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112 East State Street, Savannah
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August 25, 2010 Regular Meeting

Members Present: Pete Liakakis, Chairman
Russ Abolt
John Bennett
Teresa Brenner
Shedrick Coleman
George Fidler
Charles Odimgbe
Lynn Pitts
Diana Schleicher
Pat Shay
Rochelle Small-Toney
Hugh "Trip" Tollison
Cindy VanDyke
Randy Weitman

Members Not Present: LTC Jose Aguilar
Jason Buelterman
Patrick Graham
William Hubbard
McArthur Jarrett
Brian Johnson
Otis Johnson
Glenn Jones
Tim Kassa
Mike Lamb
Doug Marchand
Andy Quinney
Vance Smith
Anna Maria Thomas
Wayne Tipton

Staff Present: Michael Adams

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Jane Love
Jessica Hagan
Tom Thomson
Mark Wilkes

Advisory Staff Present: Leon Davenport
Sonny Timmerman
Teresa Scott
Mike Weiner

I. Approval of Agenda

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

A. Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation

1. Report on ACAT Meeting

Ms. Teresa Brenner stated that the ACAT endorsed all amendments to the LRTP, TIP, and UPWP.

B. Citizens Advisory Committee

2. Report on CAC Meeting

Mr. John Bennett stated that the CAC passed all amendments for the LRTP. On the TIP amendments, the CAC endorsed all except that for the US 17 Replacement on Back River Bridge and for the State Rail Plan. The committee would like more information before they endorse that amendment. The UPWP amendments were passed. There was some discussion under other business dealing with the trees that block drivers view on I-16 and I-516.

C. Technical Coordinating Committee

3. Report on TCC Meeting

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Mr. Mark Wilkes stated that the TCC passed all amendments for the LRTP, TIP and UPWP.

D. Executive Director's Report

4. Comments from the Executive Director

Mr. Thomson reported that the MPO staff is working with the consultants to schedule the public meeting for SR 204 and SR 21 Corridor Studies. The SR 204 Corridor Study public meeting will be on September 7, 2010 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Armstrong Atlantic State University Center. The SR 21 public meeting is schedule on September 9, 2010 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Mercer Middle School. There will also be a public meeting for the US 80 Bridges Study, but it is not yet scheduled.

III. Action Items

5. Approval of June 23, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Attachment: CORE Board minutes 6-23-10.pdf

Board Action:

Approval of June 23, 2010 Meeting Minutes - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Russ Abolt

Second: Shedrick Coleman

James Aberson	- Not Present
Russ Abolt	- Aye
LTC Jose Aguilar	- Not Present
Angela Alexander	- Not Present
John Bennett	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Aye
Jason Buelterman	- Not Present
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Wanda Doyle	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Tennyson Holder	- Not Present

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William Hubbard	- Not Present
James Hungerpiller	- Not Present
Brian Johnson	- Not Present
Otis Johnson	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Tim Kassa	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
Doug J. Marchand	- Not Present
Charles Odingbe	- Aye
Lynn Pitts	- Aye
Bob Scanlon	- Not Present
Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Pat Shay	- Aye
Rochelle Small-Toney	- Aye
Vance Smith	- Not Present
Anna Maria Thomas	- Not Present
Bob Thomson	- Not Present
Wayne Tipton	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Tollison	- Not Present
Cindy VanDyke	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Aye
Kewyn Williams	- Not Present
Eric R. Winger	- Not Present

6. Approval of the July 26, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes

Attachment: MPO Board July Special Minutes 7-26-10.pdf

Board Action:

For approval - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Russ Abolt

Second: Shedrick Coleman

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Russ Abolt - Aye

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John Bennett	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Aye
Jason Buelterman	- Not Present
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Wanda Doyle	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Not Present
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Tennyson Holder	- Not Present
William Hubbard	- Not Present
James Hungerpillar	- Not Present
Brian Johnson	- Not Present
Otis Johnson	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Tim Kassa	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
Doug J. Marchand	- Not Present
Charles Odingbe	- Aye
Lynn Pitts	- Aye
Bob Scanlon	- Not Present
Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Pat Shay	- Aye
Rochelle Small-Toney	- Aye
Vance Smith	- Not Present
Anna Maria Thomas	- Not Present
Bob Thomson	- Not Present
Wayne Tipton	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Tollison	- Not Present
Cindy VanDyke	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Aye
Kewyn Williams	- Not Present
Eric R. Winger	- Not Present

7. Adoption of Proposed LRTP Amendments

Attachment: LRTP Amendments August 2010 Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated that in May and June the MPO has received amendment requests for two projects: Fort Pulaski Entrance Road and Jimmy DeLoach Connector (or Port's

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Last Mile Project). The CORE MPO initiated the two-step LRTP amendment process for the two projects in June 2010. Now at today's meeting, the MPO is considering approval of the amendments to finalize the process. TIP amendments related to these two projects are also proposed on today's agenda, contingent on the approval of the LRTP amendments.

The Fort Pulaski Entrance Road Project, funded with National Park Service funds, is a new project and thus an amendment to the LRTP is necessary if it is to be included in the plan. The bridge that was constructed in 1938 would be re-constructed in one year with \$6 million.

The reason for the requested amendment for the Jimmy DeLoach Connector/Port's Last Mile Project is the that project funding source has been revised. It would now be funded through a state bond that the legislature approved, although the bond sale as not yet occurred.

The clarifying language in the LRTP would state that, for projects that have some phases in the financially-constrained part of the plan and other phases in the Vision Plan, the latter could be moved into the financially constrained list through administrative modification, in the event funding became available.

Ms. Wang said that staff recommends endorsement of the amendments to the 2035 LRTP.

Chairman Liakakis opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

Board Action:

For approval of amendments to the Long Range Transportation Plan for Jimmy DeLoach Connector/Port's Last Mile Project, Fort Pulaski Entrance Road Bridge Rehabilitation, and clarifying language for the 2035 Framework Mobility Plan. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Pat Shay
Second: Russ Abolt
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Russ Abolt - Aye
LTC Jose Aguilar - Not Present
Angela Alexander - Not Present

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John Bennett	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Aye
Jason Buelterman	- Not Present
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Wanda Doyle	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Aye
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Tennyson Holder	- Not Present
William Hubbard	- Not Present
James Hungerpiller	- Not Present
Brian Johnson	- Not Present
Otis Johnson	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Tim Kassa	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
Doug J. Marchand	- Not Present
Charles Odingbe	- Aye
Lynn Pitts	- Aye
Bob Scanlon	- Not Present
Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Pat Shay	- Aye
Rochelle Small-Toney	- Aye
Vance Smith	- Not Present
Anna Maria Thomas	- Not Present
Bob Thomson	- Not Present
Wayne Tipton	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Tollison	- Aye
Cindy VanDyke	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Aye
Kewyn Williams	- Not Present
Eric R. Winger	- Not Present

8. Adoption of Proposed TIP Amendments

Attachment: FY 2011 - 2014 TIP Amendments August 2010 Staff Report.pdf

Ms. Wang reported that TIP amendments are proposed because there are some new projects and there are some changes to some projects already in the TIP. A 15-day public

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comment period was advertised, and a public hearing will occur at today's MPO meeting.

The amendments are related to the following projects:

- 1) Fort Pulaski Entrance Road Bridge Rehabilitation-add a new project to the TIP, contingent upon MPO approval of related LRTP amendment.
- 2) Jimmy DeLoach Connector/Port's Last Mile Project-add a new project to the TIP, contingent upon MPO approval of related LRTP amendment.
- 3) US 17 Bridge Replacement Over Back River-estimated project construction costs decreased by \$2,733,252. GDOT staff have said this is because of a reduced deck width. The project will still have the bikeable shoulders to provide for the East Coast Greenway.
- 4) Project DeRenne Boulevard Option-include a new project to the local section of TIP, as PE and ROW currently to be SPLOST funded.
- 5) East DeRenne Avenue Improvements-include a new project to the local section of TIP, as PE currently to be SPLOST funded.
- 6) West DeRenne Avenue Improvements-include a new project to the local section of TIP, as PE currently to be SPLOST funded.
- 7) GDOT Oversight on the MPO's ARRA studies-include a new project to the TIP, \$25,000 for each of the three studies.
- 8) Savannah MPO Strategic Planning Study-Sector Seven-revise the funding amount; and
- 9) State Rail Plan-delete project from the TIP. The deletion would be due the fact that the State did not fund GDOT Intermodal's State Rail Plan, and therefore the contribution from the MPO is not useful for the plan at this time. The released funds are proposed to be moved to the projects mentioned in #7 and #8, above.
- 10) Savannah River Water Ferry - roll over funds from FY 2010 to FY 2011, thus this is an addition to the FY 2011-2014 TIP.
- 11) CAT Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) projects - roll over funds from FY 2010 to FY 2011, thus this is an addition to the FY 2011-2014 TIP.
- 12) Study for New Interstate from Savannah to Knoxville (I-3) - roll over funds from FY 2010 to FY 2011, thus this is an addition to the FY 2011-2014 TIP.

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Ms. Wang said that staff recommends approval of the proposed amendments to the FY 2011-2014 TIP.

Chairman Liakakis opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

Board Action:

For approval of the amendments to the CORE MPO’s
FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program. - PASS

Vote Results

Motion: Pat Shay	
Second: Russ Abolt	
James Aberson	- Not Present
Russ Abolt	- Aye
LTC Jose Aguilar	- Not Present
Angela Alexander	- Not Present
John Bennett	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Aye
Jason Buelterman	- Not Present
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Wanda Doyle	- Not Present
George Fidler	- Aye
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Tennyson Holder	- Not Present
William Hubbard	- Not Present
James Hungerpiller	- Not Present
Brian Johnson	- Not Present
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Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Tim Kassa	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
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Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Pat Shay	- Aye
Rochelle Small-Toney	- Aye
Vance Smith	- Not Present
Anna Maria Thomas	- Not Present
Bob Thomson	- Not Present
Wayne Tipton	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Tollison	- Aye
Cindy VanDyke	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Aye
Kewyn Williams	- Not Present
Eric R. Winger	- Not Present

9. Adoption of Proposed UPWP Amendment

Attachment: UPWP Amendments August Staff Report.pdf

Mr. Wilkes stated that as a result of one of the TIP amendments that the MPO just approved in the previous action item, \$25,000 of matched L230 funds will be added to the MPO Strategic Planning Study and this needs to be reflected in the FY 2011 UPWP. The additional funds together with the 500,000 of L230 funds already programmed for the UPWP will be used to fund staff activities.

Board Action:
 For approval of the amendment to the CORE MPO FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program - PASS

Vote Results
 Motion: Pat Shay
 Second: Rochelle Small-Toney

James Aberson	- Not Present
Russ Abolt	- Aye
LTC Jose Aguilar	- Not Present
Angela Alexander	- Not Present
John Bennett	- Aye
Teresa Brenner	- Aye
Jason Buelterman	- Not Present
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye

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George Fidler	- Aye
Patrick S. Graham	- Not Present
Tennyson Holder	- Not Present
William Hubbard	- Not Present
James Hungerpiller	- Not Present
Brian Johnson	- Not Present
Otis Johnson	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Tim Kassa	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Not Present
Doug J. Marchand	- Not Present
Charles Odingbe	- Aye
Lynn Pitts	- Aye
Bob Scanlon	- Not Present
Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Pat Shay	- Aye
Rochelle Small-Toney	- Aye
Vance Smith	- Not Present
Anna Maria Thomas	- Not Present
Bob Thomson	- Not Present
Wayne Tipton	- Not Present
Hugh "Trip" Tollison	- Aye
Cindy VanDyke	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Aye
Kewyn Williams	- Not Present
Eric R. Winger	- Not Present

10. Review of Draft Criteria for Regional Sales Tax Referendum Project List

- Attachment: Non-Atlanta Area Draft Criteria.pdf
- Attachment: HB 277 Summary.pdf

Mr. Thomson reported that the GDOT Planning Director has sent draft criteria to local governments and MPOs. The criteria would be used to determine which projects are submitted on a region's draft investment list to be considered by the Regional Roundtable in the future. Mr. Thomson asked the Board members to look at the criteria and send staff any comments they have.

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He said discussion about whether to support a regional sales tax is important but that is a decision for the leaders later.

Mr. Thomson reminded the Board of the impacts on the match that local governments get from the state, if either the Roundtable fails to approve a project list for a regional tax referendum, or if the public fails to pass a referendum for the regional tax.

But the focus now is on the criteria. He displayed the attachment of draft criteria and commented that our area might want a higher percentage allowed for transit, given we are an urban area.

IV. Other Business

V. Status Reports

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

A. Georgia Department of Transportation

11. Presentation

Ms. Teresa Scott, from GDOT District 5 reported:

SR 204 Spur- ROW certified on 7-23-10.

SR 204 / Abercorn Extension at Harmon Canal- ROW certified on 7-25-10

SR 404 Spur/ US 17 over back river bridge- ROW plans approved; working on final plans

CR 787 / Island Expressway@ Wilmington River/Bascule Bridge- VE scheduled 10-4-10

SR 204 / Abercorn St from King George Blvd to Rio Rd- PIOH held June 17th and good comments were made now working on preliminary design.

Brampton Rd conn- PIOH Held June 15th now working on concept report.

I-16 @ 95 Interchange- Lighting agreement submitted now final design underway.

SR 21 Signal Upgrades- ROW plans approved.

SR 26 @ I-95 SB Ramp- Concept report approved; signal installed.

Also, for the bridge on SR 204 over Forest River, they are programming some operational improvements.

B. Liberty County Projects

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12. Presentation

Mr. Sonny Timmerman stated that Libery County is excited about the new and upcoming Transit system. The buses are rolling in now. The full system should be up and running in about a month from now. Veolia will operate.

Also, he stated that the Hinesville Area MPO will continue coordination with CORE MPO on any activities related to the Regional Transportation Sales Tax.

C. Chatham County

13. Presentation

Mr. Leon Davenport had a list of projects that are underway. He stated that the county is working on the Truman Parkway Phase 5 Bridge now.

D. City of Savannah

14. Presentation

Mr. Mike Weiner stated the following:

West Gwinnett Street Widening- Consultant submitted the draft environmental report to the GDOT for final approval.

Traffic Stimulus Projects- Contractor started the installation of audible pushbuttons and countdown pedestrian signals in August. Thus far, these devices have been installed at 19 signalized intersections. Emergency GPS Pre-emption training is taking place on 8/17 through 8/19.

Abercorn St. from Wilshire to Janet Dr.- Signal Re-Timing- The GDOT and the City of Savannah Traffic Engineering Department is coordinating the project which is being performed by a Traffic Engineering consulting firm.

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E. Chatham Area Transit Authority

15. Presentation

No report at this time.

F. Georgia Ports Authority

16. Presentation

Mr. Randy Weitman stated that they have the pre-construction conference for the SR 307 overpass today at 1:00.

G. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

17. Presentation

Mr. George Fidler stated that taxi way extension northward will be a combination bridge/tunnel that Gulfstream Rd. will go underneath. Construction will start next year.

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

VIII. Announcements

18. Next Meeting: October 27, 2010

IX. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

19. August 2010 Update on Elements of the Total Mobility Plan

Attachment: August 2010 Update on Elements of Total Mobility Plan.pdf

X. Adjournment

The Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission provides meeting summary minutes

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which are adopted by the respective Board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.