



## 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

### October 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes of the CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT)

<b><u>Voting Members</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
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	
Pala Valdez	Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision	X
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	X
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	
Brigitte Morrison	Chatham Area Transit	X
Stu Klugler	LIFE Board President	X
Dr. Frank Lala	GVRA/Chatham County Coastal Chapter - GA Assoc of the Deaf Interested Citizen	X
<b><u>Voting Alternates</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
<b><u>Others</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
J. Donald	Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.	X
Dean Stonecipher	Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision	X
Mary M.	Sign Language Interpreter	X
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO/MPC	X
James Small	CORE MPO/MPC	X

## I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Pamela Oglesby motioned to approve the October 28, 2019 CORE MPO ACAT meeting agenda; seconded by Mr. Stu Kluger. The motion was passed with none opposed.

## II. Action Items

### 1. Approval of August 5, 2019 CORE MPO ACAT meeting minutes

☞ [August 5 ACAT.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang motioned to approve the August 5, 2019 ACAT Meeting Minutes; seconded by Ms. Pamela Oglesby. The motion was passed with none opposed.

### 2. Adopt 2020 Meeting Calendar

☞ [DRAFT 2020 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS.pdf](#)

Ms. Pamela Oglesby motioned to approve the 2020 ACAT meeting calendar; seconded by Mr. Stu Kluger. The motion was passed with none opposed.

### 3. Safety Targets

☞ [Safety Targets Oct MPO 2020.pdf](#)

☞ [SafetyOCT2020 Targets.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi presented the CORE MPO 2020 Safety Targets. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) and Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST ACT) require that all state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations use a performance-based planning and programming approach as part of the Transportation Performance Management (TPM) program. As part of the TPM, each state DOT and MPO must adopt targets to strive for within the planning and programming process. GDOT is required to set Safety Targets annually and has set their targets for 2020. CORE MPO has the option of supporting the State's Safety Targets or create its own unique targets. These targets must be adopted by February 27, 2020.

The Safety Targets are set on the performance measures listed below.

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
5. Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries

The Safety Targets adopted by the State of Georgia for 2020 include the following.

- **Number of Fatalities 1,698.0** - To maintain the 5-year moving average traffic fatalities under the projected 1,698 (2016-2020) 5-year average by December 2020
- **Number of Serious Injuries 24,094.0** - To maintain the 5-year moving average serious traffic injuries under the projected 24,094 (2016-2020) 5-year average by December 2020
- **Fatality Rate 1.280** - To maintain the 5-year moving average traffic fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled under the projected 1.28 (2016-2020) 5-year average by December 2020

- **Serious Injury Rate 21.800** - To reduce the 5-year moving average serious traffic injuries for every 100 million vehicle miles traveled under the projected 21.8 (2016- 2020) 5-year average by December 2020
- **Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries 1,163.0** - To maintain the 5-year moving average non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries under the projected 1,163 (2016-2020) 5-year average by December 2020

MPO Staff is recommending that the CORE MPO ACAT endorse supporting the State's Safety Targets through the MPO planning and programming activities.

Ms. Wykoda Wang motioned to endorse supporting the States adopted 2020 Safety Targets; seconded by Mr. Neil Ligon. The motion was passed with none opposed.

### III. Status Reports

#### 4.Update of the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan

📎 [Amendments to Non-motorized Plan Staff Report.pdf](#)

📎 [NMTP Update.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi gave an update on the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. The plan was adopted in October 2014. Staff is conducting the update to consider new studies and plans that were started after the plan adoption such as Tide-to-Town, East Coast Greenway, and the Coastal Georgia Greenway. Staff wants to ensure that we are capturing what partner agencies have been doing over the last several years and illustrate this in the plan.

The CORE MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan, Mobility 2045, has been recently adopted. Mobility 2045 references the Non-motorized Transportation Plan in its Non-Motorized Set Aside Policy Statement for bike and pedestrian improvement projects. The Mobility 2045 policy statement states that for a bike/pedestrian/trail project to be eligible for funding, the project must be consistent with the Non-motorized Transportation plan. MPO staff intends to have the plan updated prior to the upcoming Call for Projects.

A non-motorized working group will be formed in November 2019. The group and MPO staff will review the proposed changes and modify the plan between the months of December 2019 and January 2020. Staff will bring the plan before the ACAT and CORE MPO Board for endorsement and adoption in February. This will allow the projects listed in the plan to be eligible for MPO funding.

Members interested in being apart of the working group are urged to sign-up with Ms. Rossi. Many of the changes to the plan include adding additional routes or removing redundant routes. The plan will also include the upgrading of facility types that offer more protection or comfort.

Mr. Aberson asked what's the difference between a bike lane and cycle track. A cycle track is separated by a barrier.

Ms. Pala Valdez asked if the plan will include sidewalks in addition to the bike lanes. Sidewalks and bike lanes are considered pedestrian areas. Ms. Rossi stated that what is implemented depends on the facility and recommendation. Mr. Aberson stated that the MPC website list the Proposed Amendments to Bikeways and Proposed Amendments to the Pedestrian Network.

#### **IV. Agency Reports (verbal)**

##### **LIFE**

Mr. Neil Ligon stated that L.I.F.E. will be hosting an open house on November 14, 2019 at their new facility located at 4811 Waters Ave. The event starts at 10:00am and will last throughout the evening.

##### **Chatham Area Transit**

Ms. Brigitte Morrison stated that she has been hired as the new Paratransit ADA Manager. Ms. Ashley Wilson has been hired as the call center supervisor. CAT is partnering with other agencies to develop best practices for implementing their Travel Training Program. A soft launch is expected for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020. That program will be spearheaded by Ms. Brigitte Morrison, Ms. Tia Baker, and Ms. Demetria Freeman.

Mr. Aberson inquired on the Paratransit vans. Ms. Morrison stated that the fleet is running and there hasn't been any major accidents or maintenance issues.

Ms. Wang inquired on the updates to the Transit Development Plan (TDP). This is a 5-year planning document for transit agencies outlining priorities. Ms. Rossi stated that this plan was not directly related to the route redesign.

#### **V. Other Business**

NONE

#### **VI. Public Participation Opportunities**

Mr. Dean Stonecipher from the Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision introduced himself and stated that he will be an alternate for Ms. Anika Futch.

##### **Committee Discussion**

Mr. Stu Kluger asked if the Mobility 2045 Long Range Plan addresses electric cars and potential filling/recharging stations. Ms. Rossi stated that the Mobility 2045 does not have that level of specificity, this information may be within City or local jurisdictions. The City of Savannah has installed charging stations around the City and in many of the City parking garages. Mr. Kluger was advised to speak with the City of Savannah Parking and Mobility department.

#### **VII. Announcements**

[5.FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program Development Call for Plans and](#)

## Studies

☺ [Call For Studies 2021.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that every year GDOT has discretionary funds for planning studies. Currently, the MPO is conducting two studies, the I-16/Little Neck Road Interchange Study and I-95/Airways Ave. Interchange study. These studies are funded by the discretionary planning funds and will end in December. Local agencies interested in sponsoring a study are encouraged to reach out to MPO staff. Staff is preparing to issue a Call for Studies at the beginning of the UPWP development. After the Call for Studies, staff will facilitate applying for the discretionary funds. Discretionary PL funds pay for 80% of the study, while the local agency pays for the remaining 20%. Garden City and Chatham County have expressed interest in sponsoring a project.

### 6.I-16 / Little Neck Road Interchange Study

Project consultants will present the final alternatives and rankings for the I-16/Little Neck Road Interchange Study at the October 30, 2019 CORE MPO Board meeting. All committee members are invited to attend.

### 7.I-95 / Airways Avenue Interchange Study

### 8.I-95 / Airways Avenue Interchange Study Public Meeting October 30, 2019

### 9.I-16 Widening, I-95 / I-16 Interchange Reconstruction Status Report

This status report was requested by the GDOT consultant for the MPO Board. The report will be presented at the October 30, 2019 CORE MPO Board meeting. All committee members are invited to attend.

### 10.Next ACAT Meeting: Monday December 9, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the CAT Joe Murray Rivers. Jr. Intermodal Transit Center

## **VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference**

### 11.Mobility 2045 Executive Summary

☺ [Mobility 2045 Executive Summary.pdf](#)

The Mobility 2045 was adopted at the August 7, 2019 MPO Board meeting. Staff has provided an Executive Summary of the document for committee members.

## **IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the October 28, 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.