Bush, Ann	Laidlaw/Teleride	x
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Morgan, Constance	Metropolitan Planning Commission	x

Call to Order

Due to the absence of Chairman Tom Lamar, Mr. McArthur Jarret called the meeting to order and welcomed those attending the meeting for the first time.

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Lewis moved to approve the agenda for the December 7, 2005 ACAT Meeting. Mr. Hakim seconded the motion.

ACAT Action: The motion to approve the December 7, 2005 ACAT agenda carried with none opposed.

Ms. Wang took the opportunity to introduce Ms. Morgan. She stated Ms. Morgan does the minutes for the ACAT meetings and has provided more detailed minutes to the meeting as requested.

Mr. Jarret thanked Ms. Morgan for her extra efforts.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of October 19, 2005 ACAT Meeting Minutes

Mr. Lewis moved to approve the minutes for the October 19, 2005 ACAT Meeting. Mr. Hakim seconded the motion.



ACAT Action: The motion to approve the October 19, 2005 ACAT Meeting Minutes carried with none opposed.

Mr. Lewis asked the chair if he would have those present to do a self introduction. Everybody introduced themselves.

B. Endorsement of FY 2007 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Wang gave a brief introduction about the MPO transportation planning process and the planning documents for the benefit of the new members that were present. She reviewed the UPWP draft document that had been distributed in the packets. She stated that the programs particularly germane to ACAT are 1) Community Outreach and Education, 2) Environmental Justice / Title 6 / Anti-Poverty Transportation Planning, and 3) Transit / Paratransit Planning. She requested ACAT members review the draft FY 2007 UPWP and send comments to the MPO in order for them to be incorporated into the document. Ms. Wang further stated that the revised draft FY 2007 UPWP will go before the Committee in April 06 for endorsement.

Mr. Jarret requested the ACAT members review the draft prior to endorsement and send comments to Ms. Wang. Items of discussion were Title 6 / Anti-Poverty Transportation Planning and Environmental Justice.

C. Endorsement of 2006 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Oakley moved to approve the 2006 ACAT Meeting Calendar. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion.

ACAT Action: The motion to approve the 2006 ACAT Meeting Calendar carried with none opposed.



III. Status Reports

A. Transportation Amenities Plan

Ms. Wang gave a brief review of the Transportation Amenities Plan. She stated a consultant will be hired to develop the transportation amenities design guidelines. A Request for Proposal (RFP) has been sent out to qualified consultants. A pre-proposal conference was held on November 30, 2005. The deadline for proposal submittal is December 14, 2005. There will be opportunities for various committees to participate in the guideline development process.

At this point Mr. Oakley, Vice Chairman, proceeded with the agenda.

B. Connecting Savannah Follow Up Studies

Ms. Wang gave a brief review of the Connecting Savannah Study. The study is to solve the East-West traffic problems. Connecting Savannah has several recommendations which lead to the follow up studies. One of the recommendations was to concentrate on the synchronization of traffic signals. Staff has sent out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Task Order Transportation Studies and has received several proposals. The Consultant Review Committee will review the proposals and choose the most qualified consultant. The MPO is also partnering with the City of Savannah on two Requests for Proposals (RFP) for Hampstead Connector and DeRenne Six Lane Widening.

C. Chatham County Intermodal Freight Study

Ms. Wang stated for the Chatham County Intermodal Freight Study, GPA is still coordinating with the freight agencies for data collection.



D. GDOT Interstate Improvement Study

Ms. Wang stated a consultant has been hired by GDOT to study the interstates (I-16, I-95 and I-516) and provide a recommendation. She instructed members to refer to their handouts for the status of these projects.

E. CAT Downtown Transit Station Study

Ms. Wang presented the report she received from Ms. Jean Iaderosa. The CAT Board has approved the issuance of a request for proposal (RFP). The CAT staff will send out the proposal to consultants and they in turn will submit a bid.

F. ACAT Bylaw Modification Update

Ms. Wang stated the ACAT Bylaw update is mostly membership update. The Georgia Legal Services Director Mr. Bill Broker would like to resign which the Committee considered unacceptable. The Committee feels Mr. Broker should not resign and if he does someone should act in his stead. At the last ACAT meeting, the Committee decided that Mr. Jarret would contact Mr. Broker on this issue.

Mr. Jarrett commented he has made several attempts to contact Mr. Broker but has not been successful.

Mr. Oakley stated he will have contact with Mr. Broker and will speak to him regarding his membership.

Ms. Wang continued that contact was made by Mr. Habas with Ms. Timmons of Coastal Center for Development Services and she is in attendance.



Contact has been made with the Georgia Infirmity Day Center for Rehabilitation by Mr. Lamar but unfortunately they were unaware of the mission of the ACAT Committee. Mr. Lamar suggested the MPO staff prepare a one page fact sheet on the ACAT Committee to accompany the packages that are sent out educating new members or potential members about ACAT. Mr. Lamar will contact the Center again. Ms. Nichols of Kicklighter Resource Center has been contacted and is in attendance along with Ms. Monroe of Economic Opportunity Authority. Ms. Hardenbrook of GDOT District 5 responded that she will be in attendance when it does not conflict with her other schedules. The NAACP assured us that they will be in attendance also.

Ms. Wang further stated that, as a follow up to the last ACAT meeting, she has drafted a letter to Mayor Otis Johnson and Commissioner Pete Liakakis requesting their assistance in filling the ACAT positions from the City and the County, however she needs some help in finalizing the letter. She also needs some help in getting the contact information of the City and County Human Resources Departments. The Committee decided that Ms. Wang should send the draft letter to the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of ACAT for review and finalization. The ACAT members, if possible, will send Ms. Wang the contact information of the Human Resources Departments.

IV. Informational Reports

A. Laidlaw/Teleride

Ms. Bush of Laidlaw / Teleride gave a status report on the Reservations, Actual Passengers, Cancellations and No shows for the months of October and November. Ms. Bush stated she did not have any information on the comment or complaint status in these reports.



Mr. Jarrett questioned why this report was incomplete. His concern was the complaint log. This issue relates to the consumers and agencies / providers that serve the consumers. The consumers have been told to call in in the event there is a complaint or comment, however, now that this is being done the report is consistently incomplete.

Mr. Oakley moved to have CAT and Teleride send in their reports (ridership statistics, Teleride complaint logs, etc.) to the MPO staff at least ten days prior to the meeting to be in time for the reports to be included in the MPO's mailing package so that the ACAT members can review the reports ahead of the meetings. Ms. Clealice seconded the motion.

ACAT Action: The motion carried. The motion was to have Teleride and CAT to submit to MPO their reports on ridership statistics and complaint logs and any other pertinent information for mail out at least ten days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Mr. Jarrett then addressed the concerns of the previous meeting where Mr. Palmer was asked when Teleride could cut-off on weekends. He asked that Ms. Bush revisit the regulation.

B. Chatham Area Transit

Mr. Hakim distributed pictorial handouts of the new Teleride Vans. The vans should be available in late December or early January. The vans will seat four wheelchairs at a time. He gave a brief status report on the removal of the shelter on Highway 21/Augusta Rd in Garden City, Ga. This has become a very high crime area, so at the request of the Garden City Police it will be removed and placed one block east. Removal should be completed the first of January.



Mr. Hakim concluded he has made contact with Mr. Billy Jones, Director of the City of Savannah Street Maintenance, regarding funding curb cuts along Abercorn and Largo and Abercorn and Tibet for shelters where there are no sidewalks. Mr. Jones' response was that there is no funding to provide curb cuts. Mr. Hakim asked that members of the ACAT Committee contact Mr. Jones regarding curb cuts along Abercorn and Tibet / Largo.

VII. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before this committee the December 7, 2005 ACAT Committee Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

**Wykoda Wang
Transportation Planner**