



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

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

November 19, 2015

5:00 p.m.

<u>Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Tony Abbott	Chatham County	x
Nicholas Allen-Tunsil	Savannah	
Thomas Branch	Savannah	
Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	x
John Chapman	Savannah	x
Cheryl Goldwire	Effingham County	x
Paula Kreissler	Savannah	x
Larry Longo	Port Wentworth	x
Christopher Middleton	Savannah	x
Bob Tully	Chatham County	x
Vacant	Bloomingtondale	
Vacant	Garden City	
Vacant	Pooler	
Vacant	Richmond Hill	
Vacant	Thunderbolt	
Vacant	Tybee Island	
Vacant	Vernonberg	
<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	
Jane Love	MPO	x
Stephanie Rossi	MPO	x
Wykoda Wang	MPO	x

Chairman Bob Tully called the meeting to order. He introduced the new CAC member from Effingham County, Chery Goldwire.

I. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda a presented.

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

II. Action Items

A. **Approval of the August 6, 2015 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 6, 2015 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes.

CAC Action: the motion to approve the August 6, 2015 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes carried with none opposed.

B. **Endorsement of the 2016 CAC Meeting Schedule**

Ms. Love present a schedule for next year, which continues the recent adopted practice of holding the CAC meeting farther ahead of the CORE MPO Board meeting. One change is to start CAC meetings at 5:30 due to another group that often meets in the same room at 4:00 p.m. There was some discussion about the desirability of meeting almost three weeks ahead of the CORE MPO Board meeting. In the end, a motion was made and seconded to endorse the 2016 CAC meeting schedule as proposed.

CAC Action: the motion to endorse the 2016 CAC meeting schedule as proposed carried with none opposed.

C. **Endorsement of the Updated CORE MPO Participation Plan**

Ms. Love said that CAC has traditionally had a large role in overseeing the development of and modifications to the Plan. The current plan states that changes to the Participation Plan must be endorsed by the CAC before going to the CORE MPO Board. Therefore, she thoroughly reviewed the contents of the draft Participation Plan that is currently in the public review period. She explained how it differs from the adopted plan: primarily in the measures of effectiveness, and in the revised process for how the long range plan would be amended. She noted that staff had incorporated suggestions from the CAC under one of the goals for informing the community and by adding a few community centers to the list of public review locations. Staff recommended CAC endorsement of the updated Participation Plan.

Chairman Tully opened the Public Hearing. Ms. Jo Hickson, of the Coastal Georgia Greenway, came to the podium to announce that the State Legislature's Joint Study Committee recommended \$1,000,000 per year for 10 years in order to advance implementation of the Coastal Georgia Greenway. She said this was good news. There were no comments on the Participation Plan. Chairman Tully closed the Public Hearing.

A committee member had a question about Limited English Proficiency – aiding people who don't understand the specific terminology. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the updated CORE MPO Participation Plan.

CAC Action: the motion to endorse the updated CORE MPO Participation Plan carried with one opposed.

D. Title VI Program Documents Update

Ms. Wykoda Wang gave an overview of what policies and documents constitute the MPO's Title VI program, which is about anti-discrimination. This is another thing that is being updated due to CORE MPO's reapportionment last summer. The CAC had received a status report on the process at the August meeting. Staff recommended endorsement of the Title VI Program Documents Update.

Chairman Tully opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments. He closed the hearing.

A motion was made and seconded to endorse the Title VI Program Documents Update.

CAC Action: the motion to endorse the Title VI Program Documents Update carried with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

A. FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendments

Ms. Wykoda Wang reviewed some amendments that are proposed to separately list some studies in the Transportation Improvement Program. Staff is finalizing the details. This is provided for information.

B. Update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Modification for Expanded Planning Area

Ms. Jane Love reported this addendum to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) will look at needs and revenue for the MPO expansion areas. Staff met with Richmond Hill staff earlier this month for more input about project priorities. It looks like a couple of projects in Richmond Hill will be added to the financially constrained plan. The reason that no projects in Effingham County are being added is that no needs are identified in the little bit of planning area that extends into Effingham County; those areas are small residential neighborhoods. She concluded that the draft addendum is being reviewed by MPO staff and will shortly be sent to the federal and state partners for a 30-day agency review period. There will be a 30-day public review period before the draft comes before the CORE MPO committees in February. There was a question about improvements for SR 21 in Effingham. Ms. Love said that SR 21 is not in the MPO planning area because the Effingham County Commission wanted to limit the MPO planning area to the minimum required. The state is still handling planning for the other parts of Effingham County, including SR 21 and the proposed Effingham Parkway.

IV. Agency Reports

There had been no questions sent to MPO staff ahead of the meeting, regarding the projects being implemented by other agencies.

V. Other Business – no other business

VI. Other Public Comments - no public comments at this time.

VII. Announcements

The next meeting of the CAC will be February 4, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Love
Transportation Planner