



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

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

February 20, 2014

5:00 p.m.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Tony Abbott	Chatham County	x
Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	x
John Chapman	City of Savannah	x
Gerald Cook	City of Bloomingdale	
Philip Cooper	Chatham County	
Mark Egan	Chatham County	x
John Getty	City of Tybee Island	
Phyllis Hardeman	Town of Thunderbolt	
Elizabeth Hilliard	City of Savannah	
Paula Kreissler	City of Savannah	x
Larry Longo	City of Port Wentworth	x
Helen McCracken	Town of Thunderbolt	
Christopher Middleton	City of Savannah	
Larry Miles	City of Savannah	x
Patrick J. O'Brien, Jr.	City of Savannah	
Harris Odell	Chatham County	
Deborah Rauhers	City of Savannah	
Linda M. Smith	City of Port Wentworth	
Joe Steffen	Chatham County	
Dale Thorpe	Chatham County	
Robert Tully	Chatham County	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 Tybee Island	
Vacant	Town of Vernonburg	
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<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	
Michael Adams	MPO	X
Beverly Davis	RS&H	X
Jessica Hagan	MPO	X
Jane Love	MPO	X
Valerie Ragland	CAT	X
Barbara Settzo	for MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO	X
Mark Wilkes	MPO	X
Julie Yawn	MPO	X

Chairman 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 December 12, 2013 meeting minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting with corrections. The minutes will be corrected to read “Ms. Wang” and not “Mr. Wang” on page 4 under “Revised CORE MPO Planning Boundary per 2010 Census.

CAC Action: the motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting with corrections carried with none opposed.

B. Endorsement of the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the staff report. This amendment is requested by CAT for transit program 5309 funds. She reported that CAT had received funds in 2012 but they did not apply for them at that time. Now they want to access those funds for new buses and improvements to existing bus facilities, so it must be in the current TIP. The grant is for \$2.5 million and CAT will contribute the local match of \$625,000. Once it is in the TIP then CAT can begin the application process. Ms. Wang pointed out that today’s meeting was advertised for public participation.

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

It was moved and seconded to endorse the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment.

CAC Action: the motion to endorse the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment carried with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

A. Total Mobility Plan/2040 LRTP Status Report

Mr. Wilkes introduced Ms. Beverly Davis from the consulting firm of RS&H to present the status report.

Ms. Davis noted that this Total Mobility Plan builds on the earlier Framework Mobility Plan. The 2040 update of the LRTP is scheduled to be adopted in September 2014. The update will be fully compliant with the federal MAP-21 legislation.

She reviewed the tasks completed, the tasks currently underway, and the tasks yet to be completed. She highlighted the schedule and noted that she will be at each of these meetings until adoption.

Her update focused on the prioritization process. She explained the prioritization factors that are designed to meet the plan's goals. They have developed a screening process based on need and then sustainability. Her presentation listed the factors included in the first screening, i.e. need, and those factors included in the second screening, i.e. sustainability. At this time they are applying these factors to the projects in the list. This process will result in a prioritized project list which will be included in the Total Mobility Plan. It will also be used as a framework for performance measures.

When asked about the screening factors, Ms. Davis explained that each project will be screened first by all the need factors and then by all the sustainability factors. No one factor outweighs any other factor in the screening process.

B. Schedule for CORE MPO's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to fund bicycle, pedestrian, or other projects

Ms. Jane Love began her staff report by explaining that TAP is a program in the MAP-21 federal legislation. TAP now includes old programs such as Transportation Enhancements and Safe Routes to Schools. The legislation provides an active role for the larger MPOs in project selection for their areas.

Ms. Love reviewed eligible project sponsors such as local governments, school districts, transit agencies, etc. She also reviewed eligible activities that would qualify for this program, such as infrastructure projects for bicycles, pedestrians.

She presented the schedule which shows March 18th as the opening day for project applications. The June MPO meeting would be the target for approval of the selection committee's recommendations for the TAP funding award(s). These approved TAP projects will be included by name in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

CORE MPO can allocate about \$814,000 in federal funding in this round of applications, which combines two years of funds. The local match requirement is 20% of project costs.

There were some general questions about facility types for use by children accessing schools. Ms. Love said that it was difficult to talk about hypothetical projects because the selection of facility type depends on conditions in a particular location.

IV. Agency Reports

No reports at this time.

V. Other Business

No other business at this time.

VI. Public Comments

There were no other public comments at this time.

VII. Announcements

The next CAC meeting will be on April 17, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

Ms. Wang invited all members to attend the CORE MPO board meeting on Wednesday at 10:00 AM. There will be a presentation of the Airport Master Plan.

VIII. Other non-agenda information

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the committee, the February 26, 2014 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Love
Transportation Planner