



CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

Virtual Meeting
October 15, 2020 at 5:30pm

OCTOBER 15, 2020 CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

<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	X
Deborah Sieg-Bowen	Savannah	X
Vacant	Garden City	
Vacant	Effingham County	
Vacant	Port Wentworth	
Vacant	Richmond Hill	
Vacant	Pooler	
Vacant	Bloomington	
Frank Neal	Thunderbolt	X
Vacant	Tybee Island	
Vacant	Vernonburg	
Vacant	Chatham County	
<u>Others</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X
Pam Everett	MPC	X
Sally Helm	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Alicia Hunter	CORE MPO	X
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO/MPC	X

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

II. Action Items

1. [Approval of the August 20, 2020 CORE MPO CAC meeting minutes.](#)

☞ [august-20-2020-core-mpo-citizens-advisory-committee-cac.pdf](#)

Mr. Brent Buice motioned to approve the August 20, 2020 CORE MPO CAC meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Frank Neal. The motion passed with none opposed.

2. Adoption of the 2021 CAC Meeting Schedule

☞ [A_2021_Tentative_Meeting_Schedule_V6.pdf](#)

Ms. Asia Hernton presented the 2021 CAC Meeting Schedule.

Mr. Brent Buice motioned to adopt the 2021 CAC Meeting schedule; seconded by Mr. Frank Neal. The motion passed with none opposed.

3. 2021 Safety Targets

☞ [Safety Targets 2021.pdf](#)

☞ [2021 Safety Targets Oct 2020 MPO.pdf](#)

☞ [SafetyOCT2020 Targets.pdf](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes presented the 2021 Safety Targets. GDOT adopted their initial safety targets in August 2019 which gave the MPOs until February 27, 2020 to adopt their safety targets. Each MPO can adopt unique targets of their own or to support the state's targets. Last year CORE MPO decided to support the state's targets. In August 2020 GDOT adopted new safety targets for the FY 2021 which have been provided to the CORE MPO. We have until February 27, 2021 to adopt our new safety targets. The GDOT's Adopted State Safety Targets are listed below; and in each case they are trying not to exceed the trend line.

- Number of Fatalities 1715.0. To maintain the 5-year moving average traffic fatalities under the projected 1,715 (2017-2021) 5-year average by December 2021.
- Number of Serious Injuries 6407.0. To maintain the 5-year moving average serious traffic injuries under the projected 6,407 (2017-2021) 5-year average by December 2021.
- Fatality Rate 1.230. To maintain the 5-year moving average traffic fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled under the projected 1.23 (2017-2021) 5-year average by December 2020.
- Serious Injury Rate 4.422. To reduce the 5-year moving average serious traffic injuries for every 100 million vehicle miles traveled under the projected 4.42 (2017-2021) 5-year average by December 2021.
- Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries 686.5. To maintain the 5-year moving average non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries under the projected 687 (2017-2021) 5-year average by December 2021.

Staff is recommending that CORE MPO accept and support the State adopted safety targets through the CORE MPO planning and programming activities. Most of the funding for our transportation projects is coming from the state. The state also has more extensive resources to collect the safety data.

Mr. Frank Neal motioned to accept the 2021 Safety Targets; seconded by Daniel Brantley. The motion passed with none opposed.

III. Status Reports

4. FY 2021 - 2024 TIP Development

☞ [FY 2021-2024 TIP Development.pdf](#)

☞ [Preliminary Draft FY 2021 - 2024 TIP.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP development status. In August, the TIP priority rankings were adopted for Z230, Z301, and HIP funds along with the TIP prioritization methodology. There was a special called TCC meeting in September to allocate the funds from these three sources to the priority projects. Staff then developed the Preliminary Draft TIP. The draft document has been sent to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and GDOT for review and comment. At the TCC meeting earlier today the Technical Coordinating Committee had to re-allocate some of the Z230, HIP and Z301 funds due to some new issues. Staff will develop a revised draft TIP to incorporate the changes and comments from FHWA, FTA and GDOT. The revised draft TIP will go through the 30-day public review and comment period from early November to early December. The revised draft TIP will be presented to the MPO Board and the advisory committees in December. The new TIP is still on target to be adopted in December.

[5. FY 2021 Federal Certification Review](#)

📎 [2020-October MPO Cert Presentation background2.pdf](#)

Mr. Wilkes stated the Federal Certification Review is conducted every 4 years. We have had previous certification reviews in 2005, 2009, 2013, and 2017. It is a joint federal review of the metropolitan planning process for MPOs that have over 200,000 in population. We are seeking public input on how the process works. This committee is our leading public input committee which advises the CORE MPO Board on transportation matters. Groups involved would be the MPO Board, TCC, CAC, ACAT, EDFAC, MPO Staff, CAT, Airport, FTA & FHWA, GDOT, interest groups and other governmental agencies.

The MPO planning process is important because:

- The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process is the framework by which transportation decisions are made and projects are planned, selected, and prioritized for the implementation within the region.
- It establishes a framework for collaboration;
- The MPOs decide how a large part of the federal transportation funding is spent Nationwide;
- It helps the MPO to prioritize regional needs and determine the best and most economical solution; and
- It provides the framework for the future transportation system.

We have been in the process of providing planning documents and answering an extensive questionnaire since September. The formal kick off meeting will be November 2, 2021. The desk audit is ongoing. The site visit for the FHWA and FTA representatives will be between January 19-21, 2021. The final report will be issued no later than March 31, 2021. Reports on the findings would be presented to the MPO in April 2021.

[6. FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program](#)

📎 [Call For Studies 2022.pdf](#)

📎 [Draft 2022 UPWP TR Portion.pdf](#)

Mr. Wilkes stated that CORE MPO staff is currently developing the draft FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program, which is the MPO staff work program and budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

The MPO had issued a Call for Plans and Studies. This goes out to our members and member jurisdictions encouraging them to reach out to us with any transportation planning needs they would like to see the MPO pursuing. If the need is smaller, we can work them into our MPO staff work program within the existing formula budget. If it is a larger study, we could request discretionary planning funds, which would include the local government sponsor to provide the local match. We have done a couple of major interchange studies - the airport interchange study at I-95 and the study at Little Neck road and I-16 interchange. We are currently in the procurement process to do a corridor study on SR 307 as well as an Access Management Study on SR 21.

The Transit Planning grant must be applied for in December each year. Parts of the FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program that pertain to the transit planning tasks (project pages that address transit planning) must be included in this grant application. Preliminary FY 2022 transit planning tasks and budgets have been developed in support of the Section 5303 Grant Application.

The FY 2022 UPWP development process is moving forward. It will continue to be developed through the next couple of months and be finalized in February 2021.

Mr. Middleton asked if the transit planning grant was the same as the section 5303 grant. Mr. Wilkes stated yes.

[7. Participation Plan and Title VI Plan Update](#)

📎 [PartPlan_PresentationPDF.pdf](#)

Ms. Asia Hernton presented the Participation Plan and Title VI Plan update. The Participation Plan creates ways for the public to engage with the CORE MPO's transportation planning process. It also creates opportunities for under-served communities to have access to CORE MPO and transportation information. Some of the things we are working on in this plan update include the following.

- Updating Information - Replacing outdated facts and information. Include a discussion about COVID-19 and how it impacted public outreach.
- Focusing on Social Media and Online Resources – Social media gives the CORE MPO the opportunity to reach out to a larger audience while also being a safe option during the pandemic. It also provides an

opportunity to communicate through Q&As and comment sections. Livestreaming on a website (YouTube or Facebook) gives the public more opportunities to tune in. Posting newsletters, progress reports and pertinent information online will easily keep people updated.

- Visual to increase Interest and Understanding. Infographics of meetings are a great way to visually display information in a way that the majority of the people can understand. The visuals are eye-catching, and the text is informative.
- General Language for General Public. Defining terms in a way that laymen can understand. Outlining processes of planning, funding, and more to give the public a basic idea on how projects work as well as identifying the parties involved in transportation projects.
- Make Content Accessible to People with Disabilities. Provide sign language translations of meetings and plans. Produce sound bite audios for blind and low vision people. Provide closed captions on meeting videos. Collaborate with organizations (e.g. Savannah Center for the Blind and Low Vision) to learn the specific needs of disabled people.
- Reach Under-served Communities. Create printed versions of infographics and charts to administer them to elderly communities and nursing homes. Provide translated meetings and summaries for people who speak Spanish.

The first draft will be completed by the end of October 2020. It will be sent to FHWA/FTA/GDOT for review with comments expected from these agencies by the end of November 2020. The staff will develop the revised draft with FHWA/FTA/GDOT comments incorporated. There will be a 45-day public review and comment period for the revised draft from January 5, 2021 to February 18, 2021. The target adoption date by the CORE MPO Board is February 24, 2021.

Mr. Middleton asked if there would be any other language translations other than Spanish and how do you make the determination as to which languages are translated. Ms. Hernton stated Spanish is the only other option currently. Ms. Wang stated there was a threshold analysis by population. The Spanish population with Limited English Proficiency were the only ones to pass the threshold (either over 5% of the total population or over 1000 persons, whichever is less).

IV. Agency Reports

The agency reports are attached under Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference. Any questions from the CAC will be forwarded to the agency's project coordinator.

V. Other Business

Mr. Wilkes welcomed a new MPO staff member Alicia Hunter.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

None.

VII. Announcements

[8. Next CAC Meeting: Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. \(Virtual Meeting\)](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

[9. MPC Awarded Grant to Form Coastal Empire Resilience Network \(CERN\)](#)

[📎 PR_MPCAwarded_CERN_CIG_100120.pdf](#)

[10. GDOT Project Status Report](#)

[📎 Project Status Updates MPO Bryan_Chatham_Effingham September 2020 Final.pdf](#)

[📎 GDOT Report - Oct 2020_final.pdf](#)

[11. CAT Project Status Report](#)

[📎 CAT FY21 Status Report October 2020.pdf](#)

[12. City of Savannah Project Status Report](#)

[📎 City of Savannah Project Status Report.pdf](#)

[13. Chatham County Project Status Report](#)

[📎 Chatham County Project Status Report.pdf](#)

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the October 15, 2020 meeting of the CORE MPO CAC was adjourned.

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