
| <u>Others Present</u> | <u>Representing</u> | <u>Present</u> |
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| Angela Alexander | GDOT | X |
| Jason Crane | GDOT | X |
| Leon Davenport | Chatham County | X |
| Jane Love | MPO Staff | X |
| Jessica Mayfield | MPO Staff | X |
| Tara Polli | City of Savannah | X |
| Brad Saxon | GDOT- District 5 | X |
| Teresa Scott | GDOT- District 5 | X |
| Barbara Settzo | for MPO | X |
| Thomas Thomson, P.E., AICP | MPC Executive Director | X |
| Wykoda Wang | MPO Staff | X |
| Mike Wiener | City of Savannah | X |
| Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP | MPO Staff | X |
| Julie Yawn | MPC Staff | X |

Call to Order

In the absence of Chairman Pete Liakakis, acting Chairman Russ Abolt called the April 28, 2010 CORE Board Meeting to order.

I. Approval of Agenda

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

CORE Board Action: the motion to approve the agenda for the April 28, 2010 meeting carried with none opposed.

II. Committee Reports

A. Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation

There was no report at this time.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee

Mr. John Bennett reported that the committee endorsed the three action items listed on today's agenda. In addition they passed a motion to keep US 80 (Tybee Road) and the bridges as a first priority project and also passed a motion to endorse the policy statement from the US Secretary of Transportation concerning bicycle and pedestrian accommodations which notes that transportation agencies are encouraged to exceed the minimum requirements for such improvements.

C. Technical Coordinating Committee

Mr. Mark Wilkes reported that the committee endorsed the three action items which are on today's agenda.

D. Executive Director's Report

Mr. Tom Thomson reported that the long awaited transportation legislation has passed in Georgia. He and staff are reviewing the bill and will share the details at a future date. Mr. Thomson also referred the committee to GDOT's strategic plan adopted recently, particularly the Executive Summary, as this is the plan that will partially guide the project selection.

TIGER II grant money has just been made available. Mr. Thomson sees it as a little bit of money for many interests. He also reported that a concept for HUD Sustainable Communities Grant is being developed by staff. Mr. Patrick Shay recommended that staff use the resources of the Washington DC lobbyists for the county and CAT to maximize our opportunities for this grant.

Mr. Abolt and Mr. Shay asked Mr. Thomson to pay particular attention to items in the new transportation legislation that relate to the sales tax and transit money distribution.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of the February 24, 2010 CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2010 CORE MPO Board Meeting.

CORE Board Action: the motion to accept the minutes of the February 24, 2010 CORE MPO Board Meeting carried with none opposed.

B. Resolution of Appreciation to former District 1 State Transportation Board representative Roy Herrington

It was moved and seconded to approve the resolution of appreciation to former District 1 State Transportation Board representative Roy Herrington and to allow Chairman Pete Liakakis to present this to Mr. Herrington.

CORE Board Action: the motion to approve the resolution of appreciation to former District 1 State Transportation Board representative Roy Herrington and to allow Chairman Pete Liakakis to present this to Mr. Herrington carried with none opposed.

C. Approval of authorization to begin the amendment process to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan for the Gulfstream projects.

Ms. Wykoda Wang reported that the highway project at R.B. Miller Road has been revised to include widening. This necessitates an amendment to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan. The amendment process is a 2-step process. Staff is asking for the board to approve Step 1 which is to authorize staff to study and evaluate the revised project and funding. Staff will return to the board at a later date with a recommendation.

It was moved and second to authorize staff to study and evaluate the proposed amendment to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

CORE Board Action: the motion to authorize staff to study and evaluate the proposed amendment to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan carried with none opposed.

D. Approval of the MPO priorities for federal funding for development of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Wang reported that as part of the participation plan projects in the TIP must be prioritized. She reviewed the current policy for setting priorities and included necessary adjustments to this policy. These priorities are for federally funded projects, not locally funded projects.

Highway and bridge projects were prioritized as 1st, 2nd or 3rd priority. First priority projects are those that have been programmed for construction. There are 3 highway and 2 bridge projects for first priority. Second priority projects are those with significant regional impact. There are 3 highway projects and 1 bridge project for second priority. Third priority projects are those with a high benefit/cost ratio. There are 4 highway projects for third priority. Ms. Wang reviewed the projects in each category.

Other priority categories are transit (projects submitted by CAT), non-motorized (stand-alone projects for possible L230 funding), transportation enhancement (projects awarded by GDOT), lump sum projects (projects managed by GDOT), earmarks (projects from Congressmen), and newly identified projects (city and county ARRA-funded studies and Project DeRenne).

Mr. Thomson reminded sponsors of transportation enhancement projects of the importance of staying in contact with GDOT and getting the awarded funds obligated as quickly as possible.

Ms. Wang briefly reviewed the projects that were removed from the priority list because they are being implemented. She also shared public comments that have been received thus far.

Ms. Diane Schleicher stated that Tybee Island's TE project for Tybrisia St. has been rolled into the Butler Ave. TE project, and thus the Tybrisia project should be deleted, not listed as "implemented."

Mr. Abolt opened the public hearing. There being no comments, the public hearing was closed.

It was moved and seconded to approve the MPO priorities for federal funding for development of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

CORE Board Action: the motion to approve the MPO priorities for federal funding for development of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) carried with none opposed.

E. Approval of the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Wilkes reported that the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) covers the work plan of the staff for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010. The main focus of this year's UPWP will be the development of the Total Mobility Plan, focus on the three ARRA-funded studies, and working with CAT to obtain remaining discretionary funds.

It was moved and seconded to approve the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program.

CORE Board Action: the motion to approve the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program carried with none opposed.

IV. Other Business

There was no other business at this time.

V. Status Reports

A. Update on the Total Mobility Plan & its sub-element plans

Mr. Wilkes reported that the Total Mobility Plan is a comprehensive plan that is a follow-up to the Framework Mobility Plan which the board adopted in September 2009. The Total Mobility Plan contains the following components:

- Framework Mobility Plan
- Transit Mobility Vision Plan – Michael Adams, project manager
- Streetcar Plan – Mark Wilkes, project manager
- Non-motorized Transportation Plan – Jane Love, project manager
- I-16 Flyover Study – Ellen Harris, project manager
- Climate Control Assessment – Bethany Jewel, project manager

- Detailed plans for areas or corridors

Mr. Shay commented that the county was successful in obtaining a grant, part of which will cover a study to determine the carbon footprint throughout the county. This study will set benchmarks which can then be used to measure future carbon footprint issues. Mr. Thomson noted that the MPO is dealing with mobility issues that make up the carbon footprint.

B. Update on ARRA-funded studies

Mr. Wilkes reported that the Metropolitan Planning Commission board approved the three contracts for the following ARRA-funded studies:

- SR 21 Corridor Study – Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung
- SR 204 Corridor Study – Jacobs Engineering Group
- US 80 Bridges Replacement Study – Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc.

Mr. Thomson noted that the funding must be spent by the end of 2011, so staff will be keeping a close eye on the progress of these studies.

VI. Agency Reports

A. Georgia Department of Transportation

Ms. Teresa Scott confirmed that the Bay St. funds have been authorized. She reported on the following projects:

- #2 – SR 307 construct overpass – ROW complete; possible July letting
- #3 – SR 25/US 17 @ SR 307 – ROW complete; possible July letting
- #7 – R. B. Miller Rd. (Gulfstream) – re-scoping the project to include widening
- #9 – SR 204 @ Harmon Canal – acquiring ROW
- #22 – Bay St. – had a ROW property owner's meeting within the last month
- #23 – SR 204 from King George Blvd. to Rio Rd. – PIOH tentatively scheduled for June 17, 2010
- #25 – Brampton Rd. Conn – working on scheduling a PIOH

B. Liberty County Projects

No report at this time.

C. Chatham County

Mr. Leon Davenport reported that work has begun on Phase V of the Truman Parkway. Dirt road paving projects are continuing. Mr. Abolt noted that the county will be scheduling a ground breaking ceremony for the bridge replacement project at Diamond Causeway.

D. City of Savannah

Mr. Mike Weiner reported the status of city projects:

- West Gwinnett St. Widening – consultant is in process of addressing comments from GDOT.
- ARRA projects – Contractor is scheduled to start work in July 2010 and expects to be completed by June 2011.
- Signal Installation at Jimmy Deloach Pkwy. and Crossroads Pkwy. – Should be complete in the next 2-3 weeks.
- Victory Drive Signal Timing Upgrade – New timing is being integrated and calibrated at this time.
- Abercorn Signal Timing Upgrade – working with GDOT on new signal re-timing plan for Abercorn between Wilshire & DeRenne Ave.

There was no report on Project DeRenne at this time.

E. Chatham Area Transit

Mr. Charles Odimgbe reported that the installation of bus stop signs throughout the county continues. CAT is negotiating with the historic district to design a sign that satisfies both CAT and the historic district interests.

F. Georgia Ports Authority

No report at this time.

G. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

Mr. George Fidler reported that there is demand to develop more property at the airport. They are going to extend a taxiway across Gulfstream Rd. They are planning for a shallow tunnel underneath the taxiway so that Gulfstream Rd. can be kept in its current alignment. The airport is building a new East-West taxiway on the north property to allow their response to a Request for Proposals, and for future use regardless of the success of the proposal. They are starting construction tomorrow on the two taxiways on 75 acres north of the terminal near the control tower.

VII. Other Public Comments

No other public comments at this time.

VIII. Announcements

Next meeting will be June 23, 2010 at 10:00 AM.

IX. Announcements

No items.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business the April 28, 2010 CORE Board meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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