



**CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY**

**POLICY COMMITTEE  
MEETING SUMMARY**

**Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room  
112 East State Street**

**June 27, 2007**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Voting Members**

Russ Abolt  
Jason Buelterman  
Michael Brown  
Patrick S. Graham  
William W. Hubbard  
James Hungerpillar  
Otis Johnson  
McArthur Jarrett  
Glenn Jones  
Mike Lamb  
Pete Liakakis  
Harold Linnenkohl  
Stephen R. Lufburrow  
Doug J. Marchand  
Clint Murphy  
Carl Palmer  
Andy Quinney  
Anna Maria Thomas  
Representative  
Wayne Tipton  
LTC Daniel Whitney  
Eric R. Winger

**Representing**

Chatham County  
City of Tybee Island  
City of Savannah  
Savannah Airport Commission  
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce  
Town of Vernonburg  
City of Savannah  
Chairman, ACAT  
City of Port Wentworth  
City of Pooler  
Chairman Chatham County Commission  
GDOT  
Chairman, MPC  
Georgia Ports Authority  
Chairman, CAC  
Chatham Area Transit Authority  
City of Garden City  
Town of Thunderbolt  
CAT Board of Directors  
City of Bloomingdale  
Hunter Army Airfield  
Savannah Economic Development  
Authority (SEDA)

**Present**

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**Voting Member Alternates**

George Fidler  
Matthew Fowler  
Trip Tollison  
Randy Weitman, P.E.

**Representing**

Savannah Airport Commission  
GDOT-Planning  
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce  
Georgia Ports Authority

**Present**

X  
X  
X  
X

<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Joyce Baker	Pedestrian Advocates of the Coastal Empire (PACE)	X
Allan Black, P.E.	Chatham County	X
Beverly Davis	RS&H Consulting	X
Marianne Heimes		X
Jane Love	MPO Staff	X
Nathan Mai-Lombardo	Garden City	X
Kyle Mote	GDOT Planning	X
Bill Pfeiffer		X
Bob Scanlon	City of Savannah	X
Teresa Scott	GDOT-Jesup	X
Barbara Settzo	for MPO	X
Radney Simpson	GDOT-Planning	X
Thomas Thomson, P.E., AICP	MPC Executive Director	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO Staff	X
Mike Weiner, P.E.	City of Savannah	X
Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP	MPO Staff	X

### **Call to Order**

In the absence of Chairman Liakakis, Mayor Otis Johnson, acting MPO Chairman for this meeting, called the June 27, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting to order.

### **I. Approval of Agenda**

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

**Policy Committee Action: the motion to approve the agenda of the April 25, 2007 Policy Committee meeting carried with none opposed.**

### **II. Award**

#### **A. PACEsetter Award to CUTS/MPO from Pedestrian Advocates of the Coastal Empire (PACE)**

Ms. Joyce Baker, Chairman of PACE, an organization dedicated to promoting a safe and healthy environment for pedestrians in Savannah, presented an award to the CUTS/MPO for their adoption of the Context-Sensitive Design Manual. Mr. Otis Johnson accepted the award on behalf of the MPO.

### **III. Committee Reports**

#### **A. Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation**

In the absence of Mr. McArthur Jarrett, Ms. Jane Love reported for the committee. ACAT members met at the Armstrong Center this month and received an update on the SR 204 project from the consultant for the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). ACAT was concerned about sidewalk connectivity, particularly where the Truman Pkwy Phase V will connect. There will also be fewer locations for pedestrian crossings of SR 204 in the alternative now preferred by the consultants. The committee understands that the consultant will be talking with Chatham Area Transit (CAT) about transit impacts. ACAT has endorsed the SAFETEA-LU revisions. They also endorsed the FY 2008-2011 TIP, but with reservations. One reservation has to do with the lack of specificity concerning sidewalks and curb cuts in the Gulfstream road widening project, and also, ACAT recommended that MPO staff investigate a possible adjustment in the transit section, regarding the budget. Ms. Wang will elaborate on that issue later in the meeting.

### **B. Citizens Advisory Committee**

Mr. Clint Murphy reported on the June 21, 2007 CAC meeting. The CAC endorsed the SAFETEA-LU revisions and the FY 2008-2011 TIP. The Committee also voted to recommend to GDOT that all five of the proposed Transportation Enhancement projects within Chatham County be fully funded. The Committee formed a small work group to serve as an ad hoc committee to make suggestions for improvements in such things as signage, sidewalks, and lighting.

### **C. Technical Coordinating Committee**

Mr. Mark Wilkes reported on the June 21, 2007 meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee. The committee endorsed the SAFETEA-LU revisions and the FY 2008-2011 TIP. The committee recommends that the Policy Committee adopt both.

### **D. Executive Director's Status Report**

Mr. Thomson reported that Ms. Love is working with St. Joseph/Candler and Memorial Health hospitals to establish a ride share program. They are starting with an employee survey to gather information on the commuting behavior and needs.

MPO staff intends to share the CAT Transit Development Plan (TDP) when CAT has it ready. The CAT consultants are incorporating feedback from the public drop-in sessions. Mr. Palmer commented that CAT is also incorporating fare modification into the Plan, at the request of the Step-up Poverty Reduction Initiative. The draft should be ready in the next couple of weeks and will be distributed electronically to the board members.

Mr. Thomson has been speaking with the Hinesville area MPO director, Sonny Timmerman. It was suggested that they each attend each other's meetings as a non-voting member. Mr. Timmerman's board approved this idea. Mr. Thomson is asking this body to do the same.

It was moved and seconded to invite a representative from the Liberty County MPO to sit at the Chatham County/Savannah MPO meetings as a non-voting member, and vice versa.

**Policy Committee Action: the motion to invite a representative from the Liberty County MPO to sit at the Chatham County/Savannah MPO meetings as a non-voting member, and vice versa, carried with none opposed.**

#### IV. Action Items

##### A. Approval of April 25, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the April 25, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Policy Committee Action: the motion to approve the April 25, 2007 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes carried with none opposed.**

##### B. Resolution to certify the CUTS/MPO Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Mr. Wilkes reported that as a requirement of SAFETEA-LU, the MPO must have a Congestion Management Process in place. This is somewhat different from the existing Congestion Management System. The new requirements are more stringent and the phase-in deadline is July 1, 2007. The staff reviewed the 2004 plan. Since that plan exceeded the minimum standards for a CMS, it now meets the requirements for the new Congestion Management Process (CMP). The MPO just needs to change the name of the document from Congestion Management System to Congestion Management Process. Mr. Wilkes presented an overview of the contents of the 2004 CMP and noted improvements that had been made since the plan was formulated in 2004. The next step will be to update the 2004 plan for 2007. Mr. Wilkes asked that the Policy Committee approve this resolution to certify the Congestion Management Process.

It was moved and seconded to certify the CUTS/MPO Congestion Management Process.

Mr. Michael Brown asked where the worst congested areas are and what is being done about them. Mr. Wilkes acknowledged he would have to review the data in order to give an accurate answer.

Mr. Thomson said that at the next meeting staff would provide a matrix to show which problem areas are lacking strategies for congestion relief.

Mr. Brown asked that the staff look at potential problem areas, even if not popular, such as SR 21. Mr. Wilkes said that recommendations for SR 21 will be included in the update of the Congestion Management Process.

**Policy Committee Action: the motion to certify the CUTS/MPO Congestion Management Process carried with none opposed.**

**C. Adoption of the SAFETEA-LU Interim Plan Revision**

Mr. Johnson introduced this action item. It is necessary to revise the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) at this time to include an addendum to incorporate the new SAFETEA-LU requirements.

Ms. Wang presented the staff report. This addendum deals with process, not with the projects. The new legislation requires the MPO to modify its processes related to: Security (MPO coordinates with the security agencies as they devise emergency plans by providing information to these agencies), Safety (coordinate with the state Strategic Highway Safety Plan), Environmental Mitigation (review natural and historic resources), System Operation, Congestion Management Process (a key element of the LRTP & TIP), Participation Plan (provide reasonable opportunities for interested parties to participate in the process), Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan (required so that CAT and DHR can receive funds for the elderly and disabled population and the low-income population to commute to work), and the LRTP's Financial Plan (update by December 2007).

Mr. Brown wants to be sure that the Transit-Human Services Plan is coordinated with the City's affordable housing plan. Mr. Palmer & Mr. Thomson commented that there are many agencies that provide transit to this population, not only CAT. Ms. Wang noted that this funding is very competitive. CAT competes with other agencies for funds.

Ms. Wang explained that this revision does not require public participation, but the staff advertised for public comment. She reviewed the comments that have been received with the committee. She requested that the Policy Committee adopt this revision.

Mr. Johnson opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved and seconded to adopt the SAFETEA-LU Interim Plan Revision.

**Policy Committee Action: the motion to adopt the SAFETEA-LU Interim Plan Revision carried with none opposed.**

**D. Adoption of FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program**

Mr. Johnson introduced this topic with a definition of the Transportation Improvement Program.

Ms. Wang presented the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to the Committee. She defined the TIP as the short-range document which includes the

prioritized projects for the 4-year period of FY 2008 – 2011. It is developed cooperatively with other agencies and covers multi-modal projects. The FY 2008-2011 TIP includes the new SAFETEA-LU requirements. This TIP includes maps and will be available on the website.

Ms. Wang highlighted proposed highway and bridge projects included in the FY 2008-2011 TIP. She included new projects and updates on existing projects. She also noted that this year the staff has included more detailed descriptions of the planned projects. The project description now includes bicycle/pedestrian provisions if they are a part of any project and as well as safety provisions that are part of any project. She offered examples of this expanded description in her presentation on screen. Other changes to the FY 2008-2011 TIP include more details about lump sum projects.

The FY 2008-2011 TIP also includes a transit section. The listing of the funds for services for the elderly and disabled has now been included in this section. Ms. Wang noted that this money did not go to CAT but to DHR for purchasing services, not equipment.

Also included are two transportation enhancement projects which are both part of the GA Coastal Greenway. These TE projects are listed individually in the TIP because they are receiving ear-marked funds.

Ms. Wang reviewed the public participation plan for the TIP and shared with the Committee the comments that have been received thus far during the 30-day public comment period. These and the staff responses are as follows:

- Problem with local matching funds for bus purchases. The staff referred this issue directly to CAT and was told that even though the CAT Board did not approve local matching funds, CAT is investigating other sources to make the match. Mr. Brown asked for details, claiming that a match of 80% federal/20% local is too good a bargain to pass by. Mr. Palmer noted that they are speaking with the county. Mr. Thomson noted that SPLOST, which is a capital fund, could be used. Another option would be for CAT to use the credit from any leftover matching funds for the land from the transfer center. Ms. Wang commented that according to SAFETEA-LU, CAT can use revenue from advertisements placed on buses or bus stops for the local match.
- What kind of vehicles will be purchased with 5310 funds? Ms. Wang explained that this money is to provide services to the elderly and disabled, not vehicles.
- Concern over sidewalks on the Gulfstream road widening project. Ms. Wang reported that this is being considered by GDOT and such is stated in the FY 2008-2011 TIP.
- Prioritize Diamond Causeway, Truman Pkwy, and bridge to Hutchinson Island as priority projects. She reported that the first two are already priority projects, and the third would not be ready to use funds in the 4-year window of the TIP.

- Savannah Tree Foundation wants to be included in the design process of White Bluff/Coffee Bluff widening. The MPO forwarded this request to the County and GDOT.
- I-16 & I-516 Interchange construction was confused with another widening project, but it was clarified that the widening project was turned over to the maintenance department of GDOT and will probably be incorporated into the interchange project.

Mr. Thomson clarified that Diamond Causeway and Truman Pkwy are priority projects, but the second bridge to Hutchinson Island is not in the TIP, nor does he recommend prioritizing it. This committee already adopted that idea as part of the vision plan of Connect Savannah, but that is outside of the cost affordable portion of the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Upon completion of Ms. Wang's presentation the meeting was opened to the public for comments.

Ms. Marianne Heimes spoke about the Causton Bluff Bridge. This bridge, which is 50 years old, and breaks down regularly, is one, of only two, exits off the islands. The other exit is Victory Drive which floods often. She estimates 30,000 people would need these exit corridors in the event of evacuation. She is worried about this and believes bridges are very important in communities that are built around water. She urges the committee to move this project up in the schedule.

It was moved and seconded to close the public hearing.

**PC Action – the motion to close the public hearing carried with none opposed.**

It was moved and seconded to adopt the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program.

Mr. Abolt asked if the FY 2008-2011 TIP was balanced. Are there sufficient funds to meet the obligations for the Gulfstream development? Response to both questions was in the affirmative. Has there been a major shift of local projects to later years because of Gulfstream? Ms. Wang responded that was not the case. Mr. Thomson confirmed that there has been no project shift *because* of Gulfstream, but there *has been* shifting of projects out to future years. He believes the project that Ms. Heimes referred to has been shifted out, possibly under engineering. We are experiencing a shift but not because of Gulfstream. Ms. Wang referred members to page 48 and 49. She pointed out that the funds for Gulfstream and the funds for the bridge are from different sources. The MPO has tried to push the bridge project but it has been delayed for issues in the project development process. Ms. Wang referred them to the financial plan on page 57 – 61 which indicates the funds are balanced.

Mr. Buelterman wanted clarification that the bridge was in the program but just bumped back. Ms. Wang said it is in the priority list so that it gets pushed forward, but there is some delay. Mr. Thomson referred them to page 17 where it is listed in the second tier priorities indicating that engineering is underway. In theory, it would not be funded before 4 years, but if it was ready to go earlier, it could be pushed. Ms. Wang reported that construction has been pushed to long range; delayed due to funding shortage and construction schedule.

Mr. Tollison asked how much SPLOST funding was going to this project. The right-of-way is the only local share.

Mr. Fowler explained to the Committee that due to a state funding shortage, projects have been shifted out across the state. He commented that Savannah came out pretty well when compared with other communities across the state.

Mr. Tollison would like to develop a plan for handling existing priority projects when an emergency priority project is inserted. Mr. Thomson commented that the MPO is the body that can decide priorities and keep projects in order and on track. He confirmed that this body has approved the same priorities for two years in a row, which indicates stability in the program.

Mr. Lufburrow asked if we have reasonable and accurate cost estimates for our projects so that we can expect to stay on track with the dates we have initially set. Mr. Thomson is confident about the costs of projects in the pipeline for the next couple of years. With any projects further out into the future, his confidence in estimated costs lessens. GDOT is working on a better tool for cost estimating. He told the Committee to expect that some projects will drop from the LRTP, during the next regular update, due to rising costs. He will be asking this Committee to discuss ways to close the gap.

Mr. Fowler commented that costs rose 20-40% on materials. He confirmed that they are developing a cost estimate handbook that will be used by all parties. This handbook will not be available for another 8 months.

Mr. Abolt commented and confirmed that getting bids has become an issue. No one wants to bid.

**PC Action: the motion to adopt the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Plan carried with none opposed.**

## **V. Status Reports**

### **A. SR 204/Abercorn Extension Improvements**

Ms. Love reported on the June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> public open house that GDOT held at the Armstrong Center. Staff had provided a handout to the Committee members that describes alternatives that GDOT's consultants have considered and ones they have



eliminated. The study is split into two projects: 1) US 17 to Rio Road for which the alternatives show various interchange configurations at King George Blvd.; and 2) Rio Rd to Truman Pkwy Phase V connection for which the consultants' preferred alternative is a limited access freeway with frontage roads on either side for accessing businesses. There would be elevated bridges over certain intersections and slip ramps for access on and off the frontage road. In this project alternative, changes in the public transit route #14 may be necessary because of limited crossing for pedestrians. The consultants mentioned to ACAT the possibility of a looping route that uses the free-flow U-turns under the bridges. Sidewalks would be included on the outside edges of the frontage roads. The public comment period closes on July 3, 2007. The MPO has obtained maps from GDOT's consultants if anyone is interested in viewing them.

## **B. Transportation Enhancements**

Ms. Love explained what type of project can qualify for federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds. GDOT manages the application process for proposed projects within Georgia. The current application period closed on June 15, 2007 and the MPO has obtained a copy of the 5 applications from the Chatham County area. Projects compete for the federal funding portion within each congressional district. Chatham County is in two congressional districts.

The projects in congressional district 12 are:

- AASU project: Phase 2 of a perimeter bicycle/pedestrian path connecting to transit routes and to Route 15 of the Chatham County Bikeway system.
- City of Savannah: Streetscape improvements along Montgomery St and side streets connecting with MLK Jr. Blvd, including new sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting, landscaping, signage, and bike/ped amenities.
- City of Savannah: Streetscape improvements along Broughton St. including new sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting, landscaping, signage, informational kiosks, and bike/ped amenities.

The projects in congressional district 1 are:

- Chatham County: Chatham County sidewalk/bikeway project
- City of Tybee Island: Traffic calming project designed for pedestrian safety, which retrofits two blocks of Butler Ave (Hwy 80) from 14<sup>th</sup> St. to Tybrisa St. to a historic 1960s Tybee Island beach town streetscape. The project includes a landscaped median, diagonal on-street parking, and upgraded storm water drainage.

MPO staff suggests that the Chairman once again discuss the projects with the State Transportation Board representatives for these districts, as the Chairman and Mr. Thomson did in the last round of TE awards.

Mr. Murphy requested that the Committee demonstrate support for these projects.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the full funding of the Transportation Enhancement project applications from within Chatham County.

**Policy Committee Action: the motion to endorse the full funding of the Transportation Enhancement project applications from within Chatham County carried with none opposed.**

**C. Effingham Parkway**

Mr. Thomson reported on a dialogue with Effingham County staff regarding the Effingham Parkway. His basic concern was a lack of coordination, but he sees this improving. There was a joint meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> with a presentation by the project consultant. Chatham County officials offered suggestions. A follow-up meeting is being scheduled. The connection into Chatham County is our main issue. They estimate 35,000 vehicles per day coming into Chatham County. Our staff analysis indicates that the logical termini for this roadway should be SR-21 and not the Jimmy Deloach Pkwy/Benton Blvd area, as preferred by Effingham County's consultant. We also suggested that the NW Tollway should line up with the Effingham Pkwy to provide a parallel roadway into Effingham County. Mr. Thomson thinks that progress is being made.

Mr. Abolt complimented Mr. Thomson on his skill as Executive Director of the MPO and as a transportation planner. Mr. Abolt appreciates his ability to look at the regional picture. Mr. Thomson and Mr. Bungard represent the county well. Mr. Abolt sees the issue as the pressure Chatham County will take from communities along the route who will seek access points on a limited access parkway. This is truly regional planning which is very much needed, but also very difficult.

Mr. Johnson commented on the idea that regional planning is necessary among Chatham, Effingham, Bryan, and Liberty counties as we all impact on each other.

Mr. Brown asked about what data is now available that examines commuting patterns. As we approach these counties, asking about roadways, do we have data to share with them? Mr. Thomson replied that the data is not available. He believes we need GDOT's help to do a 4 or 5 county-wide regional travel demand model. Mr. Fowler noted that they will soon undertake an Effingham County study which will expand the Savannah model up into all of Effingham County so the Savannah model will extend seamlessly into Effingham County. Then we can truly understand the commuting patterns and traffic patterns back and forth. As for the other counties, it is a funding issue, and GDOT is taking one section at a time. Mr. Johnson doesn't mind working incrementally until the whole region is done.

Mr. Fowler explained that even though the current MPO boundary coincides with the Chatham County boundary, it could be enlarged without creating a funding problem. The money the state is providing for the Effingham County project is rural money from a different pot. Mr. Murphy believes that Chatham County residents will protest spending resources to benefit out-of-the-county commuters. Mr. Johnson believes that we need to broaden our sights and open our minds, sit down at the table and deal with these issues.

Mr. Brown suggested that in order to get community support we need to consider ride sharing programs and buses for commuters. He also suggested that the next MPO meeting focus on a discussion of regional transportation issues. He said we need to get the data so that when we talk to the legislators, we can show that a given project is not merely a locally-beneficial widening.

Mr. Thomson noted that they will be doing a comprehensive study but it will be six months before the committee can get into a detailed discussion. Mr. Fowler said that the Effingham County travel demand model will be completed in time for the MPO to use it when updating the Chatham County LRTP.

Mr. Thomson pointed out that we need to educate the citizens that Savannah is the economic center of the region with jobs and a strong economy, and one of the consequences of that is the issue of mobility. Another issue concerns the question of what an MPO is and what it should be. He indicated that the nature and definition of an MPO may change into a regional organization. MPO staff and their consultant are working on an update of the MPO/GDOT agreements. One of the issues he will address is the possibility of setting ourselves up to be a regional MPO. He believes the planning area should be based on economic influence, not merely population.

Mr. Abolt moved to invite the chairmen of the surrounding counties to the next CUTS meeting. The motion was seconded.

**Policy Committee action: the motion to invite the chairmen of the surrounding counties to the next CUTS meeting carried with none opposed.**

Mr. Johnson had to leave the meeting and asked Mr. Lufburrow to continue as chair of the Policy Committee meeting.

## **VI. Agency Reports**

### **A. Georgia Department of Transportation**

Ms. Teresa Scott referred the committee members to the report she handed out. She mentioned that US 17 is essentially complete with just the finishing touches left to be completed. Middleground Rd. is progressing. GDOT is working on a 2-lane bridge concept to be constructed north of the existing bridge which should be completed prior to 4-laning the existing bridge and roadway. The environmental document for the Victory/Ogeechee project is under review. Public review period will commence when the environmental document review is complete.

### **B. Chatham County**

Mr. Al Black referred the members to the report distributed earlier and asked for questions. There were no questions as this time.

### **C. City of Savannah**

Mr. Mike Weiner reviewed the report that he distributed.

- Gwinnett St. Curve Reconstruction: Real Properties Dept is working on the right-of-way acquisition necessary for the project. Mr. Brown requested that Mr. Weiner or Mr. Thomson write a letter or have a briefing with the neighborhood leaders to explain that the Gwinnett St curve reconstruction is strictly a safety project and not a project to 4-lane Gwinnett. Mr. Brown suggested having this meeting before having a public hearing on the “s” curve reconstruction.
- Gwinnett St. Widening: The environmental study is being reviewed by the State Historical Preservation Office. The categorical exclusion document is anticipated to be submitted by the end of October 2007.
- LaRoche Ave. Widening: Concept design was revised.
- E. Anderson St. Curve Reconstruction: The project is under design.
- DeRenne Ave/Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Pre-emption System: The City is coordinating with Chatham County for the implementation process. Meeting was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with hospitals and emergency providers to discuss implementation and lease agreement for equipment for ambulances.
- Bay St./Jefferson St.: Crosswalk and sidewalk work has been completed. Traffic signal was put in flashing operation on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Signal has been put in stop/go operation as of June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Chatham Pkwy/Chatham Center Dr.: Signal construction plans are under design.

Mr. Abolt requested a copy of the pre-emption agreement to put on the county agenda. He asked Mr. Black to prepare a report to adopt the agreement. He asked Mr. Weiner to work with Mr. Bungard and Mr. Black.

### **D. Chatham Area Transit Authority**

Mr. Carl Palmer reported that the Transfer Center project is currently in the design phase focusing on the functional use of the two possible sites. Concurrently, consultants are working on the environmental assessment requirements for funding.

### **E. Georgia Ports Authority**

No report at this time.

### **F. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport**

Mr. George Fidler reported that the new signals along Airways Avenue are operational. Terminal expansion is progressing. The grand opening is for August 1<sup>st</sup>. The parking deck

is nearing completion. They are planning to open it on August 1<sup>st</sup> or earlier. The other major project is the product support road connector between Dean Forest Rd and Gulfstream's new facility which is under construction.

**VII. Other Business**

Mr. Thomson wanted the Committee to know that a special meeting may be called. Putting together the Unified Planning Work Program has been challenging since the budget is more complicated than ever before. A special meeting may be needed to discuss and adopt it.

Lt. Col. Carl Coffman, from Hunter Army Airfield is being replaced on this committee by Lt. Col. Whitney, who is the new Garrison Commander.

**VIII. Other Public Comments**

There were no public comments at this time.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the June 27, 2007 Policy Committee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Wilkes, P. E., AICP  
Director of Transportation Planning