



CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

MPC Jerry Surrency Room -- 5:30 p.m.
 110 East State Street,
 Savannah
 Minutes

June 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes of the CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Anthony Abbott	Chatham County	
Dr. Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	X
Christopher Middleton	Savannah	X
Brent Buice	Savannah	
Deborah Sieg-Bowen	Savannah	X
Priscilla Thomas	Garden City	
Vacant	Effingham County	
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

I. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Daniel Brantley motioned to approve the June 20, 2019 CORE MPO CAC meeting agenda; seconded by Ms. Deborah Sieg-Bowen. The motion was passed with none opposed.

II. Action Items

1. Approval of April 11, 2019 CORE MPO CAC meeting minutes

☞ [CAC April 11 Minutes.pdf](#)

Dr. Daniel Brantley motioned to approve the April 11, 2019 meeting minutes; seconded by Ms. Deborah Sieg-Bowen. The motion was passed with none opposed.

2. Approval of the DRAFT Financially Constrained Mobility 2045 Project List

☞ [June 2019 Project List Staff Report.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi presented the Draft Financially Constrained Mobility 2045 Project Lists. Staff is

requesting the CAC to endorse the draft financially constrained project lists. Staff will present the final lists and the full 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for adoption in August.

The financially constrained 2045 MTP highway project list was presented to the MPO board and advisory committees in April for initial review. No major changes have been made to this list between April and June. All projects currently under development in the TIP are included in the 2045 Plan. Other projects included in the 2045 MTP were identified through advisory committees, travel demand modeling results, needs identified through planning studies, and projects in the 2040 MTP with high prioritization scores. Some projects that are a part of the financially constrained highway project list were not mapped, including those in the set-aside categories. From the anticipated highway revenues in the 2045 Plan, four policy-based set-asides are defined. Those are Maintenance, Non-motorized Improvements, Operational Improvements, and Transit Improvements (bus replacement). The projects in the set-aside categories are not specifically identified, so they cannot be mapped now.

The other financially constrained project list for the 2045 MTP is for transit projects. These transit projects have been identified as priorities by Chatham Area Transit and for the Chatham County SPLOST funding, and will be funded by the 2045 MTP Transit Anticipated Revenues from FTA and local sources.

To answer a question from Mr. Christopher Middleton regarding transit funding and projects, Ms. Rossi explained that the projects in the highway list are unchanged from April. Staff presented the map and the spreadsheet previously. Today, staff is presenting both the highway project list and the transit project list. One of the set-aside categories from the highway project list is Transit Improvements. Thus, the total Transit Funds will be \$221 million from the transit revenue projection plus \$18 million from the highway revenue set-aside.

Ms. Deborah Sieg-Bowen asked how much leverage the people of Southbridge have on requesting projects for the area. In particular, she wanted more information on the project of SR 307/I-16 interchange improvements in connection with the I-16 Widening project. Concerning the three lanes down I-16, although the additional lanes are impeding the median, there will be more traffic including truck traffic. There is also a lot of apartment and light industrial development in the area. Ms. Sieg-Bowen and the Southbridge community want a sound evaluation to be conducted in the area due to the increased development.

Ms. Wang stated that she spoke to the County Engineer concerning the Southbridge neighborhood concerns. The neighborhood is requesting a noise study, the updated status of the existing roadway project, and an open house. According to the County's project list, the County held a public information open house for the I-16 to State route 307 project in 2017. It is up to the discretion of GDOT to hold another public information open house meeting. Sending a letter outlining the neighborhood concerns may encourage GDOT and Chatham County to set up another meeting. Also, this project is a design build project. Chatham County is still waiting for funding from GDOT. Currently the project's construction phase is programmed for FY 2020. When Chatham County and GDOT receive the funding, they will most likely move the project forward.

Dr. Daniel Brantley motioned to endorse the DRAFT Financially Constrained Mobility 2045 Project Lists; seconded by Ms. Deborah Sieg-Bowen. The motion was passed with none opposed.

[3. Amendments to FY 2018 - 2021 TIP](#)

📎 [FY 2018-2021 TIP Update Staff Report June 2019.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the FY 2018 - 2021 TIP Amendments.

Near the end of the fiscal year, staff reviewed all projects and phases programmed in the TIP to determine project status. For Highway projects, all but 3 projects are on schedule and have funds authorized. Two of these three projects not on schedule are:

- The I-16 Widening project - Right-of-Way is programmed in 2019 but the funds are being moved to 2020. The funds will not be authorized by June 30th of this year.
- The US-80 Bridge Replacement to Tybee Island project - Right-of-Way is programmed in 2019, and those funds are being moved to 2020.

The changes for these two projects have been processed as TIP administrative modifications and are

included as an information item on the agenda.

The June 2019 TIP amendments are all for transit projects. For the Transit programmed funds, only the FTA Section 5307 funding obligation for FY 2018 - 2019 is completed. TIP amendments need to be made to other transit projects, including the following.

- FTA Section 5307(h) Program - 2019 funds will be moved to 2020.
- FTA Section 5337 Program - funding for FY 2018 - 2019 have not been obligated and will be moved to 2020.
- FTA Section 5339 Program - the FY 2018 vehicle purchase funds have been obligated and will not change. Only a portion of the facility enhancement funds and none of the ITS funds in FY 2018 – 2019 have been obligated. The non-obligated FY 2018 – 2019 funds will be moved to FY 2020. All FY 2020 funds will be used for ITS. Following that, the FY 2021 funds will be used for facility enhancements and vehicle purchase.
- FTA Section 5339 C Program - FY 2019 funds have not been obligated and will be moved to FY 2020.
- FHWA Ferry Boat Program Formula Funds - FY 2018 - 2019 funds have not been obligated and will be moved to 2020.

After the TIP amendments are adopted, CAT needs to prepare for the funding application in the FTA system and we will look to FTA for approval and have the funding obligation.

Mr. Middleton stated that the ferry projects appear to be more expensive than the bus projects. Ms. Wang stated that the ferry projects are not necessarily more expensive - the funds for ferry improvements come from different sources making it appear that they are more expensive.

In addition, new programs have been added to the transit section of the TIP.

- M301 Funding Flexed to FTA - The M301 funds were originally programmed in the Highway section for the bikeshare program. It was decided that the funds would be used for ITS development. These funds have been authorized by GDOT/FHWA and flexed to FTA.
- M230 Funding Flexed to FTA - CAT was awarded some M230 funding in previous years for transit vehicle purchases. The funds were programmed in FY 2015 – 2018 and have been authorized by GDOT/FHWA and flexed to FTA.
- Z230 Funding Flexed to FTA - CAT was awarded some Z230 funds in FY 2019 for transit vehicle purchases and infrastructure maintenance and improvements as well as some Z230 funds for ITS implementation. These funds have been authorized by GDOT/FHWA and flexed to FTA.

These flexed funds need to be included in the transit section of the TIP. CAT has prepared the applications and are waiting for the adoption of the TIP amendments. The applications can be submitted to FTA after the TIP amendments are adopted.

A 15-day public comment period for the proposed TIP amendments started on June 12 and will end on June 26. Currently, staff has not received any written comments.

Dr. Daniel Brantley motioned to endorse the proposed 2018 – 2021 TIP amendments; seconded by Ms. Deborah Sieg-Bowen. The motion was passed with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

[4. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update](#)

📎 [June 2019 MTP Update Staff Report.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossie presented the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update. Besides the financially constrained project lists that have been presented in the previous agenda item, we are now in the public comment period for the 2045 MTP which started on June 17th and would end on July 16th. The draft plan is out for review and posted on the CORE MPO website.

The first step in the process is to send the DRAFT plan to GDOT, FTA, and FHWA for a 30-day review. Staff received comments back on May 30th. Most of the comments were concerning structure and flow of the document. Staff satisfied all content requirements by addressing the GDOT/FHWA/FTA comments on the report and advertised in local newspapers and via email blast for the public comment period for the revised

DRAFT Plan.

Staff has been working on public outreach and have scheduled community open house meetings throughout the month of June. MPO staff has presented to Gulfstream staff, Richmond Hill City Council, the Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition, the Effingham Transportation Advisory Board, and the West Side Community Neighborhood Association. After the public comment period ends, staff will review, summarize, and address the comments. Staff has experienced the best public involvement when staff reaches out to an existing meetings, getting scheduled on the agenda to present. Staff presented to nearly 20 people at Gulfstream, 45 people at the West Side Community Neighborhood Association meeting, and 25 people at the Richmond Hill City Council meeting. These comments will be shared at the August meeting. Staff created an interactive map that outlines project information.

The draft plan includes 7 sections and an appendix.

- Section 1 is an overview of the document.
- Section 2 includes the regional goals that were adopted in October 2018 and the performance measures used in the performance-based planning process.
- Section 3 covers the regional transportation network. It illustrates the different modes of transportation we have in the region and what we do operationally.
- Section 4 reviews public engagement, illustrating what has been done to spur engagement and what has been covered at the community open house meetings.
- Section 5 covers the project selection process and includes the technical analysis, modeling review, and the TCC working group project prioritization process.
- Section 6 outlines the financial plan and project recommendations including cost estimates, inflation factors, revenue projections, and forecast. This section also includes the vision project list information.
- Section 7 includes the impact analysis and mitigation factors. This includes Environmental Justice information and various mitigation factors as they relate to transportation projects.
- The appendix includes more information about projects that is not outlined in the 7 sections - information concerning performance-based planning, information related to contributing studies and plans, greater detail on the financial plans, technical modeling analysis, level of service maps, and public outreach information including all 300+ comments received thus far.

Staff will go before the MPO Board on August 7th requesting the adoption of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

[5. FY 2019 UPWP Administrative Modifications](#)

[FY 2019 UPWP administrative modifications staff report.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that staff needs to satisfy administrative requirements to close out the FY 2019 contracts for Highway Planning and Transit Planning funds. Budget adjustments were done for the FY 2019 UPWP. Funds were reallocated across the funding categories without changing the total. Budget adjustments to the PL funds were made in May and June, and budget adjustments were made to the TR funds in April. The final amounts have been updated. When GDOT conducts the contract closeout they will reference the information provided. This information is being presented to the CAC for transparency.

[6. FY 2020 UPWP Administrative Modifications](#)

[FY 2020 UPWP administrative modifications staff report.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that the CORE MPO must operate under new contracts for FY 2020. The Highway Planning funds are fine, but administrative modifications must be made to the Transit Planning funds. When the CORE MPO Board adopted the FY 2020 UPWP in February, \$27,000 of discretionary Section 5303 funds were documented but not included in the funding summary table because at that time those funds were at the funding application stage.

When the UPWP was adopted, GDOT had not approved these funds. Now that GDOT has awarded these funds, we must make an administrative modification to include them in the FY 2020 UPWP funding summary table and the funding table for Task 4.2. These funds will be used primarily for CAT projects, including licensing, tools, and data purchases. GDOT will use the updated financial information as the basis to develop

the FY 2020 Transit Planning contract.

Ms. Deborah Sieg-Bowen asked how GDOT attributes the extra funds. Ms. Stephanie Rossi stated that the extra funds are discretionary and GDOT pulls money from areas where it wasn't spent and distributes it to the various MPOs.

7. Updates to the Title VI Plan

- ☞ [Title VI Update Status Report June 2019.pdf](#)
- ☞ [CORE MPO TitleVI Plan Consistent with GDOT Template May2019.pdf](#)
- ☞ [CORE MPO Participation Plan May2019.pdf](#)
- ☞ [CORE MPO Language Assistance Plan May2019.pdf](#)
- ☞ [CORE MPO Environmental Justice Plan May2019.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that this item is in response to the GDOT Intermodal requirement to update the Title VI Plan every three years and to revise the Title VI Plan to be consistent with the new template developed by GDOT. The item is presented here for information and invitation for comments on the revised Title VI Plan, Participation Plan, Language Assistance Plan, and Environmental Justice Plan. Details on the specific updates to these plans will be presented at the August meeting. Changes have been highlighted in red text in the plans. The 45-day public comment period for the Title VI updates started on Monday, June 17, 2019 and would end at the end of July. Staff will come before the CAC in August with further information.

IV. Agency Reports

Members received reports from Chatham County, GDOT, and the City of Savannah. Any questions from the CAC will be forwarded to the agency's project coordinator. The City of Savannah has four projects and Chatham County has eight with five projects listed as under construction.

V. Other Business

NONE

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

NONE

VII. Announcements

[8.Next CAC Meeting: Thursday, August 1, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the MPC Offices](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

[9.Administrative Modification to add the 2019 System Performance Report to the Total Mobility 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and FY 2018-2021 TIP](#)

- ☞ [Total Mobility 2040 System Performance Report May 2019.pdf](#)

[10. June 2019 Administrative Modifications to FY 2018 - 2021 TIP](#)

- ☞ [TIP Administrative Modification 6-11-2019.pdf](#)

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 20, 2019 meeting of the CAC was adjourned.

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