



## CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

Agenda  
February 17, 2022 at 5:30pm  
Minutes

### FEBRUARY 17, 2022 CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Voting Members	Representing	Present
Anthony (Tony) Abbott	Chatham County	X
Dr. Daniel Brantley	Chatham County	X
Vacant	Chatham County	
Eric Curl	Savannah	X
Armand Turner	Savannah	
Yolandra Shipp	Savannah	X
Vacant	Pooler	
Vacant	Garden City	
Brett Bennett	Effingham County	
Vacant	Port Wentworth	
Vacant	Richmond Hill	
Bill Grainger	Bloomingdale	
Robert Milie	Thunderbolt	X
Vacant	Tybee Island	
Vacant	Vernonburg	
Others	Representing	Present
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. Tony Abbott motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Eric Curl. The motion passed with non-opposed.

#### II. Action Items

##### 1. [Approval of the December 9, 2021 CORE MPO CAC Committee Meeting Minutes](#)

Mr. Eric Curl motioned to approve the December 9, 2021, CORE MPO CAC Meeting Minutes; seconded by Mr. Robert Milie. The motion passed with non-opposed.

## 2. Approval of the FY 2023 UPWP

Mr. Mark Wilkes said this draft was first reviewed by this committee in December and endorsed to the CORE MPO Board. This is the proposed staff work program and budget for the CORE MPO for FY 2023 which begins on July 1, 2022. It details the staff work program and budget in carrying out the Continuing, Cooperative, and Comprehensive, transportation planning process. MPO staff works primarily under two federal planning grants that come by formula allocation through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT): 1) the PL grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and 2) the FTA Section 5303 grant. Both grants require a 20% local match, provided by local MPO membership dues. For Section 5303 grants, GDOT provides half (10%) of the local match. Both funds can only be used for planning.

The draft 2023 UPWP was developed with the assumption that total estimated funding for FY 2023 will be the same as for FY 2022. Additional funding is expected in the future due to reauthorization, but most of the additional funding is tied to approval of the federal budget. At present, we are operating under a continuing resolution that continues the funding levels of the FAST Act.

In addition to formula funds, the MPO has access to Discretionary PL funds, which are unspent formula PL funds from MPOs around the state other than Atlanta. Whenever a Georgia MPO, other than Atlanta, does not use all of its formula PL funds in a given year, those funds are pooled by GDOT. There is a competitive process each Spring and Fall for MPOs to apply for these funds. To be eligible, plans and studies for which we apply for funding must be in the MPO's UPWP. The applications for the Discretionary PL funds are prescreened by the GDOT and Federal Highway Administration staff to determine eligibility. The applications deemed eligible by GDOT and FHWA are then reviewed and ultimately approved by the PL Funds Review Committee. A 20% local match is required for these funds and are provided by the project sponsor. The CORE MPO has been awarded the following Discretionary PL funds.

### FY 2022

- MPO Freight Plan Update
- Urban and Regional Flooding Model and Tools

### FY 2021

- SR 21 Access Management Study
- SR 307 Corridor Study

### FY 2018

- Airport Interchange
- I-16 Little Neck Rd Study

There is also a small amount of FTA Section 5303 funding available each year after the bulk of the 5303 funds are allocated by formula. These funds must be requested at the time of our initial grant application, which for FY 2023 was last Fall. The CORE MPO has received the following Section 5303 discretionary funds.

### FY 2020

- Transit planning software tool and data

The UPWP development process began in April when the proposed 2023 transit planning tasks were approved in last year's work program. A Call for Plans and Studies was issued in September of 2021. Those submitted studies are included in the Special Studies section of the UPWP as illustrative projects, not currently funded. The MPO staff developed the draft UPWP between the October meetings and early November 2021. The FTA Section 5303 grant application was completed in November of 2021. The first draft of the FY 2023 UPWP was reviewed by the MPO Board and advisory committees in December, and the draft was then submitted to the Federal Highway Administration and GDOT for review and comments. MPO staff received comments back in January, and all comments are addressed throughout the document and are included in appendix C of the UPWP for review.

The FY 2023 staff work priorities include:

- 2050 MTP Update
- Congestion Management Process update
- MPO Freight Plan update
- Urban and Regional Flooding Model and Tools
- 2020 Census Urban Area Delineation and MPO reapportionment.

Staff is asking for endorsement of the Draft FY 2023 UPWP.

Mr. Eric Curl motioned to endorse the Draft FY 2023 UPWP; seconded by Mr. Tony Abbott. The motion passed with non-opposed.

### [3. Title VI Plan Updates](#)

Ms. Asia Hernton said there are three additions to the Title VI plan.

1. Updated GDOT Concurrence letter
2. Chinese and Vietnamese translations of the Complaint Form and Notices to the Public
3. Minutes from the February 23, 2022 CORE MPO Board meeting will be added.

Staff is asking for endorsement of the Title VI Plan Updates.

Mr. Tony Abbott motioned to endorse the Title VI Plan Updates; seconded by Mr. Eric Curl. The motion passed with non-opposed.

### [4. February 2022 Amendments to FY 2021 -2024 TIP](#)

Ms. Alicia Hunter said the TIP is the MPO's current short range planning document. The MPO received one TIP amendment request in January from the Savannah Airport Commission. The request was to add a project scoping phase to the FY 2022 for I-95 Airways Avenue and Pooler Parkway Interchange.

Staff is asking for endorsement of the February 2022 Amendment to FY 2021- 2024 TIP.

Mr. Tony Abbott motioned to endorse the February 2022 Amendments to FY 2021 – 2024 TIP; seconded by Mr. Eric Curl. The motioned passed with non-opposed.

### **III. Status Reports**

None

### **IV. Agency Reports**

Included under Notices.

### **V. Other Business**

None

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

No public comments

### **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. TIP Project Tracking in February 2022](#)

[11. Next CORE MPO CAC Committee Meeting April 14, 2022 at 5:30pm](#)

### **VIII. Adjournment**

**There being no further business, the February 17, 2022 CAC committee meeting is 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.