



# ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

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

## August 26, 2013 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO ACAT

<u><b>Voting Members</b></u>	<u><b>Representing</b></u>	<u><b>Present</b></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	X
William Gardner	National Federation of the Blind	
Bob Habas	Living Independence for Everyone Inc. (LIFE)	X
Timamu Hakim	Chatham Area Transit Authority	
Steve Tomlinson	GDOT Intermodal, District 5	
Pat Heagarty	Interested Citizen Designee	
Carol Hunt	NAACP- Savannah Branch	
Hunter Hurst	Georgia Infirmary Day Center for Rehabilitation	
McArthur Jarrett	Interested Citizen Designee	
Robert Kozlowski	Kicklighter Resource Center	
Tom Lamar	Interested Citizen Designee	X
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	
Leslie Wilson	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Vacant	City of Savannah	
<u><b>Voting Alternates</b></u>	<u><b>Representing</b></u>	<u><b>Present</b></u>
<u><b>Others Present</b></u>	<u><b>Representing</b></u>	<u><b>Present</b></u>
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X

Tyrone Palmer

National Federation of the Blind

X

## I. Approval of Agenda

### 1. Approval of the August 26, 2013 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

**Board Action:**

Approve agenda as written. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Bob Habas

Second: Denise Boehner

James Aberson - Aye

Kim Anderson - Aye

Denise Boehner - Aye

Bob Habas - Aye

Tom Lamar - Aye

Jane Love - Aye

Tyrone Palmer - Aye

## II. Action Items

### 2. Approval of the June 24, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: ACAT Minutes 6-24-13.pdf

The minutes were approved as written.

**Board Action:**

Approve minutes as written. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Denise Boehner

Second: Bob Habas

James Aberson - Aye

Kim Anderson - Aye

Denise Boehner - Aye

Bob Habas - Aye

Tom Lamar - Aye

Jane Love - Aye

Tyrone Palmer - Aye

3. FY 2014 - 2017 Transportation Improvement Program

Attachment: FY 2014-2017 TIP Adoption staff report.pdf  
Attachment: August2013 LRTP Addendum.pdf  
Attachment: Draft FY 2014 - 2017 TIP.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated all transportation projects must appear in an approved Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) before they may receive federal funds for implementation. Ms. Love reviewed in detail all of the Transit projects in the proposed FY 2014-2017 TIP.

Staff recommended ACAT endorsement of the FY 2014-2017 TIP.

**Board Action:**

For endorsement of the proposed FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the August 2013 LRTP Addendum. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Kim Anderson  
Second: Denise Boehner  
James Aberson  
Kim Anderson  
Denise Boehner  
Bob Habas  
Tom Lamar  
Jane Love  
Tyrone Palmer

- Aye  
- Aye  
- Aye  
- Aye  
- Aye  
- Aye  
- Aye

**III. Status Reports**

4. SR 21 Corridor Study

Ms. Jane Love gave the update and progress of the alternatives for the SR 21 Corridor Study.

Alternative 10 is the recommended alternative in the study. She described Alternative 10. It included elevated lanes through much of the corridor. The alignment in Alternative 10 would follow SR 21, except for a segment that would follow the Jimmy Deloach Pkwy. Extension/Port Connector and then re-join the SR 21 alignment and connect to I-516.

5. Total Mobility Plan: Thoroughfare Plan Element

Ms. Jane Love reviewed status of the Thoroughfare Plan Element of the Total Mobility Plan. The focus of the plan is to ensure that the needs of all types of road users are balanced. The plan establishes standard cross-section designs according to context and road function. This report was for information. Advisory committees' endorsement and MPO Board adoption will be requested in the future.

#### 6. Proposed Selection Criteria for Project Selection in the MPO's Transportation Alternatives Program

Attachment: TAP Selection Criteria staff report.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated that this report is to provide the opportunity for the board and committees (including GDOT) to give staff feedback on the criteria that the MPO will eventually use to determine which applications under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) should be awarded the funds allocated to our area. She explained the proposed project selection criteria and said the intent is to reward projects that best address non-motorized transportation and quality of life goals identified in the various MPO plans.

### IV. Agency Reports (verbal)

#### A. Teleride

##### 7. Presentation

Ms. Kim Anderson stated the upgrade for the new route-match software is finished, and as a result, they are seeing better passenger/hour statistics. The new phone system has been installed.

Paratransit ridership is up over July of last year. On-time percentage was 93%.

CAT Freedom is still being used. There were 36 trips in July.

#### B. Chatham Area Transit

##### 8. Presentation

No additional report at this time.

### V. Other Business

### VI. Public Participation Opportunities

##### 9. Public Comments

Ms. Gloria Smith said she appreciates having service for the disabled. She also expressed her concerns about how the service is operated and how the drivers are rude. Her experience involved a driver refusing to get off the bus and get a Coke to relieve Ms. Smith's shakiness from low blood sugar. On other trips, she thought the music was loud and the driving too fast. She had had to call a cab one Sunday when Teleride didn't show and she couldn't get them on the phone.

## **VII. Announcements**

10. Next CORE MPO ACAT Meeting: October 28, 2013

## **VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference**

11. CORE MPO Freight Plan, Phase I

Attachment: CORE MPO Freight Transportation Plan FINAL 08052013.pdf

## **IX. Adjournment**

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