



CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

MPC Office – 5:30 p.m.
112 East State Street, Savannah
Minutes

February 7, 2019 Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Anthony Abbott	Chatham County	X
Dr. Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	X
Christopher Middleton	Savannah	X
Brent Buice	Savannah	X
Deborah Sieg-Bowen	Savannah	X
Pauline Shaw	Effingham County	
Priscilla Thomas	Garden City	
Vacant	Port Wentworth	
Vacant	Richmond Hill	
Vacant	Pooler	
Vacant	Bloomington	
Vacant	Thunderbolt	
Vacant	Tybee Island	
Vacant	Vernonburg	
Vacant	Chatham County	
<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
James Small	CORE MPO	X

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Anthony Abbott motioned to approve the February 7, 2019 CORE MPO CAC meeting agenda; seconded by Mr. Brent Buice. The motion was passed with none opposed.

II. Action Items

1. Approval of December 6, 2018 CORE MPO CAC meeting minutes

📎 [CAC DEC 6 Minutes Final.pdf](#)

Dr. Daniel Brantley motioned to approve the December 6, 2018 CAC Meeting Minutes; seconded by Mr. Brent Buice. The motion was passed with none opposed.

2. CORE MPO's STBG 2018/2019 Call for Projects and Recommendations for Amendments to FY 2018 – 2021 TIP

📎 [Z230 Funds Call for Projects staff report February 2019.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the CORE MPO's STBG 2018/2019 Call for Projects process and ranking results. CORE MPO Staff conducted a Call for Projects in December 2018 to January 2019 to allocate the FY 2019 Z230 funds to one or more projects or project phases. The MPO received five (5) applications in total. TCC members reviewed and scored these applications. Ranked from 1-5, 1 receiving the highest score and 5 receiving the lowest are: 1. Chatham County - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-A, 2. CAT -Intelligent Transit System (ITS) Project, 3. CAT - Electric Bus and Infrastructure, 4. Tybee Island - Marsh Hen Trail, and 5. Savannah Airport Commission - Extend Airways Avenue Turn Lane. Due to the timeline constraints and low rankings, the Savannah Airport Commission - Extend Airways Avenue Turn Lane and Tybee Island - Marsh Hen Trail projects will not qualify for the funds for the proposed TIP amendments.

For FY 2019 Z230 funds, the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) recommended to use the funds of roughly \$450,000 - \$500,000 for the Chatham County - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-A Project, and the remaining amount of roughly \$600,000 – \$650,000 for the CAT - Intelligent Transit System (ITS) Project.

For FY 2020 Z230 funds, TCC recommended to use the funds of roughly \$1,000,000 towards the I-16 at SR 307 Project.

MPO staff will prepare the TIP amendment report for public review and comment based on these TCC recommendations.

Mr. Brent Buice motioned to endorse the CORE MPO STBG 2018/2019 Call for Projects and TCC Recommendations for Amendments to FY 2018-2021 TIP; seconded by Mr. Anthony Abbott. The motion was passed with none opposed.

Mr. Brent Buice stated that the Truman Linear Park trail is an emerging vision of a part of a broader network, like the Atlanta beltline, of connected trails for walking and biking. It will connect from River St. to the Southside of Savannah.

[3.CORE MPO's Transportation Alternatives 2018/2019 Call for Projects and Recommendations for Amendments to FY 2018 – 2021 TIP](#)

[TA Selection Process staff report February 2019.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the CORE MPO's Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects process and ranking results. CORE MPO Staff conducted a Call for Projects in December 2018 to January 2019 to allocate the FY 2019-2021 Z301 funds to one or more projects or project phases. The MPO received five (5) applications in total. TCC members reviewed and scored these applications. Ranked from 1-4, 1 receiving the highest score and 4 receiving the lowest are: 1. Chatham County - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-A, 2. City of Savannah - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B, 3. City of Savannah - DeLesseps Avenue, and 4. both Savannah Airport Commission - Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway and City of Tybee Island - Marsh Hen Trail.

For FY 2019 Z301 funds, TCC recommended that the funds pay for PE for the City of Savannah - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B, and the remainder of what is available to Chatham County - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-A.

For FY 2020 Z301 funds, TCC recommended that the funds pay for the City of Savannah - DeLesseps Avenue project.

For FY 2021 Z301 funds, TCC recommended that the funds pay for the City of Savannah - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B project.

MPO staff will prepare the TIP amendment report for public review and comment based on these TCC recommendations.

Mr. Anthony Abbot motioned to endorse the CORE MPO Transportation Alternatives 2018/2019 Call for Projects and TCC Recommendations for Amendments to the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP; seconded by Dr. Daniel

Brantley. The motion was passed with one opposed, Mr. Brent Buice in opposition regarding FY 2020 Z230 funds allocation.

[4. Adoption of FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program](#)

☉ [FY 2020 UPWP Adoption Staff Report.pdf](#)

☉ [Draft 2020 UPWP consolidated with FHWA and GDOT comments.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the draft CORE MPO FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program. The Draft FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the proposed MPO staff work program for the coming fiscal year that runs from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The UPWP details the staff budget and work projects expected to be undertaken by the MPO in support of the federally mandated 3-C (Continuing, Cooperative and Comprehensive) transportation planning process. The UPWP outlines what we do and what staff will use the money for. We normally receive money from the Federal PL Grant, from the Federal Highway Administration and the Section 5303 Transit Grant, from the Federal Transit Administration. These funds can only be used for planning purposes and require a 20% match. GDOT is the direct recipient and CORE MPO is the sub recipient. For FY 2020, the total funding is roughly \$606,000. PL Grant is about \$355,000 and the local match is roughly \$89,000. The Section 5303 Transit Grant has roughly \$130,000, the state and local match is \$16,000 respectively. The PL Grant local match of \$89,000 and 5303 Transit Grant local match of \$16,000 are paid by the CORE MPO membership dues. All FHWA and GDOT comments and questions have been addressed in the current draft. Endorsement and adoption of the FY 2020 UPWP by the CORE MPO Board will continue the federally required 3-C transportation planning process, ensuring continued eligibility for federal transportation funds.

Dr. Daniel Brantley motioned to endorse the CORE MPO's FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program; seconded by Ms. Deborah Bowen. The motion was passed with one opposed, Mr. Brent Buice.

Comments on the Draft UPWP should be forwarded to Ms. Wykoda Wang by February 15, 2019 for incorporation into the final FY 2020 UPWP.

III. Status Reports

[5.2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update](#)

☉ [February 2019 MTP Update Staff Report.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi presented the status on the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update. Federal planning regulations require that MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs) be updated at least every five years, and that a twenty-year planning horizon be maintained. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan is a comprehensive, multimodal "blueprint" for transportation systems and services aimed at meeting the mobility needs of the metropolitan area. CORE MPO staff is working on development of the 2045 MTP which will be adopted in August 2019. The plan update involves model development and applications for performance measurement, socio-economic data preparation, multi-modal planning, and more.

The current project prioritization process was developed with the last MTP update and is intended as a method of evaluating new projects that need to be added to the MTP. This is a tool to help create a final project list for the 2045 MTP update. The updated prioritization process required minor changes mostly due to the combining of organizational goals (combining of security and safety goals, and the increase from 8 to 10 planning factors). All goals, planning factors, and additional changes to the planning process have been documented and illustrated in the MTP. CORE MPO staff will apply the updated prioritization process to projects and share the results at the upcoming working group meeting.

GDOT staff provided CORE MPO staff with results that illustrated a list of non-financially constrained projects in an updated travel demand network. The model showed a significant amount of improvement. CORE MPO staff will use the model output and begin applying the prioritization process and financial information to the

projects. The next step is to have a financially constrained project list.

IV. Agency Reports

V. Other Business

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VII. Announcements

[6.Next CAC Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the MPC Office](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the February 7, 2019 meeting of the CORE MPO CAC was adjourned.

The Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission provides meeting summary minutes which are adopted by the respective board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.