



CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

June 17, 2021 at 5:30pm

JUNE 17, 2021 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

Voting Members	Representing	Present
Anthony (Tony) Abbott	Chatham County	X
Dr. Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	
Vacant	Chatham County	
Eric Curl	Savannah	X
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	X
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. Eric Curl motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Tony Abbott. The motion passed with non-opposed.

II. Action Items

[1. Approval of the April 14, 2021 CORE MPO Special Called CAC meeting minutes.](#)

Mr. Eric Curl motioned to approve the April 14, 2021 CORE MPO Special Called CAC meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Tony Abbott. The motion passed with non-opposed.

[2. Approval of the April 22, 2021 CORE MPO CAC meeting minutes.](#)

Mr. Eric Curl motioned to approve the April 22, 2021 CORE MPO CAC meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Tony Abbott. The motion passed with non-opposed.

3. June Amendments to FY 2021 – 2024 TIP

Ms. Alicia Hunter stated the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) is the MPO's short-range programming document. Modifications can be made to ensure any changes to schedules, revenues, or development status are included.

The MPO has received some proposed changes from the Chatham Area Transit, the City of Savannah as well as GDOT. There are 4 proposed changes. Three of the changes relate to Project DeRenne - there have been delays in the project development due to the pandemic. The fourth modification is an update to the proposed transit funding programs.

Project DeRenne – GDOT has provided a confirmation letter to move the funds for the ROW phase for PI# 0008358. The City of Savannah has requested some schedule changes for the other two DeRenne projects. Those changes include the following.

- PI# 0008358, I-516 at DeRenne Avenue - move the ROW funds from FY 2021 to FY 2022.
- PI# 0008359, East DeRenne from SR 204 to Harry S. Truman Pkwy - remove the ROW phase from the FY 2021 – FY 2024 TIP.
- PI# 0010236, SR 21 from CS 346/Mildred Street to SR 204 - remove the ROW phase from the FY 2021-FY2024 TIP.

Transit project updates – CAT has proposed moving several of the projects from FY 2021 to FY 2022 due to unexpected delays with the facility modification projects. Those projects include:

- Facilities Modification under FTA section 5307 urbanized area formula funds (used for CAT's capital projects and operating assistance);
- Facility Enhancements under FTA section 5339 bus and bus facility program funds;
- Facility Rehab under FHWA flex funds; and
- Facility Enhancements under 5307 (H) FTA Ferry Boat Discretionary funds.

CAT also proposed to add a new project (Passenger Ferry Rehabilitation) not listed in the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP to FY 2022.

With June being the end of the FY 2021, a Projects' Development Status Check has been added in Appendix C. This shows the updates to projects from FY 2021 – FY 2024.

The MPO staff is asking the committee to endorse the proposed updates to the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP.

Mr. Armand Turner asked for clarification as to there being any changes to the actual amount of the funding or just moving the funds to another fiscal year. Ms. Alicia Hunter stated there are no amount changes; we are just moving funds from one fiscal year to the next.

Mr. Eric Curl motioned to endorse the June amendments to the FY 2021 – 2024 TIP; seconded by Mr. Tony Abbott. The motion passed with non-opposed.

III. Status Reports

4. FY 2021 UPWP Budget Adjustments

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated the Unified Planning Work Program is the staff budget. When the UPWP is adopted, certain funds are allocated to certain tasks based on estimated staff work that will be undertaken. Before the end of the fiscal year, adjustments are made based on actual work that has been performed.

There were some budget adjustments in June due to some changes. For example, there were special called meetings in April that increased the budget for Operations and Administration. The MPO staff did not spend as much as expected on Contracts and Grants. The budget adjustments are taking surplus from tasks with sufficient funds and allocating them to under-funded tasks.

Once the staff receives concurrence from GDOT, the administrative modifications need to be processed for the summary table in the UPWP and the financial table under each task. The tables are a checklist for GDOT to match their program with the funds granted. The administrative modifications are to facilitate the contract close out.

IV. Agency Reports

All agency reports are attached to the CAC agenda under Notices and are available online for review. If there are any questions regarding any of the agency reports, please notify the MPO staff.

Mr. Tony Abbott asked about the Quacco Bridge Replacement Study. Ms. Wang stated this study is currently not in the plan, and only projects that are in implementation stages are included in these reports, not studies.

V. Other Business

None.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

[None.](#)

VII. Notices

5. [GDOT Project Status Report](#)
6. [Chatham County Project Status Update](#)
7. [City of Savannah Project Status Report](#)
8. [CAT Project Status Report](#)
9. [LATS Project Status Update](#)
10. [The MPC is seeking comments on Plan 2040](#)

Ms. Asia Hernton stated the MPO/MPC staff is taking comments on the Comprehensive Plan/Plan 2040. Please email or call with any comments.

Mr. Armand Turner asked when the deadline was to receive comments. Ms. Hernton stated this Plan will be presented to the City Council on June 29th. The staff can receive comments until that time.

11. [SR 21 Access Management Study Status Report](#)
12. [Next CAC Meeting: Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 5:30 pm](#)

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 17, 2021 CORE MPO CAC meeting was adjourned.

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