



## CORE MPO Board

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

### December 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes of the CORE MPO Board

<b>Voting Members</b>	<b>Representing</b>	<b>Present</b>
James Aberson	Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation	X
Russ Carpenter	City of Richmond Hill	
Wesley Corbitt	Effingham County Commission	
Bill Durrence	City of Savannah	X
Eddie DeLoach	City of Savannah	
Joseph Ervin	Metropolitan Planning Commission	X
Ron Feldner	City of Garden City	X
George Fidler	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Howard French	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors	X
Shawn Gillen	City of Tybee Island	X
Caroline Hankins	Town of Thunderbolt	
James Hungerpillar	Town of Vernonberg	
Curtis Koleber	Chatham Area Transit Authority	X
Mike Lamb	City of Pooler	
Tom McQueen	Georgia Department of Transportation	X
Gary Norton	City of Port Wentworth	
Ben Rozier	City of Bloomingdale	
Al Scott	Chatham County Commission	X
Dr.Estella Shabazz	City of Savannah	X
Lee Smith	Chatham County	X
Christopher Middleton	Citizens Advisory Committee	
Vacant	Economic Development & Freight Advisory Committee	
Vacant	Chatham County	
<b>Others</b>	<b>Representing</b>	
Pamela Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	X
Melanie Wilson	MPC-Executive Director	X
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X
James Small	CORE MPO	X
Byron Cowart	GDOT-DS5	X
Aidan Quirke	Chatham Area Transit	X
Ginnie Kozak	Lowcountry Area MPO	X

## I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Bill Durrence motioned to approve the December 12, 2018 CORE MPO Board meeting agenda; seconded by Mr. Lee Smith. The motion was passed with none opposed.

## II. Committee Reports (verbal)

### ACAT

Mr. James Aberson spoke on behalf of ACAT. The committee met on Monday, December 10, 2018 and voted to endorse the MTP and TIP amendments as well as the 2019 Safety Targets.

### CAC

Ms. Wykoda Wang spoke on behalf of CAC. The board met on Thursday, December 6, 2018 and endorsed the TIP and MTP amendments as well as the 2019 Safety Targets. The CAC Chairman resigned, and the Vice-Chairperson Christopher Middleton assumed the role. The board elected Dr. Daniel Brantley as the new Vice-Chairperson. Due to the high number of vacancies, the CAC is reaching out to CORE MPO Board members and officials to fill these vacancies.

### TCC

Ms. Pamela Bernard spoke on behalf of TCC. The committee met on Thursday, December 6, 2018 and endorsed the MTP and TIP amendments, 2019 Safety Targets, 2045 MTP model outputs, and proposed schedules and call for projects' materials for Z230 and Z301 funds. Ms. Pamela Bernard was reelected as the Chairperson and Mr. Mark Wilkes as the Vice-Chairperson for TCC of next year.

### Executive Director Report

Mr. Mark Wilkes gave the Executive Director Report. MPO staff received 10 TIP amendments and became aware of the need to reallocate about 1million dollars per year of our transportation alternatives, or Z301 funds to new projects. This is primarily due to project sponsors deciding not to use federal funds for projects after we programed their projects into our TIP. We must also reallocate about 1.1million dollars in surface transportation block grant funds due to production schedule issues of Truman Linear Park Phase 2B. To address these issues, we are planning to conduct two urgent calls for projects during the remainder of December into January and coming back to the CORE MPO Board in February with recommendations for the TIP amendments. Moving into 2019 the TCC and TCC sub committees will be having more frequent meetings to help the MPO construct the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. GDOT and their consultants have completed calibrating the Travel Demand Model (TDM). Staff will be relying heavily on the TDM to help us evaluate the performance alternatives as we put the plan together next Spring. We anticipate having another round of public meetings in the late Spring into early Summer to seek feedback on the draft plan prior to bringing it to the CORE MPO Board for adoption in August.

## III. Action Items

1. [Approval of the October 24, 2018 CORE MPO meeting minutes](#)

📎 [MPO October 24 Minutes.pdf](#)

Mr. Lee Smith motioned to approve the October 24, 2018 meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. James Aberson. The motion was passed with none opposed.

## 2. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Travel Demand Model Development

- ☉ [Do Nothing Model Resolution.pdf](#)
- ☉ [December 2018 MTP Update Staff](#)
- ☉ [Report.pdf](#) [LRTP Network Description.pdf](#)

Mr. Tom McQueen from GDOT gave a presentation on the 2045 MTP Travel Demand Model Development. The model uses the socioeconomic data provided by MPO staff to project future traffic needs across a 20-year horizon. Over the last year the CORE MPO staff and GDOT have been working together to develop the travel demand model which will be used as the primary analysis tool for the Metropolitan Plan Update. Mr. McQueen outlined to the CORE MPO Board how the model works. CORE MPO staff provided GDOT with socioeconomic data and transportation projects which they incorporated into the travel demand model. GDOT staff presented the 2015 Base Year model results and the 2045 “do Nothing” results. GDOT will now build on those models to provide the MPO with additional future scenario results to review in early 2019. The resolution being requested is to accept the model as it is for the development of the Long-Range Plan update.

Mr. Bill Durrence stated that he is interested in how the data can be useful concerning development patterns.

Mr. Bill Durrence motioned to accept the base year and 2045 “Do Nothing” Travel Demand Models for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Development; seconded by Mr. James Aberson. The motion was passed with none opposed.

## 3. Amendment to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan

- ☉ [MTP Amendment Staff Report December 2018.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the amendment to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan. The 2040 Total Mobility Plan can be amended as project scopes change or new needs are identified. According to the CORE MPO’s Participation Plan adopted in March 2016, any proposed changes to the MTP can be sorted into three categories, an Administrative Modification, One Step amendment, or Two Step amendment. In November 2018 Chatham Area Transit requested to program the purchase of a new Intelligent Transit System (ITS). The system will integrate with in-vehicle peripherals such as head signs and annunciators, as well as passenger information systems such as real-time bus arrival monitors and mobile applications. The system will allow CAT staff to collect vital data used by dispatchers. The request is considered a one-step amendment because the funding for this project has already been authorized by GDOT/FHWA and flexed to the Federal Transit Administration. The Federal/local split is 80/20. CAT is providing the local match and will apply for these funds from FTA as a Direct Recipient after the project is amended into the 2040 MTP and FY 2018-2021 TIP. The MPO is currently conducting a 15-day public comment period for the MTP amendment. After having the 2040 MTP amendment and FY 2018-2020 TIP Amendment approved, staff can submit the information to FTA and CAT will gain access to the funds.

The public hearing was opened and closed with there being no public comment.

Dr. Estella Shabazz asked about the state of the current bikeshare program. Ms. Wang stated that CAT decided not to pursue the program due to the lack of feasibility of CAT managing a bikeshare program. Due to the rise of more efficient private bikeshare and dockless mobility companies, the City of Savannah is exploring ways of regulating a sustainable bikeshare

program rather than building and managing its own.

Mr. Joseph Ervin motioned to endorse the proposed 2040 Total Mobility Plan amendment; seconded by Dr. Estella Shabazz. The motion was passed with none opposed.

#### 4. Amendments to FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program

☉ [FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment Staff Report December 2018.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the amendments to the FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). In November of 2018 CORE MPO received 10 TIP amendment requests.

1. Remove the CAT Bikeshare Phase II project
2. Add the CAT Intelligent Transportation Systems project
3. Remove the McQueens Island Trail Restoration project
4. Revise SR 26 from I-516 to CS 188/Victory Drive
5. Revise SR 26 from Johnny Mercer to old US 80; including Bull River & Lazaretto
6. Revise Brampton Road Connector from SR 21/SR 25 to SR21 Spur
7. Revise Effingham Parkway from CR 156/Blue Jay/Effingham to SR 30/Chatham
8. Revise SR 404 Spur/US 17 @ Back River
9. Revise SR 25/US 17 @ Savannah River in Port Wentworth
10. Revise SR 25/US 17 @ Middle River in Port Wentworth

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the specific amendments to these projects. The Transportation Improvement Program must be consistent with the current 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Also, the TIP must follow Performance Based Planning and Programming requirements and projects must achieve performance targets. A 15-day public comment period must be held, and a public hearing be advertised. The public meeting is being held in conjunction with the December 12, 2018 CORE MPO Board meeting. Staff is requesting that the CORE MPO Board approve the proposed TIP amendments.

It was clarified that McQueen's Island Trail is proceeding without the use of federal transportation funds. Staff also received a comment in support of having bicycle and pedestrian accommodations on the US Hwy 80 bridge replacement.

The public hearing was opened and closed with there being no public comment.

Mr. James Aberson motioned to approve the proposed TIP amendments; seconded by Mr. Bill Durrence. The motion was passed with none opposed.

#### 5. Call for Projects for FY 2019 - 2021 Z301 Funds

☉ [CORE MPO TA Application December 2018.pdf](#)

☉ [CORE MPO TA Manual December 2018.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the Call for Projects for FY 2019 – 2021 Z301 Funds. Transportation Improvement Program amendments, #1 Removed the CAT Bikeshare Phase II project and #3 Removed the McQueens Island Trail Restoration project, are related to this Call for Projects. Due to the projects being removed from the TIP, the funding allocated to those projects is now made available for use by other eligible projects. Roughly 1million federal dollars

is available for each of the next 3 years resulting in a total of \$3,024,247 available for eligible projects. For the 2019 funds, whatever project we allocate the funds to, the project must be production ready and the request must be no less than \$200,000. The Call for Projects will be announced on December 12, 2018, applications are due January 15, 2019 and the FY 2019 funds must be authorized by June 30, 2019. The projects being proposed must be consistent with the 2040 Long Range Plan and be amended into the TIP. The MPO staff is requesting that the CORE MPO Board approve the proposed Z301 Call for Projects schedule, manual and application materials. The project rankings and TIP amendment recommendations will be presented on February 27, 2019.

Dr. Estella Shabazz motioned to approve the proposed Z301 Call for Projects schedule, manual, and application materials; seconded by Mr. James Aberson. The motion was passed with none opposed.

#### 6. [Call for Projects for FY 2019 Z230 Funds](#)

- ☉ [CORE MPO Z230 Application December 2018.pdf](#)
- ☉ [CORE MPO Z230 Manual December 2018.pdf](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the Call for Projects for the FY 2019 Z230 Funds. The Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B is currently programmed in FY 2019 at roughly 1.12million federal dollars. The project has been programmed for construction in the TIP but is not construction ready. GDOT mandates that the federal funds cannot be carried over into the next year. Due to the City of Savannah not being able to use these funds in 2019, we intend to release the funds to be used by other projects. As a result, staff will conduct a Call for Projects and program the funds in February 2019 to one or more production ready projects. The Call for Projects will be announced on December 12, 2018, applications are due January 15, 2019 and the funds must be authorized by June 30, 2019. Staff is requesting that the CORE MPO Board approve the proposed Z230 Call for Projects schedule, manual, and application materials. Final project rankings and TIP amendment recommendations will be presented in February 2018.

Mr. Bill Durrence motioned to endorse the proposed Z230 Call for Projects schedule, manual, and application materials; seconded by Dr. Estella Shabazz. The motion was passed with none opposed.

#### 7. [Safety Targets](#)

- ☉ [Safety Targets Dec MPO.pdf](#)
- ☉ [SafetyPerfMeasuresResolutionMPC2019.pdf](#)

Ms. Stephanie Rossi presented the Safety Targets. As part of the Transportation Performance Management Plan (TPM) each state DOT and MPO has until February 27, 2019 to adopt safety targets to strive for within the Planning and Programming Process.

The 5 performance measures are:

1. Number of Fatalities
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
3. Number of Serious Injuries
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
5. Number of Non-motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries

The MPO has two options in terms of setting 2019 safety targets. The MPO can support the state's targets or create its own unique targets.

GDOTS Safety Targets are:

- To maintain the 5-year moving average traffic fatalities under the projected 1,655 (2015-2019) 5-year average by December 2019.
- To maintain the 5-year moving average traffic fatalities per 100 million VMT under the projected 1.31 (2015-2019) 5-year average by December 2019.
- To maintain the 5-year moving average serious traffic injuries under the projected 24,324 (2015-2019) 5-year average by December 2019.
- To reduce the 5-year moving average serious traffic injuries for every 100 million vehicle miles traveled by 3% from baseline 19.6 (2012-2016) 5-year average to 18.9 (2015-2019) 5-year average by December 2019.
- To maintain the 5-year moving average non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries under the projected 1,126 (2017-2021) 5-year average by December 2021.

MPO staff is recommending that rather than defining unique targets for the region, CORE MPO will support the targets adopted by the state through its planning and programming activities. This is considered an administrative modification to appendix B and F of the MTP and TIP.

Mr. Bill Durrence motioned to approve supporting the State's adopted safety targets; seconded by Mr. Lee Smith. The motion was passed with none opposed.

#### **IV. Other Business**

Jason Bultermen, Mayor of Tybee Island, urged the MPO to work with GDOT to allocate funds to support the development of the US 80 Bridges Replacement Project.

#### **v. Status Reports**

##### **GDOT**

Mr. Byron Cowart, Planning and Programming engineer for GDOT District 5, presented the GDOT/Chatham County Projects. Concerning the signal upgrades, Mr. James Aberson asked if they included audible cross walk signals. Mr. Cowart believes audible signals are at those locations. For preconstruction project # 6, Mr. Wilkes asked who the selected contractor was. The contractor is Savannah Mobility Contractor Joint Venture

##### **Chatham County**

Ms. Pamela Bernard, Senior Transportation Engineer for Chatham County, presented the status report for the Chatham County Roadway Improvement Program.

##### **Tybee Island**

Mr. Shawn Gillen gave a brief report on the Tybee Island's dunes project and the ongoing work with the Corps of Engineers preparing for the 2019 Beach re-nourishment project.

##### **Chatham Area Transit Authority**

Mr. Aidan Quirke gave an update on the CAT redesign project. The stakeholder committee meeting will be held January 14, 2019. The half day workshop will introduce the project and gather ideas of what the community needs.

##### **Savannah Airport Commission**

Mr. George Fidler stated that the new international arrivals facility will be open at the beginning of

2019. They are working with Chatham County on joint projects and the I-95/ Airways Avenue Study is ongoing.

### **Low Country MPO (South Carolina)**

Ms. Ginnie Kozak, Planning Director of the Low Country Area MPO, gave a report on their current and upcoming projects. The US Hwy 17 widening project will be let in June of 2019, and I-95 will be widened to 6 lanes. She will provide updates on these projects in the near future.

### **No report from...**

**Georgia Ports Authority**

**Effingham County**

**City of Savannah**

**Richmond Hill**

**Pooler**

**Garden City**

**Port Wentworth**

**Bloomington**

**Hinesville**

**Thunderbolt**

**Vernonburg**

### **VI. Information Reports (verbal)**

NONE

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

NONE

### **VIII. Announcements**

8. [Next CORE MPO Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the MPC Mendonsa Hearing Room](#)

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

9. [Transit Asset Management \(TAM\) Agreement](#)

☺ [TAM Agreement Staff Report Dec 2018.pdf](#)

☺ [Savannah MPO - GDOT Transit Planning Agreement -20181029.pdf](#) 10. [Notice of a Public](#)

[Information Open House PI#521855](#)

☺ [P.I.NO 521855 Notice of Public Information Open House Dec 13 2018.pdf](#)

### **X. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the December 12, 2018 meeting of the CORE MPO Board was adjourned.

The Chatham County - Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission provides meeting summary minutes which are adopted by the respective board. Verbatim transcripts of minutes are the responsibility of the interested party.