



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

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

August 18, 2011

5:00 p.m.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Tony Abbott	Chatham County	x
John Bennett	City of Savannah	x
Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	x
Gerald Cook	City of Bloomingdale	
Philip Cooper	Chatham County	
Susan Dyer	City of Savannah	x
Mark Egan	Chatham County	x
Phyllis Hardeman	Town of Thunderbolt	
Jason House	City of Savannah	x
Chandler Kinsey	City of Tybee Island	x
Jack Knops	City of Savannah	x
Helen McCracken	Town of Thunderbolt	x
Larry Miles	City of Savannah	x
Harris Odell	Chatham County	
Dwayne Simpson	City of Savannah	
Linda M. Smith	City of Port Wentworth	
Joe Steffen	Chatham County	
Martin Sullivan	Chatham County	
Dale Thorpe	Chatham County	x
Stephen Traub	City of Savannah	x
Vacant	City of Bloomingdale	
Vacant	Chatham County	
Vacant	City of Garden City	
Vacant	City of Garden City	
Vacant	City of Pooler	
Vacant	City of Pooler	
Vacant	City of Port Wentworth	
Vacant	City of Tybee Island	
Vacant	Town of Vernonburg	
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Others Present

Representing

Michael Adams	MPO	X
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Jane Love	MPO	X
Barbara Settzo	for MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO	X
Mark Wilkes	MPO	X

Mr. Mark Egan called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

CAC Action: the motion to approve the agenda carried with none opposed.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of June 16, 2011 meeting minutes

As there was no quorum at the June 16th meeting, there were no official meeting minutes to approve.

B. Endorsement of the revisions to the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented one major amendment and several administrative modifications to the committee. The amendment is to move the construction phase from FY 2012 to FY 2013 for the US 17 Bridge Replacement over Back River.. This has been delayed due to South Carolina environmental issues. The administrative modifications include the addition of project identification numbers from GDOT for six projects already in the TIP, correction of a typographical error from L230S funds to L230 funds, and minor project description changes submitted by Chatham County.

Ms. Wang noted that the major amendment requires a 15-day comment period, but the administrative modifications do not because the modifications do not change the funding or the schedule.

Mr. Egan opened the public hearing. There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the revisions to the FY 2012-2015 TIP as presented by staff.

CAC Action: the motion to endorse the revisions to the FY 2012-2015 TIP as presented by staff carried with none opposed.

C. Endorsement of the amendment to the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Mr. Mark Wilkes reported that this amendment to adjust the funding amount for L230 funds on the Strategic Planning task is necessary to make the UPWP consistent with the TIP which was adopted in June.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the amendment to the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program.

CAC Action: the motion to endorse the amendment to the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program carried with none opposed.

D. Endorsement of authorization of LRTP amendment process for I-16 exit removal and SR21 corridor improvements

Mr. Wilkes explained that these two projects were not included in the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) during the last update. Now that these studies are moving into the next phase these projects need to be in the LRTP. The amendment process is a 2-step process. Step 1 is to authorize the staff to fully review the projects and then report to the committee with specific project information. Step 2 will be staff's report at a future meeting after obtaining additional information. Approving Step 1 does not guarantee that the projects will be amended into the LRTP.

There was a discussion about the value of removing the I-16 exit ramp. . The I-16 study can be found on the MPO website.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the authorization for staff to study the I-16 exit removal and SR 21 for possible amendment to the LRTP.

CAC Action: the motion to endorse the authorization for staff to study the I-16 exit removal and SR 21 corridor improvement projects for possible amendment to the LRTP carried with one opposed.

III. Status Reports

There were no status reports at this time.

IV. Agency Reports

There were no agency reports at this time.

V. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

VI. Public Comments

There were no other public comments at this time.

VII. Announcements

- August 30, 2011 – public meeting on US 80 Bridges Study, 5:30 – 7:30 PM at Tybee Island Old School Cafeteria
- August 24, 2011 – public meeting on the Transportation Investment Act constrained project list in Bloomingdale. If you cannot attend, you may send your comments to Ms. Wang.
- September 12, 2011 – public meeting on SR204 corridor study, 6:00 – 8:00 PM at Armstrong Center
- October 20, 2011 – next CAC meeting

Ms. Love introduced Susan Dyer as a new CAC member who is representing City of Savannah.

VIII. Other non-agenda information

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the committee, the August 18, 2011 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Love
Transportation Planner