



CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

August 19, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

August 19, 2021 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

Voting Members	Representing	Present
Anthony (Tony) Abbott	Chatham County	X
Dr. Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	X
Vacant	Chatham County	
Eric Curl	Savannah	X
Vacant	Savannah	
Vacant	Savannah	
Vacant	Garden City	
Brett Bennett	Effingham County	X
Vacant	Port Wentworth	
Vacant	Richmond Hill	
Armand Turner	Pooler	X
Bill Grainger	Bloomingdale	
Robert Milie	Thunderbolt	
Vacant	Tybee Island	
Vacant	Vernonburg	
Others	Representing	Present
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Pam Everett	MPC	X
Alicia Hunter	CORE MPO	X
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO / MPC	X
Sally Helm	CORE MPO / MPC	X
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Armand Turner motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Eric Curl. The motion passed with non-opposed.

II. Action Items

1. [Approval of the June 17, 2021 CORE MPO CAC meeting minutes.](#)

Mr. Eric Curl motioned to approve the June 17, 2021 CORE MPO CAC meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Armand Turner. The motion passed with non-opposed.

2. August Amendments to FY 2021 – 2024 TIP

Ms. Alicia Hunter stated the MPO's short-range programming document, FY 2021 – 2024 TIP, covers the surface transportation projects that use federal, state, and local funding. As projects change, the TIP is updated. There is one TIP amendment. Recently the FTA released the apportioned amounts for the Section 5307 fund. With that release, CAT made some program adjustments. Those adjustments include the addition and removal of projects as well as updating the funding amounts.

Mr. Tony Abbott motioned to approve the August Amendments to the FY 2021-2024 TIP; seconded by Mr. Armand Turner. The motion passed. There were non-opposed.

III. Status Reports

3. Calls for Projects for Z230 and CRRSAA Funds

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated there will be two Calls for Projects conducted. One call is for the Z230 funds, the other for the CRRSAA funds. Discussion with the TCC committee started back in June 2021. In August the MPO staff is asking the TCC committee to endorse to the MPO Board so the Call for Projects may be started. The target is to start the Call for Projects on August 26, 2021. With a deadline of September 30, 2021, the applicants will have approximately one month to prepare the application and submit to the CORE MPO. Once the applications are received, MPO staff will pre-screen the application qualifications. Then the TCC committee will evaluate and rank each proposal and make recommendations. When the funds are allocated, the project/project phases will be amended into the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP. Recommendations will be done in October, in November staff will start the public involvement process, and December is the deadline for all amendments to be made.

Z230 funds - for FY 2023 there is about \$3.1 million, and for FY 2024 there is around \$6 million. The FY 2021 funds of \$900,000 as well as other funds that are being reallocated to the Z230 coffer from DeLesseps Avenue will be allocated to FY 2023 – 2024. The MPO staff is asking for applications for FY 2023 – 2024 with the funding amount to be determined. The local governments that are Local Administered Project (LAP) certified before FY 2023 are eligible. Once the funding is awarded, the project sponsor must provide project status update to the TCC committee every two months.

The TCC committee will rank the applications based on the following screening criteria.

- » System Performance
- » Safety & Security
- » Accessibility, Mobility, & Connectivity
- » Environmental & Quality of Life
- » State of Good Repair
- » Intergovernmental Coordination

The Z230 funds require a local match of 20%. The minimum requesting amount for projects is \$200,000. These funds can be used for highway improvements, transit improvements, bicycle improvements, pedestrian/sidewalk improvements, and trail improvements. The highway projects must be located on the functionally classified roadways.

CRRSAA funds have approximately \$2.1 million. There is no local match required. These funds are available for projects or planning studies. The minimum requesting amount for projects is \$200,000 and \$100,000 for planning studies. These funds are immediately available for obligation. There is an obligation deadline of September 30, 2024. All steps must be met for the funds to be authorized. The CRRSSA ranking criteria for projects are the same as the ranking criteria for Z230 projects, but the CRRSSA also has ranking criteria for planning studies.

Dr. Brantley asked if all government agencies were LAP certified. Ms. Wang stated for a planning study, LAP certification is not required. If the agency is sponsoring a project, they must be LAP certified.

Mr. Armand Turner asked for the criteria and scoring chart, is this discussed by the TCC committee or is this something that was always in place. Ms. Wang stated for the project rankings, the MPO has been doing the Z230, HIP, and Z301 Calls for Projects for several years and the project rankings are standard. The ranking for planning studies is new. The TCC has reviewed the criteria and scoring charts.

All applications will be available on the website. Applicants will be able to go online and select the application they need, fill out the forms and send them in by September 30th.

IV. Agency Reports

Project status reports from GDOT, Chatham County, City of Savannah, CAT and LATS are attached under Notices for information. If CAC members have questions on any of the listed projects, they should contact the MPO staff who will coordinate with the project sponsors to obtain further information.

V. Other Business

None.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

None.

VII. Notices

4. [Review and Discussion of Proposed Plans and Studies for Discretionary PL Funding](#)

5. [Amendments to FY 2022 UPWP](#)

6. [August 2021 TIP Administrative Modifications](#)

7. [GDOT Project Status Report](#)

8. [Chatham County Project Status Update](#)

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

10. [CAT Project Status Report](#)

11. [LATS Project Status Update](#)

12. [Coastal Georgia Transit Needs Survey](#)

Ms. Alicia Hunter stated the MPO staff is asking everyone to go to the link on the website for the Coastal Georgia Transit Needs Survey and complete the survey.

13. [The MPC is Accepting Feedback on Plan 2040 until September 10, 2021](#)

14. [Next CAC Meeting: Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.](#)

15. [FY 2023 UPWP Development Schedule](#)

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the August 19, 2021 CORE MPO CAC meeting was adjourned.

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