



CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation

Minutes
February 28, 2022 at 1:00pm

FEBRUARY 28, 2022 CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) Meeting

Voting Members	Representing	Present
James Aberson	Chatham County	
Vacant	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	
Carol Hunt	NAACP - Savannah Branch	
Jackie Immel	Georgia Infirmary Day Care Center for Rehabilitation	
Neil Ligon	Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.	
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	
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Clealice Timmons	Coastal Center for Development Services	
Terry Tolbert	Economic Opportunity Authority	
Tia Baker	Chatham Area Transit	X
Vacant	GVRA/Chatham County Coastal Chapter - GA Assoc of the Deaf Interested Citizen	
Voting Alternates	Representing	Present
Shannon Ginn	Living Independence for Everyone (LIFE), Inc	X
Others	Representing	Present
Jessica Mathis	Public	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	

Alicia Hunter	CORE MPO	X
Sally Helm	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Pam Everett	MPC	X
Julie Yawn	MPC/IT	X

I. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Asia Hernton motioned to approve the February 28, 2022 agenda; seconded by Mr. Shannon Ginn. There being no quorum, those present voted in support of the motion.

II. Action Items

[1. Approval of the December 13, 2021 CORE MPO ACAT Meeting Minutes](#)

Ms. Asia Hernton motioned to approve the December 13, 2022 CORE MPO ACAT meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Shannon Ginn. There being no quorum, those present voted in support of the motion.

[2. Electing a new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson](#)

Ms. Asia Hernton nominated Ms. Pamela Oglesby for Chairperson, there being no other nominations and none opposed.

Ms. Pamela Oglesby nominated Asia Hernton as Vice Chairperson, there being no other nominations and none opposed.

There being no quorum, those present made a unanimous vote for the approval of Ms. Pamela Oglesby as Chairperson and Ms. Asia Hernton as Vice Chairperson for the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation for 2022-2024.

[3. Title VI Plan Updates](#)

Ms. Asia Hernton presented the updates to the Title VI Plan. The updates to the plan include:

- GDOT Concurrence Letter;
- Chinese and Vietnamese translations of the Complaint Form and the Notice to the Public; and
- Minutes from the February 23, 2022 CORE MPO Board meeting.

Staff is asking this committee for an endorsement; these updates were approved by the CORE MPO Board at the February 23 meeting, but CORE MPO staff were still in need of an endorsement from ACAT.

Ms. Asia Hernton motioned to endorse the Title VI Plan Updates; seconded by Ms. Tia Baker. There being no quorum, those present voted in support of the motion.

4. February 2022 Amendments to FY 2021 -2024 TIP

Ms. Alicia Hunter presented a staff report that outlined amendments to the FY 2021-2024 TIP. The TIP is the MPO's short range programming document. This document provides a multiyear listing of proposed surface transportation projects that receive federal, state, and local funding. The CORE MPO received one TIP amendment request in January, from the Savannah Airport Commission. This request was to add a project scoping phase to FY 2022 for the I-95/Airways Avenue Interchange.

Staff is asking for this committee to endorse the February 2022 Amendments to FY 2021 – 2024 TIP.

Ms. Tia Baker motioned to approve the February 2022 Amendments to FY 2021 – 2024 TIP; seconded by Ms. Asia Hernton. There being no quorum, those present voted in support of the motion.

5. Approval of the FY 2023 UPWP

Ms. Asia Hernton stated the draft FY 2023 UPWP was published in November 2021 and endorsed by the CORE MPO Board and advisory committees in December 2021. The draft FY 2023 UPWP has been revised with responses to comments received from FHWA in January 2022. The document is being brought back before the advisory committees and the Board for final review and approval in February 2022.

Staff is asking for endorsement of the Draft FY 2023 UPWP.

Ms. Tia Baker motioned to endorse the FY 2023 UPWP; seconded by Ms. Asia Hernton. There being no quorum, those present voted in support of the motion.

III. Status Reports

None

IV. Agency Reports (verbal)

Mr. Shannon Ginn, L.I.F.E. Inc, stated there are a couple of life skills and para supportive events coming up. In March, the focus will be on disability etiquette. In April, the focus will be on finances and able accounts. In May, the focus will be on mental health and stress relief.

L.I.F.E. is partnered with CAT to do a writing campaign to help with grant writing, budgets, and finances.

Mr. Tyrone Palmer, National Federation of the Blind, said on March 10th, they will be traveling to Atlanta to participate in Blind Day at the Capital. We will meet with our legislators in regard to pending legislation. The Brail Literacy Bill was passed in 1994, and we have amended it to strengthen it. We are trying to get passed this year with the necessary amendments attached. If you would like to call in support

of this bill, it is House Bill 1282. If this and the other bill, House Bill 108, are passed, they will bring about better rehabilitation services for the blind and physically disabled in the State of Georgia if this bill is signed into law.

V. Other Business

None

VI. Public Participation Opportunities

Ms. Jessica Mathis said she is glad CAT is getting more funding. She wanted to know how much of the new funding is being used for Paratransit. Ms. Tia Baker stated she would check into this and get back with Ms. Mathis.

VII. Notices

[6. GDOT Project Status Report](#)

[7. Chatham County Project Status Update](#)

[8. City of Savannah Project Status Report](#)

[9. CAT Project Status Report](#)

Ms. Tia Baker stated that there is still a shortage of drivers. There were 3 operators released for service last week. There is a class beginning on the 7th of March. We are still in the hiring process for both Paratransit and Fixed Route services. CAT still has the CRC contract - there are three operators from CRC that are helping with Paratransit. They only help 4 days a week, from Monday through Thursday.

[10. LATS Project Status Update](#)

[11. TIP Project Tracking in February 2022](#)

[12. Next CORE MPO ACAT Committee Meeting, April 25, 2022 at 1:00pm](#)

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the February 28, 2022, meeting of ACAT was adjourned.

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