

MPC Mendonsa Hearing Room – 10:00 a.m.  
112 East State Street, Savannah  
Minutes

**June 24, 2015 Regular Meeting of the CORE MPO Board**

<b><u>Voting Members</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
James Aberson	ACAT	X
LTC Clarence Bowman III	Hunter Army Airfield	
Jason Buelterman	City of Tybee Island	
Shedrick Coleman	MPC	X
Stephanie Cutter	City of Savannah	X
Mark Egan	CAC	
Curtis Foltz	Georgia Ports Authority	
Beth Goette	Town of Thunderbolt	
Russell McMurry	GDOT	
Tennyson Holder	City of Garden City	
William W. Hubbard	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce	
James Hungerpillar	Town of Vernonburg	
Edna Jackson	City of Savannah	
Glenn Jones	City of Port Wentworth	
Gregory Kelly	Savannah Airport Commission	
Mike Lamb	City of Pooler	
Pete Liakakis	CAT Board of Directors	X
Chad Reese	Chatham Area Transit	X
Ben Rozier	City of Bloomingdale	
Al Scott	Chatham County Commission	X
Lee Smith	Chatham County	X
Trip Tollison	Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA)	

<b><u>Voting Member Alternates</u></b>	<b><u>Representing</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>
Ron Feldner	City of Garden City	
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Tom McQueen	GDOT	X
Caroline Nguyen	Town of Thunderbolt	X
Diane Schleicher	City of Tybee Island	X
Bob Tully	CAC	X
Randy Weitman	Georgia Ports Authority	X

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<u>Regional Coordination Guest</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Jeff Ricketson	Liberty County	

<u>Others Present</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Jessica Hagan	MPO Staff	X
Jane Love	MPO Staff	X
Derek Edenfield	GDOT	
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County	
Stephanie Rossi	MPO Staff	X
Thomas Thomson	MPC Executive Director	X
Wykoda Wang	MPO Staff	X
Mike Weiner	City of Savannah	
Mark Wilkes	MPO Staff	X

**I. Approval of Agenda**

1. Approval of the June 24, 2015 Meeting Agenda

The agenda as approved as written.

**Board Action:**

Approve the agenda as written. - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: W. Lee Smith  
Second: Stephanie Cutter

Chad Reese	- Aye
Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Al Scott	- Aye
W. Lee Smith	- Aye
Hugh "Trip" Tollison	- Not Present

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Bob Tully	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Not Present
James Aberson	- Not Present
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Aye
George Fidler	- Not Present
Nick Helmholdt	- Not Present
Edna Jackson	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Gregory Kelly	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Caroline Nguyen	- Aye

**II. Committee Reports (verbal)**

**A. Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation**

2. Presentation

Mr. James Aberson stated the ACAT did not have a quorum.

**B. Citizens Advisory Committee**

3. Presentation

Mr. Bob Tully reported that the CAC voted to endorse all action items. The CAC also changed the meeting days to the first Thursday of every other month to give staff more time to incorporate CAC feedback, but kept the same meeting time at 5:00 p.m.

**C. Technical Coordinating Committee**

4. Presentation

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Mr. Mark Wilkes reported that the TCC voted to endorse all action items.

**D. Executive Director's Report**

5. Presentation

Mr. Tom Thomson gave his executive report stating that the governor signed off on the Memorandum of Understanding for the MPO reapportionment. Also the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program has been approved and the Highway Planning contract is being routed for signatures.

**III. Action Items**

6. Approval of the May 15, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes

Attachment: MPO Speical Board 5-15-15.pdf

The minutes were approved as written with one amendment to add Randy Weitman to the attendance list.

**Board Action:**

Approve minutes as written with amendment - PASS

**Vote Results**

Motion: W. Lee Smith

Second: Randy Weitman

Chad Reese - Aye

Diane Schleicher - Aye

Al Scott - Aye

W. Lee Smith - Aye

Hugh "Trip" Tollison - Not Present

Bob Tully - Aye

Randy Weitman - Aye

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James Aberson	- Aye
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Nick Helmholdt	- Not Present
Edna Jackson	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Gregory Kelly	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Caroline Nguyen	- Aye

7. Authorization for Further Study of Amendment to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for a New Pedestrian Bridge Project in Port Wentworth

Attachment: LRTP Amendment Authorization of Further Study of Requested Project.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang with CORE MPO, stated that in May 2015 the CORE MPO received a request from GDOT to amend the 2040 MTP and FY 2015-2018 TIP for a new pedestrian bridge project- SR 21 @ CS 705/Parkside Blvd in Port Wentworth.

Staff recommended: endorsement of further study of the requested amendment to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the pedestrian bridge project in Port Wentworth.

**Board Action:**

For approval of authorization for further study of the requested amendment to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for - PASS the pedestrian bridge project in Port Wentworth.

**Vote Results**

Motion: James Aberson  
Second: Randy Weitman

James Aberson	- Aye
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Nick Helmholdt	- Not Present

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Edna Jackson	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Gregory Kelly	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Caroline Nguyen	- Aye
Chad Reese	- Aye
Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Al Scott	- Aye
W. Lee Smith	- Aye
Hugh "Trip" Tollison	- Not Present
Bob Tully	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Aye

8. Revisions to FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program

Attachment: FY 2015-2018 TIP Amendment Staff Report June 2015 Updated.pdf

Ms. Wykoda Wang with CORE MPO stated that the CORE MPO staff has coordinated with various project managers/sponsors and found out that updates need to be made to several projects, program and phases to keep the FY 2015-2018 TIP up to date. Ms. Wang reviewed all of the changes.

Staff Recommended: For approval of the proposed revisions to the FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

After staff's presentation, the Chairman opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments from the public. The hearing was closed.

<b>Board Action:</b>	
For CORE MPO Board approval of the proposed revisions to the FY 2015 - 2018 Transportation Improvement Program with page 35 corrected.	- PASS
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Motion: Bob Tully	
Second: Diane Schleicher	

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James Aberson	- Aye
Shedrick Coleman	- Aye
Stephanie Cutter	- Aye
George Fidler	- Aye
Nick Helmholdt	- Not Present
Edna Jackson	- Not Present
Glenn Jones	- Not Present
Gregory Kelly	- Not Present
Mike Lamb	- Not Present
Pete Liakakis	- Aye
Tom McQueen	- Aye
Caroline Nguyen	- Aye
Chad Reese	- Aye
Diane Schleicher	- Aye
Al Scott	- Aye
W. Lee Smith	- Aye
Hugh "Trip" Tollison	- Not Present
Bob Tully	- Aye
Randy Weitman	- Aye

**IV. Other Business**

**V. Status Reports**

**VI. Information Reports (verbal)**

**A. Georgia Department of Transportation**

9. Presentation

Mr. Will Murphy with GDOT, reviewed the GDOT/Chatham County projects status report and active construction projects.

**B. Liberty County Projects**

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Mr. Jeff Ricketson with the Hinesville Area MPO, stated that they have finished their Metropolitan Transportation Plan and have submitted it to GDOT for the 30 day review.

**C. Chatham County**

11. Presentation

Mr. Nathaniel Panther with Chatham County, gave updates on the Chatham County projects.

**D. City of Savannah**

12. Presentation

Mr. Mike Weiner with City of Savannah, gave updates on a few City projects.

**E. Chatham Area Transit Authority**

13. Presentation

Mr. Nick Helmholdt with CAT, gave the status on a few CAT projects, including TIGER grant applications for streetcar and Abercorn BRT. Also, CAT is coordinating with the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA) regarding transit funds in state bond.

There was some discussion about the potential CAT service expansion. Dr. Reese, of CAT, explained that the feasibility study had shown there is demand and there is financial feasibility. The CAT Board's resolution was forwarded to the Chatham County Commission, and that's where it stands now. Meanwhile CAT is meeting with mayors to explain the parameters of the expanded service.

**F. Georgia Ports Authority**

14. Presentation



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No report at this time.

**G. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport**

15. Presentation

Mr. George Fidler with the Airport Commission, stated that there will be some road resurfacing happening at the terminal. Also, the westbound acceleration lane from Crossroads Pkwy. is going to be connected the I-95 ramp deceleration lane.

**VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)**

**VIII. Announcements**

16. Next CORE MPO Board Meeting: August 26, 2015

**IX. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference**

**X. Adjournment**

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