



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION MEETING SUMMARY

Monday, April 26, 2010

1:00 p.m.

MPC Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room

112 E. State St.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
James Aberson	Chatham County	x
Teresa Brenner	Savannah Council of the Blind	x
William K. Broker	Georgia Legal Service	
Wayne Dawson	Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council	
Jan Elders	Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues	
Jeff Felser	City of Savannah	
Yolonda Fontaine	Housing Authority of Savannah	
William Gardner	National Federation of the Blind	x
Bob Habas	Living Independence for Everyone Inc. (LIFE)	x
Timamu Hakim	Chatham Area Transit Authority	
Zoe Hardenbrook	GDOT District 5	
Pat Heagarty	Interested Citizen	x
Carol Hunt	NAACP-Savannah Branch	
Hunter Hurst	Georgia Infirmary Day Center For Rehabilitation	
McArthur Jarrett	Interested Citizen	x
Robert Kozlowski	Kicklighter Resource Center	
Tom Lamar	Interested Citizen	x
Jane Love	Metropolitan Planning Commission	x
Patti Lyons	Senior Citizens Savannah -Chatham Inc.	
Laurie Monroe	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Bill Oakley	Goodwill Industries	

Greg Schroeder **United Way of the Coastal Empire**
Clealice Timmons **Coastal Ctr for Develop't Services**
Terri White **Savannah Assn for the Blind**

<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Theodis Jackson	Chatham Area Transit	x
Jack Lewis	Interested Citizen	x

<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Tyrone Palmer	National Federation of the Blind	x
Barbara Settzo	for the MPO	x
Wykoda Wang	MPO	x

Call to Order

Chairman McArthur Jarrett called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of Agenda

Following the reading of the agenda it was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as presented.

ACAT Action: the motion to accept the agenda as presented carried with none opposed.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of the February 22, 2010 ACAT meeting minutes

Following the reading aloud of the minutes, it was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2010 ACAT meeting.

ACAT Action: the motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2010 ACAT meeting carried with none opposed.

B. Endorsement to authorize staff to begin process for requested amendment to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan for the Gulfstream Project

Ms. Wykoda Wang reported that the amendment calls for a change in the scope of the R.B. Miller Rd intersection improvement project to include widening. At this time no further information is available. Staff needs authorization to study and evaluate this amendment.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the authorization to study and evaluate the proposed amendment to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

ACAT Action: the motion to endorse the authorization to study and evaluate the proposed amendment to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan carried with none opposed.

C. Endorsement of the MPO priorities for federal funding for development of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Wang referred the committee members to the staff report included in the meeting materials. She explained the prioritization process included in the TIP development process. She reviewed the different projects listed in each priority category:

- First priority – 3 highway projects and 2 bridge projects
- Second priority – 3 highway projects and 1 bridge project
- Third priority – 4 highway projects
- Transit priorities – CAT submitted a list of projects in the following areas:
 - Passenger amenities
 - Facility renovations
 - Bus and bus-related facilities
 - Job Access

- Intelligent Transportation System
 - Transit Station
 - Tools & Equipment
 - Water Ferry
- Non-motorized priorities – this category accommodates stand-alone bike and pedestrian projects
 - Transportation Enhancement priorities
 - Lump sum priorities – GDOT managed projects
 - Earmark priorities – projects from Congressmen
 - Newly identified priorities – recommendations that may come from three new studies and Project DeRenne

Discussion followed Ms. Wang's report.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the MPO priorities for federal funding for development of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

ACAT Action: the motion to endorse the MPO priorities for federal funding for development of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) carried with none opposed.

D. Endorsement of the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Jane Love reported that this is the annual proposed work plan and budget for staff for FY 2011. The funding for FY 2011 is estimated to be similar to last year. Activities that staff will be focusing on include the development of the Total Mobility Plan and the three ARRA-funded corridor studies.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program.

ACAT Action: the motion to endorse the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program carried with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

A. Update on the Total Mobility Plan

Ms. Love reported that the Total Mobility Plan will enlarge upon the Framework Mobility Plan that was adopted in September 2009. The Framework Mobility Plan was developed to meet federal requirements for the MPO's long range transportation plan. The Total Mobility Plan will now incorporate additional elements. The components of the expanded Total Mobility Plan are:

- Framework Mobility Plan
- Transit Mobility Vision Plan
- Streetcar Plan
- Non-motorized Transportation Plan
- 1-16 Flyover Study
- Climate Change Assessment
- Detailed plans for areas or corridors

Ms. Love explained that the information collected during mapping exercise on bicycle and pedestrian issues, in which some committee members participated after the February meeting, will inform the non-motorized transportation portion of the Total Mobility Plan. She also noted that staff is waiting for findings from the City's consultant on a streetcar study before beginning the Streetcar Plan. The Total Mobility Plan should be completed by the end of 2011.

B. Update on three ARRA-funded studies

Ms. Love reported that consultants have been selected for the three ARRA-funded studies. The contracts will be going before the MPC board on April 27th for approval. The consultants are:

- SR 21 Corridor Study – Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung
- SR 204 Corridor Study – Jacobs Engineering Group
- US 80 Bridges Replacement Study – Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc.

IV. Agency Reports

A. CAT/Teleride

Mr. Theodis Jackson reported that 6 new vehicles are now here. The complaint line has been set up at the CAT office. Mr. Jackson reported that trips are being put on the schedule immediately and he has not heard of any stand-by problems. Wheelchair capacity issues have been resolved.

Currently there are 25 vehicles in rotation with 18-19 vehicles on the road at a time. Discussion continued on the monthly statistics, particularly the number of cancellations and no-shows in relation to the total number of rides, and the number of rides outside of the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile limit. Mr. Jackson will bring a statistical report to the next meeting.

It was confirmed that it is legal for Teleride to provide service to those outside of the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile limit so long as those within the $\frac{3}{4}$ mile limit are fully served.

There was also discussion about the Teleride handbook, particularly about changes that need to be made to the handbook such as service hours, fare and the name change. It was recommended that Teleride notify the FTA of these corrections as they are made.

Other items of concern to those attending included guaranteed rides, the impact of the CRC transportation system on Teleride, and arrival of the van well before the appointed time.

V. Other Business

It was moved and seconded to reinstate Teresa Brenner as Vice Chairperson for the committee.

ACAT Action: the motion to reinstate Teresa Brenner as Vice Chairperson for the committee carried with none opposed.

VI. Public Participation Opportunities

No public comments at this time.

VII. Announcements

The next meeting will be Monday, June 21, 2010 (the **3rd Monday** in June) at the MPC Hearing Room at 1:00 PM.

VIII. Other Non-agenda Information for Reference

No items.

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the April 26, 2010 Committee Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Love
Transportation Planner