



**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION
MEETING SUMMARY**

Monday, April 25, 2011

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
Kim Anderson	CAT – Teleride (Veolia)	
Mohsen Badran	Goodwill Industries	x
Teresa Brenner	Interested Citizen	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	
Kim Harrison	Savannah Council of the Blind	
Pat Heagarty	Interested Citizen	
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	
Jane Love	Metropolitan Planning Commission	x
Patti Lyons	Senior Citizens Savannah -Chatham Inc.	

Greg Schroeder	United Way of the Coastal Empire
Clealice Timmons	Coastal Ctr for Develop't Services
Steve Tomlinson	GDOT Intermodal, District 5
Terri White	Savannah Assn for the Blind
Leslie Wilson	Economic Opportunity Authority

<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
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<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Tyrone Palmer	National Federation of the Blind	x
Barbara Setzto	for the MPO	x

Call to Order

Mr. McArthur Jarrett called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of 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 14, 2011 ACAT meeting minutes

Following the reading of the minutes it was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 ACAT meeting.

ACAT Action: the motion to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 ACAT meeting carried with none opposed.

B. Endorsement of the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Jane Love requested the committee's endorsement of the FY 2012 UPWP. The UPWP is the annual work program which details the staff budget and work projects expected to be undertaken in the next fiscal year.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program.

ACAT Action: the motion to endorse the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program carried with none opposed.

C. Endorsement of proposed amendments to FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Love explained that the current TIP was in effect through June 2011. These amendments, requested by CAT, are necessary so that unspent funds from past years, under New Freedom, Section 5307, and Ferry Boat Discretionary program, can be carried over and accessed in the current fiscal year. Also, another amendment is to replace estimated funding amounts, under Section 5309 program, with actual allocated funding amounts, which are now known.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the proposed amendments to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program.

ACAT Action: the motion to endorse the proposed amendments to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program carried with none opposed.

D. Endorsement of proposed priority projects for FY 2012-2015 TIP development

Ms. Love presented a staff report of the proposed priority projects for the FY 2012-2015 TIP. She briefly reviewed the highway, bridge, and non-motorized projects and then focused on the transit priorities which are as follows:

- Passenger amenities
- Facility renovations
- Bus and bus-related facilities
- Job Access
- Intelligent Transportation System
- Transit Station
- Tools & Equipment
- Water Ferry

It was moved and seconded to endorse the proposed priority projects for FY 2012-2015 TIP.

ACAT Action: the motion to endorse the proposed priority projects for the FY 2012-2015 TIP carried with none opposed.

Status Reports

A. Non-motorized Transportation Plan Update – Networks & Focus Areas

As a step in the development of the Non-motorized Transportation Plan, staff is proposing a bicycle network and pedestrian focus areas in which to analyze conditions. To determine areas of focus for future pedestrian amenities staff used map overlays that measured population density, employment density, bus stops, and schools. Areas of interest were downtown Savannah, Southside Savannah & King George Blvd area, US 17, Bloomingdale, Garden City, Pooler, Wilmington Island, Tybee Island, Isle of Hope.

The proposed bicycle network is based on the established bikeway plan from 2000. Some off-road pathways are being added to previously identified routes developed by Chatham County, Coastal Georgia Greenway, and City of Savannah all of which are being incorporated into this proposed network. Some of these projects may make it into the TIP in the future, since some funding has been set aside for non-motorized projects. The next step will be to inspect and identify specific areas for improvement and then to prioritize projects. The goal is to have this completed by October 2011.

B. Wave Ecology Study

Ms. Love reported that Chatham County asked the MPO to assist Tybee Island with a study of the seasonal traffic spurts or “waves” that create short-term traffic problems and greater than usual traffic congestion. There have been many meetings to identify specific problems, review the data collected, and propose solutions. Working study groups have been formed to work on implementation plans for the top five short-term strategies. The study is expected to be completed this summer and produce a technical report to summarize the study efforts and recommendations. Ms. Love referred the committee members to the website for further details.

Agency Reports

A. Teleride

There was no representative from Teleride present. Committee members recited instances of dissatisfaction with inconsistent applications of policy, scheduling, call backs from Teleride, stand-by status or not, and the scheduling software implementation.

B. Chatham Area Transit

There was no representative from CAT present. Committee members mentioned concerns over bus route schedules, accurate information on the website, and bus service to areas once covered by Route 11.

V. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

VI. Public Participation Opportunities

No public comments at this time.

VII. Announcements

No other announcements at this time.

VIII. Other Non-agenda Information for Reference

No items.

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the April 25, 2011 committee meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Love
Transportation Planner