



CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

**Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary**

**Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room
112 East State Street**

June 16, 2005

5:00 p.m.

Members

Brant Attaway
Harold Burgstiner
Tom Campbell
Charles Coovert
William L. Grainger
Phyllis Hardeman
Johnny Hearn
Chandler Kinsey
Ronald Kolman
Joe Laufenberg
Henry Levy
Helen McCracken, Vice Chair
Mark McDonald
Chris Miller
Lee Mundell, Chair
Clint Murphy
Andrew Rawlings
David Saussy
Joe Stephen
Stephen Traub
James Weaver
Jill Weaver

Representing

City of Savannah
Chatham County
Chatham County
City of Port Wentworth
City of Bloomingdale
Town of Thunderbolt
City of Garden City
City of Tybee Island
Chatham County
City of Savannah
City of Tybee Island
Town of Thunderbolt
Chatham County
City of Savannah
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City of Bloomingdale
City of Savannah
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City of Savannah
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Others Present

Al Black, P.E.
Steve Henry
Jean Iaderosa
Teresa Scott
Pat Stringer
Tom Thomson, P.E., AICP
Wykoda Wang
Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP

Representing

Chatham County Engineering
City of Savannah Traffic Engineering
Chatham Area Transit Authority
GDOT – Jesup
Interested Citizen
MPO Staff
MPO Staff
MPO Staff

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I. Call to Order

Mr. Mundell called the June 16, 2005 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting to order with the request to have new member orientation on the agenda for the next meeting.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of April 21, 2005 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

It was moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded.

CAC Action: The motion to approve the April 21, 2005 Citizen Advisory Committee meeting minutes carried with none opposed.

B. Endorsement of Draft FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program

• **Staff Presentation**

Ms. Wang offered an updated view of the Transportation Improvement Program to the Committee and asked that the committee endorse the modified project list.

• **Public Comments**

Comments were made that the relief of traffic on Bay Street and the completion of Truman Pkwy are given the highest priority.

• **CAC Discussion and Action**

Mr. Kolman moved to approve the draft. Ms. Weaver seconded the motion.

CAC Action: The motion to endorse the draft FY 2006-2008 TIP with the recommendation that Mr. Mundell take the motion of CAC to the Policy Committee stating the relief of traffic on Bay Street and the completion of Truman Pkwy are given the highest priority carried with none opposed.

C. Endorsement of Amendment to 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan and FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program to Incorporate Proposed Strategies for the Connecting Savannah process

Mr. Thomson gave a brief presentation on the Connection Savannah process to allow a quick question and answer period. Mr. Steffen commented on bike safety. The

maintenance of the lanes is leaving the debris in the bike lanes making it hazardous for the bikers. He suggested a great place to start with the bike lanes is from the Central District to Tybee Island.

CAC Action: The motion to approve the endorsement of the amendment to the 2030 Long Rang Transportation Plan and the FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program to Incorporate Proposed Strategies for the Connecting Savannah process carried with none opposed.

D. Review and Comment on Draft Measures of Effectiveness (MOEs) for the CUTS Public Involvement Plan

Mr. Mundell commented on the degree of CAC involvement in preparing the Draft Measures of Effectiveness for the CUTS Public Involvement Plan. He stated the Committee is being asked to approve the draft Measures of Effectiveness (MOEs) and asked if there were any comments or discussion.

It was moved and seconded to approve the draft MOEs.

CAC Action: The motion to approve the Draft Measures of Effectiveness (MOEs) for the CUTS Public Involvement Plan carried with none opposed.

E. Review and Discussion of City of Savannah's Annual Check-Up Form for Evaluating Citizen Board Effectiveness

This item was deferred to the next regular Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting.

III. Status Reports

A. Federal Planning Certification Review Final Report

Mr. Wilkes gave a brief review of the Federal Planning Certification Review Final Report. The report indicated CUTS/MPO is unconditionally certified for the next three years without being subject to any corrective actions.

B. TEA-21 Reauthorization

Ms. Wang updated the committee on the status of the TEA-21 reauthorization. This legislation has had several extensions.

C. CAT Downtown Transit Station Study

Ms. Iaderosa updated the committee on the status of the CAT Downtown Transit Station Study.

IV. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Amendment to FY 2006 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Wilkes gave a brief presentation on the proposed amendment to the adopted UPWP.

B. Georgia Department of Transportation

Ms. Scott reviewed the status of the projects that are planned for Chatham County.

C. Chatham County

Mr. Black reviewed a status report on the projects that are underway in Chatham County with SPLOST money.

D. City of Savannah

Mr. Henry presented a summary on the traffic projects in the City of Savannah.

E. Chatham Area Transit Authority

Ms. Iaderosa gave an informational report of the status of the Chatham Area Transit Authority. CAT has a new director, Mr. Carl Palmer, who will be starting on Monday June 20, 2005 and subsequently attending the Policy Committee Meetings. The Transit Authority's marketing strategies are now focusing on increased ridership for the non-traditional riders and service will increase year round. She also noted the fare free Liberty Street parking shuttle for employees.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Citizens Advisory Committee, the June 16, 2005 meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP
Director of Transportation Planning