



CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

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

October 17, 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	X
Dr. Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	X
Christopher Middleton	Savannah	
Brent Buice	Savannah	X
Deborah Sieg-Bowen	Savannah	X
Vacant	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>
Armand Turner	Healthy Savannah	X
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	X
James Small	CORE MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Anthony Abbott motioned to approve the October 17, 2019 CORE MPO CAC meeting agenda; seconded by Mr. Brent Buice. The motion was passed with none opposed.

II. Action Items

1. [Approval of August 1, 2019 CORE MPO CAC meeting minutes](#)

☞ [August 1 CAC.pdf](#)

Mr. Brent Buice motioned to approve the August 1, 2019 meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Anthony Abbott. The motion was passed with none opposed.

2. [Adopt 2020 Meeting Calendar](#)

☞ [DRAFT 2020 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS.pdf](#)

Mr. Brent Buice motioned to approve the 2020 TCC meeting calendar; seconded by Mr. Anthony Abbott. The motion was passed with none opposed.

3. [Safety Targets](#)

☞ [Safety Targets Oct MPO 2020.pdf](#)

☞ [SafetyOCT2020 Targets.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi presented the CORE MPO 2020 Safety Targets. The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST ACT) require that all state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations use a performance-based planning and programming approach as part of the Transportation Performance Management (TPM) program. As part of the TPM, each state DOT and MPO must adopt targets to strive for within the planning and programming process. GDOT is required to set Safety Targets annually and has set their targets for 2020. CORE MPO has the option of supporting the State's Safety Targets or create its own unique targets. These targets must be adopted by February 27, 2020.

The Safety Targets are set on the performance measures listed below.

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
5. Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries

The Safety Targets adopted by the State of Georgia for 2020 include the following.

- **Number of Fatalities 1,698.0** - To maintain the 5-year moving average traffic fatalities under the projected 1,698 (2016-2020) 5-year average by December 2020
- **Number of Serious Injuries 24,094.0** - To maintain the 5-year moving average serious traffic injuries under the projected 24,094 (2016-2020) 5-year average by December 2020
- **Fatality Rate 1.280** - To maintain the 5-year moving average traffic fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled under the projected 1.28 (2016-2020) 5-year average by December 2020
- **Serious Injury Rate 21.800** - To reduce the 5-year moving average serious traffic injuries for every 100 million vehicle miles traveled under the projected 21.8 (2016- 2020) 5-year average by December 2020
- **Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries 1,163.0** - To maintain the 5-year moving average non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries under the projected 1,163 (2016-2020) 5-year average by December 2020

MPO Staff is recommending that the CAC endorse supporting the State's Safety Targets adopted by the through the MPO planning and programming activities.

Mr. Anthony Abbott motioned to endorse supporting the State's adopted 2020 Safety Targets; seconded by Mr. Brent Buice. The motion was passed with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

4. [Status Report on the Update of the Non-Motorized Plan](#)

☞ [NMTP Update.pdf](#)

☞ [Amendments to Non-motorized Plan Staff Report.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi gave an update on the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. The plan was adopted in October 2014. Staff is conducting the update to consider new studies and plans that were started after the plan adoption such as Tide-to-Town, East Coast Greenway, and the Coastal Georgia Greenway. Staff wants to ensure that we are capturing what partner agencies have been doing over the last several years and illustrate this in the plan. MPO staff will include an analysis of biking locations based on the research performed by the previous MPO bike/ped planner. Sidewalks and pedestrian facilities that are unmapped in the original plan will be added to the updated plan. Much of this mapping has been updated in GIS.

The CORE MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan, Mobility 2045, has been recently adopted. Mobility 2045 references the Non-motorized Transportation Plan in its Non-Motorized Set Aside Policy Statement for bike and pedestrian improvement projects. The Mobility 2045 policy statement states that for a bike/pedestrian/trail project to be eligible for funding, the project must be consistent with the Non-motorized Transportation plan. MPO staff intends to have the plan updated prior to the upcoming Call for Projects.

A plan working group will be formed in November 2019. The group and MPO staff will review the proposed changes and modify the plan between the months of December 2019 and January 2020. Staff will bring the

plan before CORE MPO Board for endorsement and adoption in February. This will allow the projects listed in the plan to be eligible for MPO funding.

IV. Agency Reports

Members received project status reports from Chatham County, GDOT, and the City of Savannah. Any questions from the CAC will be forwarded to the agency's project coordinator.

V. Other Business

NONE

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

Healthy Savannah

Mr. Armand Turner introduced himself and spoke on his involvement with the REACH grant.

VII. Announcements

5. [FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program Development Call for Plans and Studies](#)

📎 [Call For Studies 2021.pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes presented the status of the FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The Unified Planning Work Program is the MPO Staff's work program and budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2020. MPO Staff has issued a Call for Plans and Studies to encourage the submission of ideas for planning studies that will support improvements to transportation.

Staff is issuing a Call for Plans and Studies at the beginning of the UPWP development. All plans and study requests are due to the CORE MPO staff by close of business on November 20, 2019. All proposed projects need a scope and cost estimate because they need to be included in the UPWP. Staff intends to present a pre-committee draft to FHWA in December, present a final copy to the CORE MPO Board and Committees in February, and have an adopted plan in April.

6. [I-16 / Little Neck Road Interchange Study](#)

Mr. Wilkes stated that the interchange special studies were started in 2017. Both interchange studies are being done to a standard which will meet federal requirements for an Interchange Modification Report. Chatham County is the project sponsor for the I-16/Little Neck Road Interchange Study. The three alternatives being considered include a Conventional Diamond Interchange, Diverging Diamond Interchange, and Partial Cloverleaf Interchange. This study will be completed in December. Project staff recommended additional turn lanes and signaling as interim improvements when Jimmy DeLoach Parkway opens.

7. [I-95 / Airways Avenue Interchange Study](#)

Mr. Wilkes stated that this interchange study is slightly behind in progress compared to the I-16/Little Neck Road Interchange Study. The three alternatives being considered are a Single Point Urban Interchange, Diverging Diamond Interchange, and Direct Flyover Ramps. The alternatives will be vetted with the project sponsor, the Savannah Airport Commission, and returning to the CORE MPO Board and Committees in December or February.

8. [I-95 / Airways Avenue Interchange Study Public Meeting October 30, 2019](#)

9. [I-16 Widening, I-95 / I-16 Interchange Reconstruction Status Report](#)

This status report was requested by the GDOT consultant for the MPO Board. The report will be presented at the October 30, 2019 CORE MPO Board meeting. All committees members are invited to attend.

10. [Next CAC Meeting: Thursday December 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the MPC Offices](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

11. [Mobility 2045 Executive Summary](#)

📎 [Mobility 2045 Executive Summary.pdf](#)

The Mobility 2045 was adopted at the August 7, 2019 MPO Board meeting. Staff has provided an Executive

Summary of the document for committee members.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the October 17, 2019 meeting of the 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.