



ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

MPC Mendonsa Hearing Room – 1:00 p.m.
112 East State Street, Savannah
Minutes

April 23, 2012 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO ACAT

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
James Aberson	Chatham County	X
Kim Anderson	Teleride	X
Mohsen Badran	Goodwill Industries	
Denise Boehner	Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues	X
William K. Broker	Georgia Legal Service	
Wayne Dawson	Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Authority	
Yolonda Fontaine	Housing Authority of Savannah	X
William Gardner	National Federation of the Blind	X
Bob Habas	Living Independence for Everyone Inc. (LIFE)	
Timamu Hakim	Chatham Area Transit Authority	
Kim Harrison	Savannah Council of the Blind	
Steve Tomlinson	GDOT Intermodal, District 5	
Pat Heagarty	Interested Citizen Designee	X
Carol Hunt	NAACP- Savannah Branch	
Hunter Hurst	Georgia Infirmary Day Center for Rehabilitation	
McArthur Jarrett	Interested Citizen Designee	X
Robert Kozlowski	Kicklighter Resource Center	
Tom Lamar	Interested Citizen Designee	X
Jane Love	Metropolitan Planning Commission	X
Patti Lyons	Senior Citizens Savannah-Chatham Inc.	
Greg Schroeder	United Way of the Coastal Empire	
Clealice Timmons	Coastal Center for Development Services	
Terri White	Savannah Assn for the Blind	
Leslie Wilson	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Vacant	City of Savannah	
<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Tyrone Palmer	National Federation of the Blind	X

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the April 23, 2012 Meeting Agenda

Agenda was approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve agenda as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Patricia Heagarty

Second: William Gardner

James Aberson	- Aye
Kim Anderson	- Aye
Moshen Badran	- Not Present
Denise Boehner	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
William K. Broker	- Not Present
Wayne Dawson	- Not Present
Jan Elders	- Not Present
Jeff Felser	- Not Present
Yolanda Fontaine	- Not Present
William Gardner	- Aye
Bob Habas	- Not Present
Timamu Hakim	- Not Present
Kim Harrison	- Not Present
Patricia Heagarty	- Aye
Carol Hunt	- Not Present
Hunter Hurst	- Not Present
McArthur Jarrett	- Aye
Russell Jennette	- Not Present
Robert Kozlowski	- Not Present
Tom Lamar	- Aye
Jane Love	- Aye
Patti Lyons	- Not Present
Project Manager	- Not Present
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Clealice Timmons	- Not Present
Steve Tomlinson	- Not Present
Terri White	- Not Present
Leslie Wilson	- Not Present

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the February 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: ACAT Minutes 2-13-12.pdf

Minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve minutes as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Patricia Heagarty

Second: James Aberson

James Aberson	- Aye
Kim Anderson	- Aye
Moshen Badran	- Not Present
Denise Boehner	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
William K. Broker	- Not Present
Wayne Dawson	- Not Present
Jan Elders	- Not Present
Jeff Felser	- Not Present
Yolanda Fontaine	- Not Present
William Gardner	- Aye
Bob Habas	- Not Present
Timamu Hakim	- Not Present
Kim Harrison	- Not Present
Patricia Heagarty	- Aye
Carol Hunt	- Not Present
Hunter Hurst	- Not Present
McArthur Jarrett	- Aye
Russell Jennette	- Not Present
Robert Kozlowski	- Not Present
Tom Lamar	- Aye
Jane Love	- Aye
Patti Lyons	- Not Present
Project Manager	- Not Present
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Clealice Timmons	- Not Present
Steve Tomlinson	- Not Present
Terri White	- Not Present
Leslie Wilson	- Not Present

3. Endorsement of the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Attachment: 2013 UPWP For Adoption.pdf
Attachment: FY 2013 UPWP Adoption Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated that the Unified Planning Work Program is the proposed MPO staff work program for the up coming fiscal year. The UPWP details the staff budget and work projects expected to be undertaken by the MPO in support of the federally required transportation planning process.

The Planning activities in the work program are supported by the Federal Highway Administration and/or the Federal Transit Administration.

Staff recommends endorsement.

Board Action:

For endorsement to the MPO Board. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: James Aberson

Second: Patricia Heagarty

James Aberson	- Aye
Kim Anderson	- Aye
Moshen Badran	- Not Present
Denise Boehner	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
William K. Broker	- Not Present
Wayne Dawson	- Not Present
Jan Elders	- Not Present
Jeff Felser	- Not Present
Yolanda Fontaine	- Not Present
William Gardner	- Aye
Bob Habas	- Not Present
Timamu Hakim	- Not Present
Kim Harrison	- Not Present
Patricia Heagarty	- Aye
Carol Hunt	- Not Present
Hunter Hurst	- Not Present
McArthur Jarrett	- Aye
Russell Jennette	- Not Present
Robert Kozlowski	- Not Present
Tom Lamar	- Aye
Jane Love	- Aye
Patti Lyons	- Not Present
Project Manager	- Not Present
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye

Clealice Timmons	- Not Present
Steve Tomlinson	- Not Present
Terri White	- Not Present
Leslie Wilson	- Not Present

4. Endorsement of Proposed 2035 LRTP Amendments for Various Projects

Attachment: 2035 LRTP Amendments April 2012.pdf

Ms. Love stated that back in February the first step to the amendment process was completed where the committee authorized the staff to further study the affects of fitting the I-16 Flyover Removal and the SR 21 Corridor Study into the Long Range Plan. Some projects were shifted into a different time band and some funding estimates would be updated.

Ms. Love proceeded to describe the specific project amendments in the following categories: New Projects, Stream-lined Projects, Revised Scope Projects, Revised Schedule Projects, and Other Project shifts.

Staff recommended endorsement.

Board Action:

For endorsement of proposed amendments to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan for various projects. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: James Aberson

Second: Patricia Heagarty

James Aberson	- Aye
Kim Anderson	- Aye
Moshen Badran	- Not Present
Denise Boehner	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
William K. Broker	- Not Present
Wayne Dawson	- Not Present
Jan Elders	- Not Present
Jeff Felser	- Not Present
Yolanda Fontaine	- Not Present
William Gardner	- Aye
Bob Habas	- Not Present
Timamu Hakim	- Not Present
Kim Harrison	- Not Present
Patricia Heagarty	- Aye
Carol Hunt	- Not Present

Hunter Hurst	- Not Present
McArthur Jarrett	- Aye
Russell Jennette	- Not Present
Robert Kozlowski	- Not Present
Tom Lamar	- Aye
Jane Love	- Aye
Patti Lyons	- Not Present
Project Manager	- Not Present
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Clealice Timmons	- Not Present
Steve Tomlinson	- Not Present
Terri White	- Not Present
Leslie Wilson	- Not Present

5. Endorsement of Proposed FY 2012-2015 TIP Amendments

Attachment: FY 2012-2015 TIP Amendments April 2012.pdf

Ms. Love stated that the County requested amendments be made to the TIP to include two projects with local funding - Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Phase II from US 80 to I-16 and Jimmy DeLoach Parkway Interchange at US 80. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) are waiting for the County to commit ROW funds in the TIP before environmental review can proceed.

A few administrative modifications at this time involve shifting phases of projects from FY 2012 to later years because it is now evident that those projects are not ready to have those phases' funds authorized by the end of FY 2012, which is June 30. Truman Linear Park Trail, Heritage Trail Bike/Ped in Savannah, SR 204 Corridor Improvements, and US 80 Bridges Replacement and Road Project are being administratively modified in the TIP. The project cost estimates will not be revised in this schedule shift, but will be updated in the development of the FY 2013-2016 TIP. Administrative modifications do not require MPO Board approval, and are included for information only.

Staff recommended endorsement on the assumption that the County has sufficient local funds for ROW on the Jimmy DeLoach projects. The TIP Amendment item might be removed from the MPO Board agenda if staff learns that local funds are not sufficient.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the proposed amendments to the CORE MPO's FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program. Administrative modifications are for information only. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: James Aberson

Second: Patricia Heagarty	
James Aberson	- Aye
Kim Anderson	- Aye
Moshen Badran	- Not Present
Denise Boehner	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Not Present
William K. Broker	- Not Present
Wayne Dawson	- Not Present
Jan Elders	- Not Present
Jeff Felser	- Not Present
Yolanda Fontaine	- Not Present
William Gardner	- Aye
Bob Habas	- Not Present
Timamu Hakim	- Not Present
Kim Harrison	- Not Present
Patricia Heagarty	- Aye
Carol Hunt	- Not Present
Hunter Hurst	- Not Present
McArthur Jarrett	- Aye
Russell Jennette	- Not Present
Robert Kozlowski	- Not Present
Tom Lamar	- Aye
Jane Love	- Aye
Patti Lyons	- Not Present
Project Manager	- Not Present
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Clealice Timmons	- Not Present
Steve Tomlinson	- Not Present
Terri White	- Not Present
Leslie Wilson	- Not Present

III. Status Reports

6. FY 2013 - 2016 TIP Priority Establishment

Attachment: FY 2013-2016 TIP Priority Establishment Staff Report April 2012.pdf

Ms. Love reviewed the prioritization process for TIP projects and also reviewed the specific projects in two of the priority categories of greater interest to ACAT members: Non-motorized projects and Transit projects.

IV. Agency Reports (verbal)

A. Teleride

7. Presentation

CAT staff presented a combined report regarding both Teleride and fixed route.

Mr. Law stated that he has looked into and started working on all of the Teleride concerns that were raised at the last meeting. He reviewed some of the things CAT had done to address those.

He presented statistics on ridership for Teleride and also for CAT Freedom accessible taxis.

CAT is also updating the Teleride Guide and would like to have volunteers from ACAT or other interested parties. ACAT members Pat Heagarty and Tom Lamar volunteered. Ms. Janet Miller, a citizen present in the audience also volunteered.

There were several comments made from the public about their concerns and problems regarding Teleride.

Some ACAT members questioned whether the accessible taxis will follow same rules as Teleride -- for instance, with regard to how long they wait when picking up. Mr. James Aberson explained that the taxis are a commercial venture and thus are not required to follow the FTA guidelines, but the drivers probably would wait a while for you to come to the cab, since they don't want to lose the fare.

A few members of the public came to the podium to mention some Teleride issues, including staff attitudes, communications between office and drivers (regarding cancellations), and cleanliness of vans. Discussion included relative comparison of pay between fixed route drivers and Teleride drivers. Teleride drivers have more work involved and should be paid more so that they are not lured over to fixed route.

Mr. Aberson requested that media properly name this committee in their announcements of these meetings; this is the ACAT meeting, not a "Teleride Meeting." He announced the rest of the 2012 meetings. A member of the public present asked CAT if they could set up Teleride Meetings since this is not one. Ms. Sarah Rayfield from CAT said they are looking into that.

The public was requested to wait for the Public Comment item on the agenda for any further discussion.

B. Chatham Area Transit

8. Presentation

CAT staff presented a combined report for both fixed route and Teleride. See report under agenda item IV. A. Teleride.

V. Other Business

VI. Public Participation Opportunities

9. Comments from the public

The following issues were raised: Questions regarding bus route 114 and 14; the communication between drivers and staff; drivers not realizing that blind riders can't tell if the horn honk is Teleride; calls coming in to Teleride are going to voice mail after 2 rings and the priority of riders.

VII. Announcements

10. Next CORE MPO ACAT Meeting: June 25, 2012

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

11. 2012 Call for Projects for JARC and New Freedom Grant Funding

Attachment: 2012 Call for Project Staff Report.pdf

IX. Adjournment

The Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission provides meeting summary minutes which are adopted by the respective Board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.