



CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation

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

Feb. 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes of the CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT)

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
James Aberson	Chatham County	X
Teresa Brenner	Savannah Council of the Blind	
Wayne Dawson	Savannah - Chatham County Fair Housing Council	
Brenda Pollen	Housing Authority of Savannah	X
Anika Futch	Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision	
Carol Hunt	NAACP - Savannah Branch	
Jackie Immel	Georgia Infirmary Day Care Center for Rehabilitation	
Neil Ligon	Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.	X
Patti Lyons	Senior Citizens Savannah - Chatham County, Inc.	
Pamela Oglesby	Savannah - Chatham Council on Disability Issues (SCCDI)	X
Tyrone Palmer	National Federation of the Blind, Local Chapter	
President & CEO	Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire	
Representative	Effingham County	
Representative	GDOT District Five	
Representative	Richmond Hill	
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Clealice Timmons	Coastal Center for Development Services	
Leslie Wilson	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Christine Woznak	Chatham Area Transit	X
Stu Klugler	Interested Citizen	X
Dr. Frank Lala	GVRA/Chatham County Coastal Chapter - GA Assoc of the Deaf	X
	Interested Citizen	
<u>Voting Alternates</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Mary Loggins	Sign Language Interpreter	X

I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Wykoda Wang motioned to approve the February 25, 2019 CORE MPO ACAT meeting agenda; seconded by Mr. Neil Ligon. The motion was passed with none opposed.

II. Action Items

1. Approval of December 10, 2018 CORE ACAT meeting minutes

[ACAT DEC 10 Minutes Final.pdf](#)

Mr. Neil Ligon motioned to approve the December 10, 2018 ACAT Meeting Minutes; seconded by Ms. Wykoda Wang. The motion was passed with none opposed.

2. Amendments to FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program

[FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendments Staff Report February 2019.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the CORE MPO's STBG and Transportations Alternatives (TA) 2018/2019 Calls for Projects process and ranking results. CORE MPO Staff conducted Calls for Projects in December 2018 to January 2019 to allocate the FY 2019 Z230 funds and FY 2019-2021 Z301 funds to one or more projects or project phases. The MPO received five (5) applications for Z230 funds and Z301 funds respectively. The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) members reviewed and scored these applications.

Z230 Funds

For FY 2019 Z230 funds, applications ranked from 1-5, 1 receiving the highest score and 5 receiving the lowest are: 1. Chatham County - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-A, 2. CAT - Intelligent Transit System (ITS) Project, 3. CAT - Electric Bus and Infrastructure, 4. Tybee Island - Marsh Hen Trail, and 5. Savannah Airport Commission - Extend Airways Avenue Turn Lane. Due to the timeline constraints and low rankings, the Savannah Airport Commission - Extend Airways Avenue Turn Lane and Tybee Island - Marsh Hen Trail projects will not qualify for the funds.

For FY 2019 Z230 funds, the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) recommended to use the funds of roughly \$450,000 - \$500,000 for the Chatham County - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-A Project, and the remaining amount of roughly \$600,000 – \$650,000 for the CAT - Intelligent Transit System (ITS) Project.

FY 2020 Z230 funds, TCC recommended to use the funds of roughly \$1,000,000 towards the I-16 at SR 307 Project.

Z301 Funds

For FY 2019-2021 Z301 funds, applications ranked from 1-4, 1 receiving the highest score and 4 receiving the lowest are: 1. Chatham County - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-A, 2. City of Savannah - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B, 3. City of

Savannah - DeLesseps Avenue, and 4. both Savannah Airport Commission - Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway and City of Tybee Island - Marsh Hen Trail.

For FY 2019 Z301 funds, TCC recommended that the funds pay for PE for the City of Savannah - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B, and the remainder of what is available to Chatham County - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-A.

FY 2020 Z301 funds, TCC recommended that the funds pay for the City of Savannah - DeLesseps Avenue project.

FY 2021 Z301 funds, TCC recommended that the funds pay for the City of Savannah - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B project.

TIP Amendments

MPO Staff prepared the TIP Amendment report for public review and comment based on the TCC recommendations to allocate Z230 and Z301 funds. The report is included in the ACAT meeting package for ACAT review and comment.

Mr. Klugler stated that nothing was mentioned about train systems and light rail. Ms. Wang stated that the TIP is a short-range programming document, and a train project must be included in the long-range planning document before it can move to TIP for implementation.

Mr. Neil Ligon motioned to endorse the TCC Recommendations and Amendments to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program; seconded by Ms. Pamela Oglesby. The motion was passed with none opposed.

[3. Adoption of FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program](#)

📎 [FY 2020 UPWP Adoption Staff Report.pdf](#)

📎 [Draft 2020 UPWP consolidated with FHWA-FTA and GDOT comments.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the draft CORE MPO FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program. The Draft FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the proposed MPO staff work program for the coming fiscal year that runs from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The UPWP details the staff budget and work projects expected to be undertaken by the MPO in support of the federally mandated 3-C (Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive) transportation planning process. The UPWP outlines what we do and what staff will use the money for. We normally receive money from the Federal PL Grant, from the Federal Highway Administration and the Section 5303 Transit Grant, from the Federal Transit Administration.

These funds can only be used for planning purposes. Planning activities include program coordination, operations administration, training and professional development, contracts and grants, UPWP, public involvement, Title VI and Anti-Poverty planning to serve underserved populations, data collection, traffic impact and

analysis, land-use monitoring, congestion mitigation, transit planning, bicycle and pedestrian planning, freight planning, long range transportation planning, Transportation Improvement Program, and strategic planning studies.

Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) is the direct recipient and CORE MPO is the sub recipient of grant funds. For FY 2020, the total funding is roughly \$606,000 and the funds require a 20% match. PL Grant is about \$355,000 and the local match is roughly \$89,000. The Section 5303 Transit Grant has roughly \$130,000, the state and local match is \$16,000 respectively. The PL Grant local match of \$89,000 and 5303 Transit Grant local match of \$16,000 are paid by the CORE MPO membership dues.

All FHWA and GDOT comments and questions have been addressed in the current draft. Endorsement and adoption of the FY 2020 UPWP by the CORE MPO Board will continue the federally required 3-C transportation planning process, ensuring continued eligibility for federal transportation funds.

Mr. Neil Ligon motioned to endorse the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program; seconded by Ms. Pamela Oglesby. The motion was passed with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

[4.2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update](#)

📎 [February 2019 MTP Update Staff Report.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi presented the 2045 MTP update. Federal planning regulations require that MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs) be updated at least every five years, and that a twenty-year planning horizon be maintained. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan is a comprehensive, multimodal “blueprint” for transportation systems and services aimed at meeting the mobility needs of the metropolitan area. CORE MPO staff is working on development of the 2045 MTP which will be adopted in August 2019. The plan update involves model development and applications for performance measurement, socio- economic data preparation, multi-modal planning, and more.

The current project prioritization process was developed with the last MTP update and is intended as a method of evaluating new projects that need to be added to the MTP. This is a tool to help create a final project list for the 2045 MTP update. The updated prioritization process required minor changes, mostly due to the combining of organizational goals (combining security and safety goals, and the increase from 8 to 10 planning factors). All goals, planning factors, and additional changes to the planning process have been documented and illustrated in the MTP. CORE MPO staff will apply the updated prioritization process to projects and share the results at the upcoming working group meeting.

GDOT staff provided CORE MPO staff with results that illustrated a list of non-

financially constrained projects in an updated travel demand model network. The model showed a significant amount of improvement. CORE MPO staff will use the model output and begin applying the prioritization process and financial information to the projects. The next step is to have a financially constrained project list.

IV. Agency Reports (verbal)

Chatham Area Transit (CAT)

Ms. Christine Woznak presented a status report for CAT. Concerning CAT Mobility, all 28 vehicles ordered have been delivered and the driving staff has been increased. Last May, a sub-contractor abruptly ceased operations causing a brief delay in certain services. Since then our on-time performance has increased significantly from 68% to 89%. CAT mobility will be implementing a travel training program beginning in April/May that will teach para-transit eligible riders how to ride the fixed route bus. Pending board approval, para-transit eligible riders will be able to ride the fixed routes for free. The average cost for a para-transit ride is \$32. Three members of the CAT staff are undergoing training to become Certified Travel Trainers.

Bylaws Updates

CORE MPO Staff will update the ACAT bylaws to include Chatham County Coastal Chapter - Georgia Association of the Deaf (CCGAD). Actions will be taken at the next ACAT meeting.

V. Other Business

The Celebrate Abilities - Disabilities Resource Fair will take place Saturday, April 13, 2019 at Windsor Forest High School from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

The 106-year Anniversary Weeping Time Commemoration will be held Saturday, March 2, 2019 at Brock Elementary School starting at 10:00am. The Annual Unity Festival will start soon afterwards at 12:00pm.

VI. Public Participation Opportunities

VII. Announcements

[5.Next ACAT Meeting: Monday, April 22, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chatham Area Transit \(CAT\) ITC Board Room at 610 W. Oglethorpe Ave.](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the February 25, 2019 meeting of the CORE MPO ACAT was adjourned.

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.