



ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

Joe Murray Rivers, Jr. Intermodal Transit Center – 1:00 p.m.
610 West Oglethorpe Avenue
Minutes

August 25, 2014 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
Michael Anthony	National Federation of the Blind	
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	
Jessie Fernandez-Gatti	Chatham Area Transit Authority	X
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
Jane Love	Metropolitan Planning Commission	X
Patti Lyons	Senior Citizens Savannah-Chatham Inc.	
Lois Modell	Savannah Assn for the Blind and Low Vision	
Greg Schroeder	United Way of the Coastal Empire	
Mark Swift	Living Independence for Everyone Inc. (LIFE)	X
Clealice Timmons	Coastal Center for Development Services	
Ettajane Williams-Robbins	Interested Citizen Designee	X
Leslie Wilson	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Representative Staff	GDOT Intermodal, District 5	
Representative Staff	Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues	
Vacant	City of Savannah	
<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Tyrone Palmer	National Federation of the Blind	X
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Jessica Hagan	MPO	

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the August 25, 2014 Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the June 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: ACAT Meeting Minutes 06-23-14.pdf

The minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve minutes as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Mark Swift

Second: Ettajane Williams-Robbins

James Aberson - Aye

Kim Anderson - Aye

Denise Boehner - Aye

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti - Aye

Tom Lamar - Aye

Jane Love - Aye

Tyrone Palmer - Aye

Mark Swift - Aye

Ettajane Williams-Robbins - Aye

3. Amendment to FY 2015 UPWP

Attachment: FY 2015 UPWP Amend 2 Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated the CORE MPO staff is proposing an amendment to reflect the addition of PL funds in the amount of \$64,251.56 (matched) carried forward from FY 2014. The proposed amendment will enable CORE MPO staff to access these funds in order to carry out the FY 2015 UPWP activities.

Staff recommended ACAT endorsement of the amendment to the FY 2015 UPWP.

Board Action:

Endorse to CORE MPO Board - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Mark Swift

Second: Ettajane Williams-Robbins

James Aberson	- Aye
Kim Anderson	- Aye
Denise Boehner	- Aye
Jessie Fernandez-Gatti	- Aye
Tom Lamar	- Aye
Jane Love	- Aye
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Mark Swift	- Aye
Ettajane Williams-Robbins	- Aye

4. Endorsement of the Total Mobility Plan / 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Attachment: Total Mobility Plan August 2014 staff report.pdf

Attachment: MTP Comments 8-14-14.pdf

Attachment: Total Mobility Plan Document Draft - 8-15-14 FHWA GDOT Comments Addressed 2nd.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated that this is the MPO's long range plan. Revisions to the draft report since its initial publication on July 25th consisted of responses to comments received from FHWA and updated project information from project sponsors.

She reviewed the Transit part of the plan, which comes from CAT's Transportation Development Plan. It includes: quality of service improvements such as increasing service hours of operation and frequency of service; improving on-time performance; adding additional routes to improve east-west connectivity and travel options utilizing 37th St., Victory Dr., 59th St./Columbus Ave. and DeLesseps Ave.; adding zonal services utilizing smaller vehicles that connect to the fixed route service; implementing regional commuter express service from neighboring counties; and enhancing commuter services (carpools and ride-matching, employer vanpools).

Ms. Denise Boehner asked about audible pedestrian signals. She has heard people say they are needed on DeRenne Ave. and at Skidaway Rd./ Victory Dr. intersection. Ms. Love said those types of things might be included as projects get farther into design.

Staff recommended ACAT endorsement of the Total Mobility Plan.

Board Action:

For endorsement to the CORE MPO Board. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Tom Lamar

Second: Denise Boehner

James Aberson	- Aye
Kim Anderson	- Aye
Denise Boehner	- Aye
Jessie Fernandez-Gatti	- Aye
Tom Lamar	- Aye
Jane Love	- Aye
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Mark Swift	- Aye
Ettajane Williams-Robbins	- Aye

5. Endorsement of FY 2015–2018 Transportation Improvement Program

Attachment: FY 2015-2018 TIP Adoption staff report.pdf

Attachment: Draft FY 2015 - 2018 TIP 8-14-2014 Updated.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated that the TIP is the MPO'S short-range programming document and is a staged, multi-year listing of surface transportation projects proposed for federal, state and local funding within the metropolitan area. Ms. Love reviewed all of the Transit and road way projects that are included in the TIP.

She said staff recommends ACAT endorsement of the FY 2015-2018 TIP.

Board Action:

For endorsement of the CORE MPO's FY 2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Ettajane Williams-Robbins

Second: Kim Anderson

James Aberson	- Aye
Kim Anderson	- Aye
Denise Boehner	- Aye
Jessie Fernandez-Gatti	- Aye
Tom Lamar	- Aye
Jane Love	- Aye
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Mark Swift	- Aye
Ettajane Williams-Robbins	- Aye

III. Status Reports

6. Update on the Draft Non-motorized Transportation Plan

Attachment: Update on the Draft NMTP.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated that the Non-motorized Transportation Plan is a bicycle and pedestrian plan. It will replace the current Chatham County Bikeway Plan developed in 2000 and include pedestrian projects. She reviewed the steps already completed in the development process.

Ms. Love reviewed the project list and the ranking criteria. This plan looks at stand-alone projects that may be simpler to undertake than projects that are part of a larger thoroughfare project.

The next steps are to complete the draft plan, conduct public meetings and address public comments, and then request adoption of the plan at the October meeting.

IV. Agency Reports (verbal)

A. Teleride

7. Presentation

Ms. Kim Anderson gave the Teleride ridership July 2014 was 7,055 and July 2013 was 6,725. Staff met with a few of paratransit customers regarding the challenges and concerns they had with the service and call center. Staff is working to address all of the concerns that were expressed, one mainly being the notification process had an error message but that now is fixed. In July CAT offered a service for the 4th of July and that ridership was 918. On August 24, 2014 Teleride staff had a customer training class. With the call back system and automated call gives you the option to confirm or cancel your ride but you have to listen to the whole message to get the options. If the system leaves you a message and you want to cancel, then you have to call in or by default it will confirm your ride.

Fix route ridership in July 2014 was 291,783 compared to 288,148 in July 2013.

B. Chatham Area Transit

8. Presentation

Ms. Jessie Fernandez-Gatti reported the following:

Abercorn Express (14x) – currently stops at Savannah Mall and GDOT's I-95/SR 204 Park and Ride lot, but they want to go no farther than Savannah Mall in future (given the existing ridership). CAT talking to Savannah Mall about a Park & Ride lot arrangement there.

Airport Express (100x) – considering adding some Sunday service.

Fares on the express routes might be raised to \$3.00 - \$5.00 (currently only \$1.50 like local routes).

CAT announcement: CAT will hold regular public meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, at

6 p.m. in the CAT Board Room at the Transit Center.

V. Other Business

VI. Public Participation Opportunities

VII. Announcements

9. Park and Ride Lot Study Final Stakeholder Meeting: Aug. 27, 2:00 PM at MPC

10. Next CORE MPO ACAT Meeting: October 20, 2014

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

11. Roadway Functional Classification Update

Attachment: Roadway Functional Classification Update 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.