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Arthur A. Mendonsa– 5:00 p.m.  
112 East State Street, Savannah  
Meeting Minutes

**August 19, 2010 Regular Meeting**

**Members Present:** Mark Egan, Acting Chairman  
Anthony Abbott  
Dr. Daniel Brantley  
Jason House  
Chandler Kinsey  
Jack Knops  
Helen McCracken  
Dale Thorpe  
Stephen Traub

**Members Not Present:** John Bennett Jr., Chairman  
Tina Bennett  
Gerald Cook  
Phillip Cooper  
Phyllis Hardeman  
Charles Hutchinson  
Beth Kinstler  
Martin Sullivan  
Harris Odell  
Dwayne Simpson  
Linda Smith  
Joseph Steffen  
Louis Wilson

**Staff Present:** Wykoda Wang  
Jessica Hagan

**I. Approval of Agenda**

**II. Action Items**

1. Approval of June 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: CAC Minutes 6-17-10.pdf

**Board Action:**

Approval of June 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Dr. Daniel Brantley

Second: Jack Knops

Anthony H. Abbott - Not Present

Tina Bennett - Not Present

John Bennett, Jr. - Not Present

Dr. Daniel Brantley - Aye

Gerald Cook - Not Present

Phillip Cooper - Not Present

Mark Egan - Aye

Phyllis G. Hardeman - Not Present

Jason House - Aye

Charles Hutchinson - Not Present

Chandler Kinsey - Aye

Beth Kinstler - Not Present

Jack Knops - Aye

Henry Levy - Not Present

Helen McCracken - Aye

Harris Odell, Jr. - Not Present

Dwayne Simpson - Not Present

Joseph J. Steffen - Not Present

Martin R. Sullivan - Not Present

Dale Thorpe - Not Present

Stephen Traub - Aye

Louis E. Wilson - Not Present

Linda Smith - Not Present

2. Endorsement of Proposed LRTP Amendments

Attachment: LRTP Amendments August 2010 Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that in May and June the MPO has received amendment requests for two projects: Fort Pulaski Entrance Road and Jimmy DeLoach Connector (or Port's Last Mile Project). The CORE MPO initiated the two-step LRTP amendment process for the two projects in June 2010. In August 2010 the MPO intends to complete the LRTP amendments so that these two projects can be programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) after the adoption of the LRTP amendments.

The Fort Pulaski Entrance Road Project, funded with National Park Service funds, is a new

project and thus an amendment to the LRTP is necessary if it is to be included in the plan.

The reason for the requested amendment for the Jimmy DeLoach Connector/Port's Last Mile Project is the that project funding source has been revised. It would now be funded through a state bond that the legislature approved, although the bond sale as not yet occurred.

The clarifying language in the LRTP would state that, for projects that have some phases in the financially-constrained part of the plan and other phases in the Vision Plan, the latter could be moved into the financially constrained list through administrative modification, in the event funding became available.

Ms. Wang said that staff recommends endorsement of the amendments to the 2035 LRTP.

**Board Action:**

For endorsement of amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan for Jimmy DeLoach Connector/Port's Last Mile Project, Fort Pulaski Entrance Road Bridge Rehabilitation, and clarifying language for the 2035 Framework Mobility Plan. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Dr. Daniel Brantley  
Second: Chandler Kinsey

Anthony H. Abbott	- Aye
Tina Bennett	- Not Present
John Bennett, Jr.	- Not Present
Dr. Daniel Brantley	- Aye
Gerald Cook	- Not Present
Phillip Cooper	- Not Present
Mark Egan	- Aye
Phyllis G. Hardeman	- Not Present
Jason House	- Aye
Charles Hutchinson	- Not Present
Chandler Kinsey	- Aye
Beth Kinstler	- Not Present
Jack Knops	- Aye
Henry Levy	- Not Present
Helen McCracken	- Aye
Harris Odell, Jr.	- Not Present
Dwayne Simpson	- Not Present
Linda Smith	- Not Present
Joseph J. Steffen	- Not Present
Martin R. Sullivan	- Not Present
Dale Thorpe	- Aye

Stephen Traub	- Aye
Louis E. Wilson	- Not Present

### 3. Endorsement of Proposed TIP Amendments

Attachment: FY 2011 - 2014 TIP Amendments August 2010 Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Wang reported that there are several projects that have revisions and the TIP needs to be amended. Some of the proposed changes involve their cost estimates, development schedule, scope change and inclusion in or deletion out of the TIP.

The projects are:

- 1) Fort Pulaski Entrance Road Bridge Rehabilitation-add a new project to the TIP, contingent upon MPO approval of related LRTP amendment.
- 2) Jimmy DeLoach Connector/Port's Last Mile Project-add a new project to the TIP, contingent upon MPO approval of related LRTP amendment.
- 3) US 17 Bridge Replacement Over Back River-estimated project construction costs decreased by \$2,733,252. GDOT staff have said this is because of a reduced deck width. The project will still have the bikeable shoulders to provide for the East Coast Greenway.
- 4) Project DeRenne Boulevard Option-include a new project to the local section of TIP, as PE and ROW currently to be SPLOST funded.
- 5) East DeRenne Avenue Improvements-include a new project to the local section of TIP, as PE currently to be SPLOST funded.
- 6) West DeRenne Avenue Improvements-include a new project to the local section of TIP, as PE currently to be SPLOST funded.
- 7) GDOT Oversight on the MPO's ARRA studies-include a new project to the TIP, \$25,000 for each of the three studies.
- 8) Savannah MPO Strategic Planning Study-Sector Seven-revise the funding amount; and
- 9) State Rail Plan-delete project from the TIP. The deletion would be due the fact that the State did not fund GDOT Intermodal's State Rail Plan, and therefore the contribution from the MPO is not useful for the plan at this time. The released funds are proposed to be moved to the projects mentioned in #7 and #8, above.
- 10) Savannah River Water Ferry - roll over funds from FY 2010 to FY 2011, thus this is an addition to the FY 2011-2014 TIP.
- 11) CAT Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) projects - roll over funds from FY 2010 to FY 2011, thus this is an addition to the FY 2011-2014 TIP.
- 12) Study for New Interstate from Savannah to Knoxville (I-3) - roll over funds from FY

2010 to FY 2011, thus this is an addition to the FY 2011-2014 TIP.

Ms. Wang said that staff recommends endorsement of the proposed amendments to the FY 2011-2014 TIP.

**Board Action:**

For endorsement of the 9 amendments to the CORE MPO's  
FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program  
excluding the US 17 bridge replacement project until more  
information is available. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: Dr. Daniel Brantley

Second: Jason House

Anthony H. Abbott	- Nay
Tina Bennett	- Not Present
John Bennett, Jr.	- Not Present
Dr. Daniel Brantley	- Aye
Gerald Cook	- Not Present
Phillip Cooper	- Not Present
Mark Egan	- Aye
Phyllis G. Hardeman	- Not Present
Jason House	- Aye
Charles Hutchinson	- Not Present
Chandler Kinsey	- Aye
Beth Kinstler	- Not Present
Jack Knops	- Aye
Henry Levy	- Not Present
Helen McCracken	- Nay
Harris Odell, Jr.	- Not Present
Dwayne Simpson	- Not Present
Linda Smith	- Not Present
Joseph J. Steffen	- Not Present
Martin R. Sullivan	- Not Present
Dale Thorpe	- Aye
Stephen Traub	- Aye
Louis E. Wilson	- Not Present

4. Endorsement of Proposed UPWP Amendment

Attachment: UPWP Amendments August Staff Report.pdf

Wykoda stated that the CORE MPO staff is proposing an amendment to the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to remove the L230 funds from the State Rail

Plan to be used for the GDOT oversight of the three ARRA ( American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) studies the MPO is conducting and for the MPO Strategic Planning Study- Sector Seven.

\$25,000 of matched L230 funds will be added to the MPO Strategic Planning Study which needs to be reflected in the FY 2011 UPWP. The additional funds together with the 500,000 of L230 funds already programmed for the UPWP will be used to fund staff activities.

**Board Action:**

For approval of the amendment to the CORE MPO FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program

**Vote Results**

Motion: Anthony H. Abbott

Second: Stephen Traub

Anthony H. Abbott	- Aye
Tina Bennett	-
John Bennett, Jr.	-
Dr. Daniel Brantley	- Aye
Gerald Cook	-
Phillip Cooper	-
Mark Egan	- Aye
Phyllis G. Hardeman	-
Jason House	- Aye
Charles Hutchinson	-
Chandler Kinsey	- Aye
Beth Kinstler	-
Jack Knops	- Aye
Henry Levy	-
Helen McCracken	- Aye
Harris Odell, Jr.	-
Dwayne Simpson	-
Linda Smith	-
Joseph J. Steffen	-
Martin R. Sullivan	-
Dale Thorpe	- Aye
Stephen Traub	- Aye
Louis E. Wilson	-

**III. Status Reports**

**IV. Agency Reports**

**MPO staff will report answers to any questions regarding other agencies' projects that the CAC members submitted to staff prior to the meeting.**

5. GDOT Representative

Ms. Wang stated that a GDOT representative will attend the next CAC meeting on October 21, 2010. Ms. Scott has stated that she would like all questions be turned into her a few days before the meeting so she will have time to research answers.

**V. Other Business**

**VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)**

6. Trees that align I-16 & 5-16

Mr. Abbott stated that tree huggers have stoppped the work of trees being cut back out of the sight of the drivers on I-16 and 5-16. He believes there have been several wrecks due to lack of sight distance. Mr. Abbott made a motion that GDOT study the intersection at I-16 and 5-16 regarding the trees that block the vision of the drivers. Mr. Traub seconded the motion.

**Board Action:**

Mr. Abbott made a motion that GDOT study the intersection at I-16 and 5-16 regarding the trees that block the vision of the cars. Mr. Traub seconded the motion.

**Vote Results**

Motion: Anthony H. Abbott

Second: Stephen Traub

Anthony H. Abbott	- Aye
Tina Bennett	-
John Bennett, Jr.	-
Dr. Daniel Brantley	- Aye
Gerald Cook	-
Phillip Cooper	-
Mark Egan	- Aye
Phyllis G. Hardeman	-
Jason House	- Aye
Charles Hutchinson	-
Chandler Kinsey	- Aye
Beth Kinstler	-
Jack Knops	- Aye

Henry Levy	-
Helen McCracken	- Aye
Harris Odell, Jr.	-
Dwayne Simpson	-
Linda Smith	-
Joseph J. Steffen	-
Martin R. Sullivan	-
Dale Thorpe	- Aye
Stephen Traub	- Aye
Louis E. Wilson	-

**VII. Announcements**

7. Next Meeting: October 21, 2010

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

8. August 2010 Update on Elements of the Total Mobility Plan

Attachment: August 2010 Update on Elements of Total Mobility Plan.pdf

**IX. Adjournment**

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