



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION
MEETING SUMMARY**

**Monday, December 7, 2015
CAT Intermodal Transit Center**

**1:00 p.m.
610 W. Oglethorpe Ave.**

<u>Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
James Aberson	Chatham County	
Wayne Dawson	Savannah-Chatham County Fair Housing Council	
Kelsey Ustrud	Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues	x
Yolonda Fontaine	Housing Authority of Savannah	
Kim Harrison	Savannah Council of the Blind	
Pat Heagarty	Interested Citizen	x
Jackie Immel	Georgia Infirmary Day Center For Rehabilitation	
McArthur Jarrett	Interested Citizen	
Tom Lamar	Interested Citizen	x
Jane Love	Metropolitan Planning Commission	x
Bob McGarry	Living Independence for Everyone Inc. (LIFE)	x
Tyrone Palmer	National Federation of the Blind	x
Representative	Coastal Center for Development Services	
Representative	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Representative	GDOT District 5	
Representative	Goodwill Industries	
Representative	Kicklighter Resource Center	
Representative	NAACP-Savannah Branch	
Representative	Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision	
Representative	Senior Citizens Savannah -Chatham Inc.	

Marlana Williams Chatham Area Transit Authority x
Ettajane Williams-Robbins Interested Citizen

Mr. Bob McGarry told the committee that Chairman James Aberson had said he couldn't make it today. Ms. Jane Love, of MPC/MPO, said the committee could choose a member to run the meeting in the Chairman's absence. The committee chose Ms. Love to run the meeting.

I. Approval of Agenda

1. Ms. Love explained that she'd like to remove the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments from the agenda. The reason was that there is going to be additional discussion before bringing it back for consideration. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda with the remove of the FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendments.

ACAT Action: the motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendments carried with none opposed.

II. Action Items

2. Approval of the October 26, 2015 ACAT meeting minutes

Ms. Love read the minutes. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes with a correction on an event location that Mr. Bob McGarry had announced at the end of the October meeting.

ACAT Action: the motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2015 ACAT meeting, with the correction on an event location Mr. Bob McGarry had announced, carried with none opposed.

3. Endorsement of the 2016 ACAT Meeting Schedule

Ms. Love read the dates proposed for ACAT meetings in 2016. It was moved and seconded to endorse the 2016 ACAT meeting schedule.

ACAT Action: the motion to endorse the 2016 ACAT meeting schedule carried with none opposed.

4. Endorsement of MPO Board Authorization to Process MTP Amendment for I-16 widening

Ms. Love explained that GDOT requested a long range plan amendment to add the widening of I-16. The first step is for the CORE MPO Board to authorize staff to proceed. After staff gathers the necessary information, the amendment can be considered for approval at a future meeting. Based on information so far, staff believes that this will not affect the financial balance of the plan, because GDOT proposes to move the federal funds from the Ogeechee Rd. project onto this project and then put state funds on the Ogeechee Rd. project to compensate. There was a question about why the shifting of funds is desirable. Ms. Love said that, other than possibility allowing faster work on Ogeechee Rd., she is not sure of the benefit at this time. She entertained a motion to endorse. It was moved and seconded to endorse the MPO Board Authorization to Process the MTP Amendment for I-16 widening.

ACAT Action: the motion to endorse the MPO Board Authorization to Process the MTP Amendment for I-16 carried with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

5. Status on the Update of the Participation Plan

Ms. Love said the Participation Plan is in the public comment period. MPO staff has worked on comments from state and federal planning partners, but has not received any comments from the public. This is about ready to be considered for endorsement. It will be brought back

in February because there is one more discussion among member of the technical committee happening the next day.

6. Update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Modification for Expanded Area

Ms. Love reviewed the purpose of the plan modification. Since the last status report in October, staff had met with the Richmond Hill staff to finalize the project list for that new part of the planning area. A draft addendum to the plan is being reviewed by federal and state planning partners. There will be a public comment period in January and then endorsement/approval considered in February.

7. CORE MPO Title VI Update

Ms. Love noted that the comments ACAT had made at the October meeting have been addressed in the draft that is still in the public comment period. She explained that the CORE MPO Title VI program will be put on the February agenda also because the Participation Plan, which is not being voted on until February, is part of the Title VI program.

IV. Agency Reports

A. CAT/Teleride

Ms. Marlana Williams reported that 21 of the 67 fixed route vehicles were out and that 10 of the 29 paratransit vehicles were out. Currently CAT is conducting re-certification of Teleride users who signed up in 2012. She announced CAT's next public meeting is the evening of December 9.

A few members said that Teleride drivers are not always getting the message that the rider is ready to return early if the driver happens to be in the area. Ms. Williams said that CAT is working to improve communication technology to the van drivers.

V. Other Business

There was no other business.

VI. Public Participation Opportunities

There were no comments.

VII. Announcements

Next CORE MPO ACAT Meeting: February 22, 2016

Mr. Tyrone Palmer announced that the local chapter of the National Federation of the Blind would be having a Christmas banquet on December 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Carey Hilliard's on Abercorn St.

VIII. Other Non-agenda Information for Reference

There were no items.

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the December 7, 2015 committee meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Love
Transportation Planner