



## CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

Virtual Meeting  
February 18, 2021 at 5:30 PM

### FEBRUARY 18, 2021 CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

<b><u>Voting Members</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
Anthony Abbott	Chatham County	X
Dr. Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	X
Eric Curl	Savannah / CAT	X
Vacant	Savannah	
Vacant	Garden City	
Brett Bennett	Effingham County	
Vacant	Port Wentworth	
Vacant	Richmond Hill	
Armand Turner	Pooler	X
Bill Grainger	Bloomington	X
Molly Sims	Thunderbolt	
Vacant	Tybee Island	
Vacant	Vernonburg	
Vacant	Chatham County	
<b><u>Others</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
Brent Buice	Savannah	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Pam Everett	MPC	X
Alicia Hunter	CORE MPO	X
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO	X
Sally Helm	CORE MPO/ MPC	X
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X
Kerri Beiber	Public	X
Sean Mannion	Public	X

#### I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Eric Curl motioned to approve the agenda with the continuing of item 4 to the April meeting; seconded by Mr. Armand Turner. The motion passed with non-opposed.

## II. Action Items

### 1. Approval of the December 3, 2020 CORE MPO CAC meeting minutes.

📎 [december-3-2020-core-mpo-citizens-advisory-committee-cac-Final.pdf](#)

Mr. Eric Curl motioned to approve the December 3, 2020 CORE MPO CAC meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Armand Turner. The motion passed with non-opposed.

### 2. Election of Vice-Chairperson

Mr. Eric Curl nominated Mr. Armond Turner for Vice Chair; seconded by Mr. Anthony Abbott. All in favor with non-opposed, Mr. Armond Turner is the new Vice-Chair for the CAC.

### 3. Title VI and Participation Plan Update Endorsement

📎 [PP Adoption PDF.pdf](#)

📎 [Title\\_VI\\_Plan\\_V10.pdf](#)

📎 [Participation Plan Vinfinity\\_1.pdf](#)

Ms. Asia Hernton presented the Title VI Plan and Participation Plan Update. The Title VI Plan and Participation Plan outline how the CORE MPO strives to achieve equality and equity and avoid discrimination based on demographic characteristics such as gender, race, age, or disability status as well as other characteristics. New methods to engage the public and spread information became necessary due to COVID 19.

Updates we have made are.

- New Outreach methods that can be conducted at a distance.
- New Methods to inform the public, such as using infographics and videos to help people understand CORE MPO.
- Created more accessible outreach methods for people with disabilities.
- Created a survey to understand the demographic makeup of the CORE MPO.
- Completed a 45-day public review and comment period which included a survey to increase the number of ways that residents can give their input.

Dr. Brantley asked what methods are being used for marketing. Ms. Hernton stated this meeting was marketed through the survey. We connected with different groups/ agencies to get the survey out. This meeting also was advertised in the Savannah Morning News as well as Radio and the Savannah Tribune. There was an opportunity to enter email information so that the public can receive a link directly to these meetings. We advertised for a public hearing for the updates to the plans as well.

#### **Public Hearing Opened.**

Mr. Sean Mannion, member of the public, asked Asia if the Title VI Plan and Participation Plan were part of the Plan 2040. He stated he felt there was a disconnect from the public as to when the survey was entered. Pooler had doubled the response rate as Savannah. Mr. Mannion stated a lot of residents of Savannah had no idea the survey was conducted. He did not feel like a lot of the outreach is getting to the recipients and those it is intended for.

Ms. Hernton stated the Title VI Plan and Participation Plan update is not a part of the Plan 2040. For Plan 2040, they had social media advertising, news articles, news publications, multiple emails, and outreach events (Forsyth Park, e.g.). One reason Pooler had a high response rate to the Plan 2040 survey was the link to the survey was put in the resident's water bill.

Mr. Eric Curl stated that Ms. Helm from the MPC did send the link to Chatham Area Transit so it could be shared with their riders through Printed and Electronic Newsletter as well posted on their social media site.

#### **Public Hearing Closed.**

Mr. Anthony Abbott motioned to endorse the Title VI Plan and Participation Plan Update; seconded by Mr. Eric Curl. The motion passed with non-opposed.

#### [4. Approval of Draft FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program \(UPWP\)](#)

- [FY 2022 UPWP Draft Final Reduced anh.pdf](#)

This item has been continued to the April meeting.

#### [5. Revisions to FY 2018 - 2021 TIP](#)

- [FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendments Staff Report February 2021.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented revisions to the FY 2018-2021 TIP. As an MPO we are required to produce a Long-Range Transportation Plan. The CORE MPO's current plan is called Mobility 2045 which covers FY 2021-2045. The Mobility 2045 plan provides a vision and project list for the next 25 years. It includes highway, transit, and multi-modal projects. The highest priority projects move into the short-range programming document, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which covers 4 years. Due to financial constraints, only the highest priority projects move into the short-range document.

The FY 2021-2024 TIP was adopted in December 2020. Ms. Wang stated the FY 2021-2024 TIP does not become official until the Governor signs off on the STIP. As of now the FY 2018-2021 TIP is still the guiding programming document for the fiscal year 2021. There is a one-year overlap (2021) in the current TIP and the FY 2021-2024 TIP. This update is to make sure all the projects and revenue projections in FY 2021 match what was adopted back in December. For example, in the FY 2018-2021 TIP the FY 2021 Revenue Projection for Z230 funds is \$7,307,359. In the FY 2021-2024 TIP, the Z230 funds are reduced to \$5,578,992. This means fewer projects can be programmed and projects and funding need to be adjusted.

Mr. Anthony Abbott motioned to endorse the Revisions to the FY 2018-2021 TIP; seconded by Mr. Armand Turner. The motion passed with non-opposed.

#### [6. 2045 MTP Vision Plan Amendments](#)

- [2045 MTP Amendments Staff Report.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the MTP Vision Plan Amendments. Ms. Wykoda Wang stated the City of Pooler requested two projects be added to the 2045 MTP Vision Plan.

- Pine Barren Road Improvements
- South Roger Street Improvements

These projects are included in the City of Pooler's Capital Improvement Program and they want to include these projects into the TSPLOST for additional funding, eventually moving the projects into the financially constrained 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. The requested projects would then be eligible for federal funding in the future. The MPO would like to reach out to other municipalities like Garden City, City of Savannah, unincorporated Chatham County, Thunderbolt, Tybee, etc. for a full list of projects and have amendments done in April.

We are asking the CAC to endorse the MPO staff reaching out to the other municipalities and jurisdictions to compile a full list of projects.

Mr. Anthony Abbott asked about the City of Savannah's projects. Is the I-16 flyover elimination on the proposed list for the TSPLOST? Ms. Wang stated they do not know what the City of Savannah has on their project list.

Mr. Eric Curl motioned to endorse the staff to reach out to other municipalities to compile a list of projects; seconded by Mr. Armand Turner. The motion passed with non-opposed.

### **III. Status Reports**

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

- [2020-February MPO Cert Presentation.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang gave a status update on the FY 2021 Federal Certification Review. MPOs with a population of more than 200,000 are required to go through the Federal Certification Review process every 4 years. This certification began in November 2020 with a kickoff meeting, questionnaire, and desk audit. The CORE MPO virtual site visit occurred on January 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The preliminary findings showed several commendations and approximately 17 recommendations for ways to improve the transportation planning process. There were no corrective actions. The Federal Certification Report will be shared with the MPO at the end of March 2021. The full report will be presented at the April 2021 meeting.

#### **IV. Agency Reports**

The projects' status reports from various agencies are attached to the agenda, under Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference. If CAC members have any questions regarding these projects, please send them to the MPO staff.

#### **V. Other Business**

##### 8. Infographics

📎 [What is an MPO PDF.pdf](#)

📎 [What is the CORE MPO and TMA Infographic.pdf](#)

Ms. Asia Hernton stated as part of the Participation Plan Update, staff want to start releasing infographics to help inform people on what an MPO is and what they do.

Mr. Armand Turner asked about a CORE MPO Social Media Platform. Ms. Hernton stated they are looking into that. Mr. Abbott stated the infographics look generic and asked if there were any local aspects of the infographics. Ms. Hernton stated they are looking for feedback and ideas to improve the infographics.

##### 9. Animation for CORE MPO introduction

Ms. Alicia Hunter presented the Animation for the CORE MPO. These animated videos are high level with the intent of being more engaging with people by adding visual aspects. These animations have the ability for voice-over to help the visually impaired. They can be translated into several different languages allowing us to reach a larger audience. The MPO is looking for input to help with different topic ideas that might benefit the community.

#### **VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)**

None

#### **VII. Announcements**

[10. Next CAC Meeting: Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. \(Virtual Meeting\)](#)

#### **VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference**

##### 11. GDOT Project Status Report

📎 [D5 Chatham MPO Project Project Status run on 12-4-20.pdf](#)

📎 [GDOT - CORE MPO Report Feb 2021.pdf](#)

##### 12. Chatham County Project Status Report

📎 [February 2021 TCC Report - Chatham County.pdf](#)

##### 13. City of Savannah's Project Status Report

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

##### 14. CAT Project Status Report

📎 [FY21 Status Report 2021 CAT.pdf](#)

##### 15. LATS Project Status Report 📎 US 17 Status Update 2-5-21.pdf

##### 16. New Virtual Meeting Dates Announced for Input on the Update to Comprehensive Plans for Chatham, Garden City, Pooler and Savannah

📎 [VirtualMeetingPoster\\_February2021.pdf](#)

##### 17. Demographic Survey

📎 [Survey Monkey Demographics Link PDF.pdfIX.](#)

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the February 18, 2021 meeting of the CAC was adjourned.

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