



ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION

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

June 23, 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
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	
Bob Habas	Living Independence for Everyone Inc. (LIFE)	
Timamu Hakim	Chatham Area Transit Authority	
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	
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>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Mark Swift	Living Independence for Everyone Inc. (LIFE)	X
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti	CAT	X
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Tyrone Palmer	National Federation of the Blind	X

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Approval of the June 23, 2014 Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve agenda as written. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Tom Lamar

Second: Patricia Heagarty

James Aberson - Aye

Kim Anderson - Aye

Denise Boehner - Aye

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti - Aye

Patricia Heagarty - Aye

Tom Lamar - Aye

Jane Love - Aye

Tyrone Palmer - Aye

Mark Swift - Aye

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the April 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: ACAT Minutes 4-16-14.pdf

The minutes were approved as written.

Board Action:

Approve minutes as written - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Patricia Heagarty

Second: Tom Lamar

James Aberson - Aye

Kim Anderson - Aye

Denise Boehner - Aye

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti	- Aye
Patricia Heagarty	- Aye
Tom Lamar	- Aye
Jane Love	- Aye
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Mark Swift	- Aye

3. FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

Attachment: 2015 UPWP Ver 6 Amendment One.pdf
Attachment: FY 2015 UPWP Amend 1 Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated the CORE MPO staff is proposing an amendment to reflect the addition two new studies to be carried out under subelement 4.2 Transit/Paratransit Planning. The new studies include the proposed Regional Mobility Management Program study and Service Tactical Optimization Process Route Level Profile Analysis, Monitoring and Response. This amendment is in response to a request from Chatham Area Transit (CAT).

There was a question about the nature of the studies. They will included looking at core transit corridors, the next steps for park and ride lots, and data collection.

Staff recommended ACAT endorsement of the FY 2015 UPWP amendment.

Board Action:	
Endorsement.	- PASS
Vote Results	
Motion: Patricia Heagarty	
Second: Denise Boehner	
James Aberson	- Aye
Kim Anderson	- Aye
Denise Boehner	- Aye
Jessie Fernandez-Gatti	- Aye
Patricia Heagarty	- Aye
Tom Lamar	- Aye
Jane Love	- Aye
Tyrone Palmer	- Aye
Mark Swift	- Aye

4. Highway Functional Classification Update

Attachment: Roadway Functional Classification Update Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Jane Love explained how roadways are classified and that it affects eligibility for

federal funding. Roads categorized as Local Roads are not eligible for federal funding, except for bicycle and pedestrian projects. She said that now that the urban boundary for the Savannah area has been approved, GDOT is coordinating with CORE MPO to review the Highway Functional Classification within the boundary in order to properly classify roadways for federal funding and data reporting purposes.

Ms. Love reviewed proposed changes and what the CORE MPO staff recommended. She said staff recommended ACAT endorsement of the Highway Functional Classification Update.

Board Action:

For endorsement of proposed roadway functional classification updates. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Tom Lamar

Second: Denise Boehner

James Aberson - Aye

Kim Anderson - Aye

Denise Boehner - Aye

Jessie Fernandez-Gatti - Aye

Patricia Heagarty - Aye

Tom Lamar - Aye

Jane Love - Aye

Tyrone Palmer - Aye

Mark Swift - Aye

III. Status Reports

5. Total Mobility Plan / 2040 LRTP Status Report

Attachment: Draft Total Mobility Plan staff report.pdf

Attachment: Draft Project List for Committee Publication.pdf

Attachment: Thoroughfare Plan.pdf

Attachment: Vision Plan.pdf

Attachment: Thoroughfare_Map_24x36.pdf

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Ms. Jane Love explained that the 2040 Total Mobility Plan will meet all federal requirements for the MPO's long range transportation plan. It will replace the current 2035 plan. The plan includes highway projects, transit project, and bicycle and pedestrian projects. She stated that only some of the projects have portions of the expected funding assigned to them and that is called the financially constrained plan. It is divided into three cost bands: 2015-2020; 2021-2030; 2031-2040. Unfunded projects are also shown in a list called the Vision Plan. The transit section of the plan is based on information from CAT and their Transportation Development Plan.

Ms. Love stated that the financially constrained plan is cross referenced to the Thoroughfare Plan map and its cross sections, in order to adequately describe each project and advance key policy initiatives such as complete streets, non-motorized transportation, and access to transit.

The Total Mobility Plan is expected to be adopted in August of 2014 following an expanded public outreach effort to be conducted over the next two months. There were no questions from ACAT after Ms. Love's review.

6. Park and Ride Lot Study Update

Attachment: Park and Ride Lot Study staff report.pdf

Ms. Jane Love stated that the study is almost finished. A total of 17 potential Park and Ride lot areas along the three priority commuter corridors were evaluated based on site suitability, travel demand market analysis, and stakeholder input. The list was narrowed down and the recommended sites are:

Northwest (SR 21) Corridor

- SR 21 & I-95 (existing)
- SR 21 south of Rincon
- SR 17 in Guyton (existing)

West (I-16/US 80) Corridor

- I-16 & Us 280/SR 30 (existing)
- US 80 & Bloomindale Rd.

South (I-95/US 17) Corridor

- US 17 in vicinity of Wal-Mart
- I-95 & SR 144, or US 17 & SR 144
- I-95 & SR 204 (to be eventually phased out)

There was a question about funding sources. Ms. Love said possibly it could come from the Federal Transit Administration, with local match, but the recommendations have not yet been elevated to project status and prioritized with other projects needing funding.

IV. Agency Reports (verbal)

A. Teleride

7. Presentation

Ms. Kim Anderson gave the May ridership stats and said that CAT freedom is now contracted with Yellow Cab starting August 1, 2014. The vouchers still work. There is a dispatcher 24/7 and Teleride people have priority for the vans provided to Yellow Cab.

CAT is contracting with St. Joseph's / Candler to conduct the Teleride Functional Evaluations for eligibility of users.

B. Chatham Area Transit

8. Presentation

Ms. Jessie Fernandez-Gatti stated that CAT has \$350,000 for ferry docks. Also, pending the CORE MPO Board's approval of the recommendations for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding, CAT will have about \$175,000 of federal funds for expansion of the CAT Bike program.

V. Other Business

9. Chairman's Observations from Denver, CO.

Mr. James Aberson stated he recently visited Denver, Colorado for a conference and wanted to tell the Board his experience. He stated that he seen the Bike Share stations all over downtown Denver. Regarding his experience with accessible transportation, Yellow Cab had the accessible taxi and the service was acceptable. A supposed second option for accessible transportation during this conference was Super Shuttle that runs from the Airport to the hotels downtown. However because Super Shuttle subcontracted Yellow Cab, the two services were really just one. This was very problematic. Agencies, providers, and event organizers need to realize that having two channels to the same service is just one service. Mr. Aberson described the inconvenience he had experienced traveling to and from a mountain location while in Colorado. One can find the good and bad everywhere.

VI. Public Participation Opportunities

10. Public Comments

Ms. Georgia Blair stated there had been some confusion about the Dump the Pump day. All riders had to have a coupon to ride for free, but she stated that no one told her about having to have a coupon to ride for free. And how would the vision-impaired learn where to get the coupons?

Ms. Fernandez-Gatti responded that this was the first year that CAT required the coupons. It was a decision in the Marketing Department, based on what some other transit agencies

were doing. She said that they would look at ways to better publicize that the coupons were needed and that they were available in the newspaper and at the Transit Center. Ms. Anderson suggested distribution to LIFE, Inc. and other centers.

Mr. Mark Swift asked about having a information phone line, so riders could just call to get information. And recorded information could play while people are on hold to make Teleride appointments.

Ms. Lorraine Brown asked how many times does the call back feature call when there is no answer? She also believes that all drivers need a way to communicate with the office. Ms. Brown feels like the schedule needs to be improved but they schedule people too close together. Ms. Anderson said that the Route Match system has brought scheduled rides up to 400 per day, from about 200 previously.

Ms. Densie Boehner said she had problems flagging the fixed route buses. Drivers think she is waving them to "go on." Ms. Anderson said that she had two calls about that in the past, and the drivers had been trained in response to that.

Ms. Brown said that a bench is needed at Hunter Chase development. Also someone in the neighborhood is knocking down markers.

VII. Announcements

11. Next CORE MPO ACAT Meeting: August 25, 2014

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

12. Project Recommendations for CORE MPO Transportation Alternatives Funding

Attachment: TAP 2014 Award Recommendations 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.