



ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

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

October 22, 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 Council of the Blind	X
William K. Broker	Georgia Legal Service	
Wayne Dawson	Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Authority	
Yolonda Fontaine	Housing Authority of Savannah	
William Gardner	National Federation of the Blind	X
Mark Swift	Living Independence for Everyone Inc. (LIFE)	X
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	
William Law	CAT	
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	
Ettajane Williams-Robbins	Interested Citizen Designee	X
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
Sarah Rayfield	CAT	X

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the October 22, 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
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	- Not Present
William Law	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Patti Lyons	- Not Present
Project Manager	- Not Present
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Mark Swift	- Aye

Clealice Timmons	- Not Present
Steve Tomlinson	- Not Present
Wykoda Wang	- Not Present
Terri White	- Not Present
Ettajane Williams-Robbins	- Aye
Leslie Wilson	- Not Present

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the August 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: ACAT minutes 8-20-12.pdf

The 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
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	- Not Present
William Law	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Patti Lyons	- Not Present

Project Manager	- Not Present
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Mark Swift	- Aye
Clealice Timmons	- Not Present
Steve Tomlinson	- Not Present
Wykoda Wang	- Not Present
Terri White	- Not Present
Ettajane Williams-Robbins	- Aye
Leslie Wilson	- Not Present

3. FY 2013 - 2016 TIP Funding Adjustments due to MAP-21

Attachment: FY 2013-2016 TIP Funding Adjustments.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated the GDOT requested the FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) be modified to reflect the new expected funding amounts from the new federal transportation legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 Century Act (MAP-21). Overall, MAP-21 funding levels are lower than previous years, but this doesn't directly impact any of the programmed projects in the MPO's current TIP. In short, no changes to individual projects or phases are required. However, the "expected highway funds" will need to be updated, which impacts various sections of the current TIP, particularly the lump sum funding table, the urban attributable (L230) funding balance, and the overall TIP financial plan. There will be less L230 funds to roll over, but the TIP remains financially balanced.

Ms. Love described the types of projects that are in the lump sum category. These are smaller scale projects. The effect on some of these, if any, might be a delay from one fiscal year to another, since the first projects that are ready receive the funding until that year's funding lump sum is exhausted.

Since no particular project is known to be affected by the funding adjustments, the proposed amendment does not affect the required consistency of the TIP with the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Staff recommended ACAT endorsement of the TIP amendment.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the funding revisions to the CORE MPO's FY 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: James Aberson
 Second: Patricia Heagarty

James Aberson	- Aye
Kim Anderson	- Aye
Moshen Badran	- Not Present
Denise Boehner	- Aye

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	- Not Present
William Law	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Patti Lyons	- Not Present
Project Manager	- Not Present
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Mark Swift	- Aye
Clealice Timmons	- Not Present
Steve Tomlinson	- Not Present
Wykoda Wang	- Not Present
Terri White	- Not Present
Ettajane Williams-Robbins	- Aye
Leslie Wilson	- Not Present

4. Amendment to the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program

Attachment: FY 2013 UPWP Mod-Amend 1 Staff Report.pdf

Attachment: 2013 UPWP Amendment 1 10-31-12.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated that the Unified Planning Work Program describes MPO staff tasks and budgets for the fiscal year. She said that the CORE MPO staff proposes an amendment to reflect the addition of Highway Planning funds in the amount of \$125,258.66 (matched) carried forward from FY 2012. The proposed amendment will enable CORE MPO staff to access these funds through a funding contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation in order to carry out the FY 2013 UPWP.

Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funds have also been updated to reflect full apportionment levels, which were unavailable when the UPWP was initially adopted.

Ms. Love said that staff recommends ACAT endorsement of the UPWP amendment.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the amendment to the FY 2013 Unified Planning Work Program. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Patricia Heagarty

Second: William Gardner

James Aberson	- Aye
Kim Anderson	- Aye
Moshen Badran	- Not Present
Denise Boehner	- Aye
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	- Not Present
William Law	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Patti Lyons	- Not Present
Project Manager	- Not Present
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Mark Swift	- Aye
Clealice Timmons	- Not Present
Steve Tomlinson	- Not Present
Wykoda Wang	- Not Present
Terri White	- Not Present
Ettajane Williams-Robbins	- Aye
Leslie Wilson	- Not Present

5. Savannah Urban Area Boundary Adjustment for Roadway Functional Classification

Attachment: Savannah UA Boundary Smoothing.pdf

Ms. Jane Love explained that the Census defines the Savannah Urbanized Area every ten years, based on population density and some other spatial criteria. However, the MPO is allowed to smooth out the boundary of the Census-defined area for planning purposes and for classifying roadways as urban or rural. The adjusted boundary area is called the Urban Area (as opposed to Urbanized). Funding levels are still based on the Census-defined Urbanized Area.

The GDOT Office of Planning is coordinating the 2010 urban area boundary adjustment process with MPOs and regional commissions across the State of Georgia. GDOT expects to receive an Adjusted Savannah Urban Area boundary approved by the CORE MPO Board by November 1, 2012. Roadway functional classification process will then follow after the Adjusted Savannah Urban Area boundary is approved by GDOT and FHWA.

Ms. Love described staff's proposal shown on the maps to eliminate holes and smooth edges for the Urban Area. The Urban Area is slightly bigger than the Urbanized Area, as the boundary can be adjusted up to 2.5 miles, and must contain all of the Urbanized Area. One benefit of the exercise is that a given roadway will not alternate frequently between urban and rural classifications, which affects design standards.

Staff recommended ACAT endorsement of the proposed Savannah Urban Area Boundary.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the Adjusted Savannah Urban Area Boundary. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Patricia Heagarty

Second: William Gardner

James Aberson	- Aye
Kim Anderson	- Aye
Moshen Badran	- Not Present
Denise Boehner	- Aye
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	- Not Present
William Law	- Not Present
Jane Love	- Aye
Patti Lyons	- Not Present
Project Manager	- Not Present
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Mark Swift	- Aye
Clealice Timmons	- Not Present
Steve Tomlinson	- Not Present
Wykoda Wang	- Not Present
Terri White	- Not Present
Ettajane Williams-Robbins	- Aye
Leslie Wilson	- Not Present

III. Status Reports

6. Acknowledgement of receipt of the Georgia Planning Association (GPA) award for the Reclaiming Old West Broad Street: The I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Project

Attachment: GPA Award Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Ellen Harris stated on September 28, 2012, the Metropolitan Planning Commission received the Georgia Planning Association (GPA) award for an Outstanding Planning Document for a Large Community for the Reclaiming Old West Broad Street: The I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Project. The study involved four main areas of focus: Civic Master Plan, Economic Analysis, Transportation Analysis, and Implementation Strategy, and included an extensive public participation process throughout. The Metropolitan Planning Commission conducted the study. Mark Wilkes, MPC Transportation Director, prepared the Traffic Analysis for the study report. Consultants on the project included Wilbur Smith Associates (prime), Sottile & Sottile, Urban Partners, Grice and Associates, McMillan and Associates, and Gilbert & Lattimore. Partners in the study included Chatham County, the City of Savannah, SDRA and CORE MPO.

7. 2013 CORE MPO Certification Review Schedule

Attachment: 2013 MPO Certification Review Schedule.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated that the CORE MPO is in the process of the 2013 Certification Review. Representatives from Atlanta offices of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conduct this review of the MPO's processes and products every four years, since the MPO is a federally mandated board, providing a forum for transportation decision-making. The following is a schedule for the 2013 review.

August 16, 2012 - FHWA sent MPO a questionnaire of 144 questions and a request for all the planning documents.

September 20, 2012 - Pre-certification review kick off meeting was held by FHWA, CORE MPO and GDOT staff members.

October 29, 2012 - Deadline for submittal of the finished questionnaire and all the planning documents.

November 2012 to February 2013 - Desk audit of the CORE MPO's planning documents by FHWA and FTA.

February 27 & 28, 2013 - Site visit by FHWA and FTA.

February 27, 2013 at 5:00 pm - public meeting of the 2013 federal certification review to receive comments on the CORE MPO planning process.

CORE MPO Board and advisory committee members are invited to attend the public meeting to be held on February 27, at 5:00 p.m., in the MPC's Arthur Mendonsa Hearing Room and provide feedback on the MPO's planning process.

8. SR 21 Corridor Study Update

Ms. Jane Love gave a summary report on the update of project SR 21 Corridor Study.

She described the types of solutions being studied in the northern, central, and southern sections of the corridor. Different combinations of solutions from each segment are carried forward as full-length alternatives for continued study. There will be a public meeting later this fall about the alternatives.

Mark Wilkes, MPC Transportation Director, is the project manager for the SR 21 Corridor Study.

IV. Agency Reports (verbal)

A. Teleride

9. Presentation

Ms. Kim Anderson read a few letters that Teleride has received from the public stating what a great job Teleride was doing. She stated that there had been a letter posted in the Teleride buses stating that on October 13 there would be a power outage with a different number for users to use.

The updated Teleride Guide is still in a draft stage. The handbook committee will do more work on it and then present it to the public in meetings which are to be announced. After that, it would go to the CAT Board for approval. The committee includes William Law, Sarah Rayfield, Ramond Robinson, Wayne Dawson, Tom Lamar, Janet Miller, and Etta Jane

Williams-Robbins, several of whom are also ACAT members.

The Paratransit Plan is also being updated. There will be steering committee meetings on November 5 and 12. The handbook committee is also helping with this.

Ms. Heagarty asked if people in wheelchairs could just pull onto the bus front-first, instead of backing on, because backing is difficult and sometimes messes up the wheelchairs.

Ms. Anderson stated that she would check on that.

B. Chatham Area Transit

10. Presentation

Ms. Kim Anderson stated that Monday October 29 CAT will take part in Paint the Town Pink giving free rides for women that were going to get mammograms.

V. Other Business

VI. Public Participation Opportunities

11. Public Participation

Ms. Charlesetta Williams-Orage, a citizen and Telerid user, spoke about Teleride service and stated that the only problem she has is getting hold of the schedulers and dispatchers. She stated that the service is great but its just a problem to try to reach someone to either cancel or schedule an appointment. Either the line is always busy, you get a message repeatedly, or you get sent to a certain person's voicemail.

Ms. Anderson said they are going back to the drawing board about the phone system.

Ms. Denise Boehner asked about the policy for securing wheelchairs in the vans. Ms. Anderson said the chairs are always to be secured.

Ms. Heagarty asked what number is the right one for confirming pick-up time? Ms. Anderson said the same number as before; it will roll over.

Mr. James Aberson said that everyone should be given their appointment time when they make the appointment. This is the only system he has heard of that can't confirm pick up at the time the user calls for appointment.

Ms. Anderson explained that as appointments are added in the system, the system is

adjusting pick ups, but staff does not see exactly who is affected by the adjustments until the schedule is finalized.

Ms. Heagarty suggested they go back to the old method, in which they call the customer the night before to give the pick up time.

Mr. Aberson said that CAT should talk to those software people.

Ms. Boehner asked in what formats would the Teleride Guide be available. Ms. Anderson said it would be in many formats, including large print.

VII. Announcements

12. SR 204 Public Meeting: Nov. 1, 2012, 5-7 p.m. at Armstrong Center

13. Next CORE MPO ACAT Meeting: December 10, 2012 (2nd Monday)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

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.