



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY**

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

February 16, 2012

5:00 p.m.

<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
Tony Abbott	Chatham County	x
John Bennett	City of Savannah	
Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	x
Gerald Cook	City of Bloomingdale	
Philip Cooper	Chatham County	
Mark Egan	Chatham County	x
John Getty	City of Tybee Island	x
Phyllis Hardeman	Town of Thunderbolt	
Jason House	City of Savannah	
Jack Knops	City of Savannah	
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	x
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 Savannah	
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
Julie Yawn	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.**

Mr. Egan asked the new appointee from Tybee Island to introduce himself. Mr. John Getty is replacing Mr. Chandler Kinsey, as Mr. Kinsey foresaw that he will not be able to attend the CAC meetings regularly.

**II. Action Items**

**A. Approval of October 20, 2011 meeting minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2011 meeting.

**CAC Action: the motion to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2011 meeting carried with none opposed.**

Mr. Egan asked the members present to encourage others to attend the CAC meetings. In answer to a question, staff members gave a brief review of how committee members were appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

**B. Endorsement of the amendment to the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program**

Mr. Mark Wilkes reported that this amendment was necessary to bring unspent planning funds from the previous fiscal year to this current fiscal year so that the funds may be accessed.

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.**

**C. Endorsement of the proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendments regarding Project DeRenne and Transit Section of the TIP**

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the proposed amendments beginning with those to the Transit section of the TIP.

The proposed Transit Section amendment covers three programs.

- 5307 program which covers capital and operational improvements: The amendment is to move unapplied funds from the previous fiscal year to this current fiscal year. CAT cannot apply for the funds until it is programmed in the TIP. CAT also asked for anticipated future funds to be programmed in the TIP because they are ready to apply for those funds, also. CAT has worked this out with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
- JARC program which provides work transportation to those whose commute pattern is opposite of typical transit peak hour services (such as people who live in inner city and work in the suburbs): Need to move unused funds from the previous fiscal year to this current fiscal year. The money will be used for the #6 and #2 routes and the new Express #114 route.
- JARC program earmark funds: many agencies working together determined what this amount was and what it was for. The amendment is to correct the estimated amount to the actual amount.

Ms. Wang explained how the funding is split for the different programs between federal dollars, state dollars, and local dollars. Capital project split is 80/10/10 and operating project split is 50/50 with no contribution from the state.

The highway amendment involves Project DeRenne. This project is divided into three sections – Boulevard option, East DeRenne improvements, and West DeRenne improvements. Preliminary engineering funding is available but construction funding is not. This amendment is necessary to provide oversight funds to include GDOT in these projects. Including GDOT in the project will help the City be in a position to apply for future federal funds for the construction phase, if needed. The amendment shows the actual amount of the oversight funds.

Ms. Wang also explained that in addition to the oversight funding amounts, other amendments include changing the preliminary engineering phase to a scoping phase and moving the right-of-way phase to FY 2015.

Mr. Egan opened the public hearing on the TIP amendments. There being no comments from the public, Mr. Egan closed the public hearing.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the proposed TIP amendments regarding Project DeRenne and the Transit section.

**CAC action: the motion to endorse the proposed TIP amendments regarding Project DeRenne and the Transit section carried with none opposed.**

**D. Authorization for further study of amendments to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for various projects**

Ms. Wang made the presentation. Many projects need to be moved because the LRTP has to be balanced within the three time bands, which account of year-of-expenditure dollars (inflation). Each time a project is moved, this can potentially throw the balance off. There are three specific projects that are ready to move forward now but they need to be moved into either Cost Band #1 or Cost Band #2. To add some projects, others may need to be moved out. Step one in the amendment process is to perform an extensive analysis to maintain the financial balance of the plan. The second step is to present this analysis to the board for approval. Today, staff is asking for authorization to do the analysis of the financial feasibility of these requested changes.

Dr. Brantley asked why projects that weren't originally in Band #1 or Band #2 were now moving forward. Ms. Wang explained how the progress on the Port's last mile project had created pressure to do the project at the other end of Jimmy Deloach Parkway. Even though, the Port's last mile project was not in the LRTP because it did not use federal funding, it impacted other projects, schedule-wise, that were in the LRTP.

There was a discussion of Ogeechee Rd improvement project and the bridge and roadway projects on US 80 to Tybee Island. Staff offered a brief history and the status of each project.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the MPO Board's authorization for staff to do further study of the requested amendments to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan for various projects.

**CAC action: the motion to endorse the MPO Board's authorization for staff to do further study of the requested amendments to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan for various projects carried with none opposed.**

**III. Status Reports**

No status reports at this time.

**IV. Agency Reports**

There were no agency reports at this time.

**V. Other Business**

Mr. Egan presented a draft of the letter which CAC would like to submit to the CORE MPO board concerning the impaired visibility along the I-16 & I-516 interchange. Discussion followed and it was agreed that a paragraph would be added to the letter about the urgency for a short-term action to address visibility, given that the project to redesign the entire interchange is many years away. Mr. Egan will deliver this letter at the upcoming CORE MPO board meeting.

**VI. Public Comments**

There were no other public comments at this time.

**VII. Announcements**

The next CAC meeting will be on April 19, 2012.

Ms. Wang announced that GDOT is holding a Public Information Open House on the Gulfstream Rd. project.

**VIII. Other non-agenda information**

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the committee, the February 16, 2012 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Love  
Transportation Planner