



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION
MEETING SUMMARY**

**Monday, October 26, 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	x
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	
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**
Ettajane Williams-Robbins **Interested Citizen**

<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Kim Anderson	Chatham Area Transit Authority	x

<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Charlie Gilchrist	Rose of Sharon resident	x
Barry Helmey	Independent	x

I. Approval of Agenda

1. It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda as presented.

ACAT Action: the motion to accept the agenda as presented carried with none opposed.

II. Action Items

2. **Approval of the August 24, 2015 ACAT meeting minutes**

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes as presented.

ACAT Action: the motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2015 ACAT meeting, carried with none opposed.

3. **2040 MTP Amendments for two Bridge Replacement Projects in Port Wentworth**

Ms. Jane Love, of CORE MPO, described the proposed amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) which would shift some phases of the Houlihan Bridge project from Cost Band Three to Cost Band One and the addition of the Middle River Bridge phases into Cost Band One and Three. Her report concluded that there would be

no negative impact on the financial balance of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) because the projects are bringing their own funding into the plan. Staff recommended ACAT endorsement of the amendments. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the amendments.

ACAT Action: the motion to endorse the 2040 MTP Amendments for two Bridge Replacement Projects in Port Wentworth carried with none opposed.

4. Amendments to the FY 2015-2018 TIP

Ms. Love reviewed the proposed amendments to the FY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). These amendments would program the preliminary engineering and right-of-way phases for the two bridges in Port Wentworth. The financial balance would be maintained because the state said funding is provided with these projects to offset the costs. Staff recommended ACAT endorsement of the amendments. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the amendments to the FY 2015-2018 TIP.

ACAT Action: the motion to endorse the amendments to the FY 2015-2018 TIP carried with none opposed.

5. Amendment to the FY 2016 UPWP

Ms. Love reviewed the proposed amendment to the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). This amendment would carry over approximately \$53,000 from the prior year so that the funds could be budgeted and accessed for activity in staff's current work program. Staff recommended endorsement. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the amendment to the FY 2016 UPWP.

ACAT Action: the motion to endorse the amendment to the FY 2016 UPWP carried with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

6. Update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Modifications for Expanded Area

Ms. Love reviewed the progress on the plan modification, the purpose of which is to address the needs within the new portions of the recently expanded planning area. Some projects in Richmond Hill will be included in either the cost-feasible plan or in the unfunded vision plan, depending upon the results of the revenue analysis. Effingham County has no projects identified for the small, residential portions of the county that are now in the CORE MPO planning area. This modification will be completed in February, after a public comment period in January.

7. Participation Plan Update

Ms. Love reviewed the details of the Participation Plan Update. A public review period is currently in progress on the draft. The changes in this update primarily involved those necessary to reflect the new planning area and revision of the MPO's metrics to be used in assessing the effectiveness for participation. The draft also proposed some changes in the amendment process for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program. The comment period ends December 9.

8. CORE MPO Title VI Update

Ms. Love explained that the CORE MPO Title VI program is also currently in a public comment period. This subject is related to section VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The CORE MPO program includes anti-discrimination policy statements as well as procedures for handling any Title VI complaints. She read the Title VI policy statement and summarized the proposed strategies to address environmental justice and Title VI populations in planning efforts. She

also read the proposed complaint procedures. ACAT members suggested removal of the word “handicap” in the policy statement. Members also advised staff to check whether the policy statement includes all of the protected populations, given recent actions of the Supreme Court on sexual orientation.

IV. Agency Reports

A. CAT/Teleride

Ms. Kim Anderson explained the fare structure changes that went into effect that day. Paratransit fare was increased to \$2.00, from \$1.80. This was partly because providing and waiting for change was a nuisance to drivers and riders alike. Some other transit fares also were modified; some were reduced. Mr. Bob McGarry stated that he believes some Teleride drivers are unaware of the fare change.

V. Other Business

There was no other business.

VI. Public Participation Opportunities

There were no comments.

VII. Announcements

Next CORE MPO ACAT Meeting: October 26, 2015

Ms. Kelsey Ustrud announced that the LIFE, Inc. fundraiser will be October 27 at the American Legion in Thunderbolt, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The \$25 ticket includes dinner. There will also be a silent auction.

Mr. McGarry announced that LIFE will have a “spirit night” on November 9 at Tijuana Flats.

VIII. Other Non-agenda Information for Reference

Items had been attached to the agenda for information only.

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the October 26, 2015 committee meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Love
Transportation Planner