



## CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

October 21, 2021 at 5:30pm

### OCTOBER 21, 2021 CORE MPO 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 |         |
| 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. Robert Milie motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Armand Turner. The motion passed with non-opposed.

#### II. Action Items

##### [1. Approval of the August 19, 2021 CORE MPO CAC meeting minutes.](#)

Mr. Robert Milie motioned to approve the August 19, 2021 CORE MPO CAC meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Eric Curl. The motion passed with non-opposed.

## 2. 2022 CORE MPO Meeting Schedule

Mr. Mark Wilkes stated the proposed calendar for 2022 CORE MPO scheduled meetings is following the same schedule as this past year. The CAC committee will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (bi-monthly) at 5:30 pm as it has this year. The only exceptions are the dates in red due to the Christmas, Juneteenth, and Passover holiday conflicts.

Mr. Eric Curl motioned to approve the 2022 CORE MPO Meeting Schedule; seconded by Mr. Robert Milie. The motion passed with non-opposed.

## 3. Amendments to FY 2022 UPWP

Mr. Mark Wilkes stated at the last meeting, staff completed amendments to add proposed planning studies to this year's work program (FY 2022). There were four proposed planning studies, two of which were funded by the GA PL Funds Review Committee - the MPO Regional Freight Transportation Plan Update and the Urban Flooding Model. These were previously added into the work program as unfunded illustrative projects. Now in order to access the federal planning funds that have become available, these need to be moved into the funded portion of the work program. Once the amendment is completed after the MPO Board meeting next week, the procurement process can proceed.

Mr. Tony Abbott motioned to approve the Amendments to FY 2022 UPWP; seconded by Mr. Eric Curl. The motion passed with non-opposed.

## **III. Status Reports**

### 4. Z230 and CRRSAA Calls for Projects

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated the MPO staff conducted Calls for Projects for the Z230 funds and the CRRSAA funds. There were six applications for the Z230 funds received with two late proposals. Staff has screened all of them and determined that four of the proposals are eligible for the Z230 funds.

- Two Fixed Route Diesel Buses: bus replacement for CAT
- Bus Stop Improvement Program
- Chevis Road Improvement Project
- Gerrard Avenue Improvement Project

There were six applications for the CRRSAA Funds. Four of them are eligible.

- Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B
- Chevis Road Improvement Project
- Gerrard Avenue Improvement Project
- US 80 Corridor Study

The TCC committee was presented the tabulation of scores and rankings earlier today. The TCC made recommendations for the funding allocation.

### **Z230 Funds**

Ranked #1 - Two Fixed Route Diesel Buses

Ranked #2 – Chevis Road Improvements

Ranked #3 – Gerrard Avenue Improvements

Ranked #4 – Bus Stop Improvement

### **CRRSAA Funds**

Ranked #1 – US 80 Corridor Study

Ranked #2 – Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B

Ranked #3 – Chevis Road Improvements

Ranked #4 – Gerrard Avenue Improvements

Based on the TCC ranking and funding recommendations, for the Z230 funds, there is more revenue than requested funds. In FY 2023, the revenue is approximately \$3.1 million. The total requested funds are about \$2.5 million. For FY 2024, there is around \$6 million available, with less than \$3 million requested. The TCC recommended to award the funds as requested:

- \$936,000 for Two Fixed Route Diesel Buses: bus replacement for CAT
- \$400,000 for Bus Stop Improvement Program
- \$400,000 for Chevis Road Improvement Project
- \$800,000 for Gerrard Avenue Improvement Project

There is around \$2.1 million in available CRRSAA funds but the total requested amount is over \$4 million. The TCC recommended to award the funds to the top three ranked projects.

- \$285,000 (as requested) for US 80 Corridor Study
- \$1.75 million (as requested) for Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B
- \$77,897 (left-over funds) for Chevis Road Improvement Project

Mr. Tony Abbott asked if the left-over amount for Chevis Road Improvements is for Preliminary Engineering. Ms. Wang said yes, the County requested funds for Preliminary Engineering from CRRSAA and requested funds for Right-Of-Way and Construction from Z230.

#### 5. FY 2023 UPWP Development Process

Mr. Mark Wilkes stated that CORE MPO staff initiated the development of the FY 2023 UPWP and staff conducted a Call for Plans and Studies in September. Four study requests were received from Chatham Area Transit (CAT):

- Transit Oriented Development Study - \$125,000
- Bus Stop Amenities Study - \$125,000
- Mobility Hub Study and Program - \$75,000
- Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study - \$200,000

Since these are major studies, it is anticipated that additional discretionary planning funds will be pursued in the future. Pending further review and approval, these studies are proposed to be listed as unfunded illustrative studies in the draft FY 2023 UPWP.

In addition to the above requests, CAT staff has previously requested discretionary FTA Section 5303 funds in the amount of \$27,000 for the purchase of Remix software licensing. The CORE MPO previously funded Remix software for CAT in the FY 2020 UPWP.

To meet the GDOT and FHWA administrative schedules, CORE MPO staff will present a draft FY 2023 UPWP in December to the advisory committees and CORE MPO Board for review. Following the review of the draft, staff will submit the work program to GDOT and FHWA for a 30-day review and comment period. The proposed final FY 2023 UPWP will be distributed to the CORE MPO Board and advisory committees for review and final approval at the February 2022 meetings.

### **IV. Agency Reports**

### **V. Other Business**

#### 6. 2050 MTP Update: Survey, Goals, Objectives, & Performance Measures

Ms. Alicia Hunter stated the federal planning regulations require that MPO MTPs be updated at least every five years and that a twenty-year planning horizon be maintained. The plan update involves several activities and currently, the CORE MPO staff is seeking input and feedback on proposed survey methods, goals, objectives, and performance measures.

These goals and objectives serve as the criterion for developing performance measures. With that a project prioritization framework is developed to evaluate a project's or program's ability to meet those defined goals and objectives.

Currently this update is in the preliminary phase. To modify the goals and objectives, we have proposed some preliminary survey questions. There will be at least one public open house to gauge the public's preference on the

goals and objectives. Summer of 2023 is the projected completion date to finalize the goals, objectives, and performance measures.

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

No Public Comments

#### **VII. Notices**

- [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. TIP Project Tracking in October 2021](#)
- [13. RFP for CORE MPO Regional Freight Transportation Plan Update](#)
- [14. RFP for CORE MPO Urban Flooding Model Study](#)
- [15. Next CAC Meeting: Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 5:30pm](#)

#### **VII. Adjournment.**

Mr. Robert Milie motioned to adjourn the October 21, 2021 CAC Committee Meeting; seconded by Mr. Tony Abbott.

There being no further business, the October 21, 2021 CORE MPO CAC meeting 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.