



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

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

October 20, 2011

5:00 p.m.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Tony Abbott	Chatham County	x
John Bennett	City of Savannah	
Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	x
Gerald Cook	City of Bloomingdale	
Philip Cooper	Chatham County	
Susan Dyer	City of Savannah	
Mark Egan	Chatham County	x
Phyllis Hardeman	Town of Thunderbolt	
Jason House	City of Savannah	x
Chandler Kinsey	City of Tybee Island	
Jack Knops	City of Savannah	x
Helen McCracken	Town of Thunderbolt	
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	
Stephen Traub	City of Savannah	
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	
Vacant	Town of Vernonburg	

<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	
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 August 18, 2011 meeting minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2011 meeting.

CAC Action: the motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2011 meeting carried with none opposed.

B. Selection of the Preferred Alternative in the US 80 Bridges Replacement Study

Ms. Jane Love reported that after discussion with Tybee Island officials it was decided that more time would be spent in explaining and discussing how the preferred alternative in this study was selected. Therefore, there will not be a vote on a preferred alternative at this meeting.

Ms. Love reviewed the history of the bridge replacement study and then reviewed the six end-to-end alternatives. These six alternatives are all safety-driven alternatives, do not have as large a footprint, and therefore are not as environmentally controversial as the original full four-lane widening project for the entire US 80 corridor.

Ms. Love explained that all six alternatives include left-turn and right-turn lanes at the Fort Pulaski entrance.

In addition to a review of each alternative, Ms. Love also reviewed the evaluation criteria used to measure each alternative, the estimated initial costs, and the estimated life-cycle costs for each alternative. At this point, the analysis shows that Alternative 3 has the

highest score and appears to be the best choice. Alternative 4 has the second highest score and Alternative 5 has the third highest score. The public opinion ranking places Alternative 5 at the top with Alternative 3 and 4 coming in second. Staff is getting input from Tybee Island officials and GDOT officials.

Ms. Love confirmed that the 4-laning of the entire US 80 corridor is not in the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Ms. Love concluded her report stating that no action from this committee is necessary at this time. Brief discussion followed.

III. Status Reports

A. SR 204 Corridor Study Status Update

Mr. Michael Adams reported to the committee the results of the public open house for the purpose of reviewing the three alternatives for SR 204. He reported that public comments from the meeting support the elevated option, because it requires less right-of-way and allows better connections across SR 204.

IV. Agency Reports

There were no agency reports at this time.

V. Other Business

Mr. Mark Wilkes reported that work continues on the Total Mobility Plan. Stakeholder and public workshops are being scheduled. He asked the committee to permit a public workshop for the Total Mobility Plan to be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled CAC meeting in December. The committee agreed.

Mr. Egan reminded all committee members to notify him if they have any local issues they would like this committee to forward on to the CORE MPO board for action.

Mr. Jack Knops asked for an update on improving visibility at the I-16 and I-516 interchange, specifically the removal of trees that obstruct a full view. Ms. Love responded MPO staff had explained at the CAC meeting in which the issue had been raised that GDOT had determined that the interchange meets visibility standards and requirements. Discussion followed.

Mr. Egan moved, and it was seconded, that the committee draft a letter to GDOT, signed by the chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee, outlining the safety and visibility issues at the I-16 & I-516 interchange.

CAC Action: the motion that the committee draft a letter to GDOT, signed by the chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee, outlining the safety concerns and visibility issues at the I-16 & I-516 interchange carried with none opposed.

VI. Public Comments

There were no other public comments at this time.

VII. Announcements

The next CAC meeting will be on December 8, 2011 (2nd Thursday of the month).

VIII. Other non-agenda information

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the committee, the October 20, 2011 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Love
Transportation Planner