



CHATHAM URBAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY

POLICY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING SUMMARY

MPC Arthur A. Mendonsa Hearing Room
112 E. State Street

May 7, 2008

10:00 A.M.

Voting Members

Russ Abolt
Gena Abraham
Michael Brown
Jason Buelterman
Patrick S. Graham
William W. Hubbard
James Hungerpillar
McArthur Jarrett
Otis Johnson
Glenn Jones
Mike Lamb
Pete Liakakis
Doug J. Marchand
Clint Murphy
Andy Quinney
Representative
Joe Murray Rivers
Anna Maria Thomas
Wayne Tipton
Jon Todd
LTC Daniel Whitney
Eric R. Winger

Representing

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

Present

X

X

X

X

X

Voting Member Alternates

George Fidler
Matthew Fowler
Diane Schleicher
Bob Thomson
Trip Tollison
Randy Weitman

Representing

Savannah Airport Commission
GDOT
City of Tybee Island
Town of Thunderbolt
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Ports Authority

Present

X
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X

<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Leon Davenport	Chatham County	X
Jane Love	MPO Staff	X
Kyle Mote	GDOT-Planning	X
Radney Simpson	GDOT-Planning	X
Sabrina Thomas	MPC Staff	X
Thomas Thomson, P.E., AICP	MPC Executive Director	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO Staff	X
Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP	MPO Staff	X

Call to Order

Chairman Pete Liakakis opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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 May 7, 2008 special meeting carried with none opposed.

II. Action Item: Review and Approval of the FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Mark Wilkes explained the function of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as an annual listing of MPO staff activities and planning budget. He highlighted the following information about the FY 2009 UPWP:

FY 2009 Budget Allocations:

- 12% will fund administrative activities
- 5% will fund preparation of annual planning documents such as the UPWP, the Transportation Improvement Program, among other routine annual documents.
- 4% for public outreach, unspecified (i.e., some tasks for general public benefit such as maintenance of the website).
- 2% will fund commodities (i.e., computers, publications)
- 77% will fund planning and analysis, including special planning studies which comes to \$1.17 million for 2009 fiscal year.

Upcoming Projects

- 2035 Long Range Transportation Update – a full update of entire long-range plan.
- Context Sensitive Design/Corridor Area Focus Studies
- Feasibility studies for bus rapid transit/fixed guideway and park and ride
- Streetcar program

Ongoing Tasks:

- Submission of annual FY 2009 UPWP to Georgia DOT in order to get contracts underway.
- Additional L230 funding contract for strategic planning studies to possibly be brought forward in July or August.
- Contract amendments anticipated based on monies left over from end of this fiscal year.

Mr. Michael Brown asked if the Georgia Department of Transportation's upcoming review of project priorities would impact the UPWP. Mr. Tom Thomson said that it would not impact the UPWP, but rather could impact the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program. MPO staff will be providing the Department with clarification on local priorities.

It was moved and seconded to approve the CUTS/MPO FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program.

Policy Committee Action: the motion to approve the CUTS/MPO FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program carried with none opposed.

III. Other Business

There was no other business.

IV. Other Public Comments

There were no public comments.

V. Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Committee, the May 7, 2008 Special Policy Committee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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