



CORE MPO BOARD

MPC Mendonsa Hearing Room – 10:00 am
 112 East State Street, Savannah
 Minutes

June 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes of the CORE MPO Board

Voting Members	Representing	Present
James Aberson	Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation	X
Scott Allison	City of Richmond Hill	
Wesley Corbitt	Effingham County Commission	
Eddie DeLoach	City of Savannah	
Joseph Ervin	Metropolitan Planning Commission	X
Ron Feldner	City of Garden City	
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	X
James Hungerpillar	Town of Vernonberg	
Curtis Koleber	Chatham Area Transit Authority	
Mike Lamb	City of Pooler	
Heath Lloyd	City of Savannah	
Tom McQueen	Georgia Department of Transportation	X
Gary Norton	City of Port Wentworth	
Ben Rozier	City of Bloomingdale	
Al Scott	Chatham County Commission	X
Lee Smith	Chatham County	
Bob Tully	Citizens Advisory Committee	X
Vacant	Economic Development & Freight Advisory Committee	
Vacant	Chatham County	
Vacant	Savannah	
Voting Alternates	Representing	
Steve Davis	Effingham County	X
Mike Kaigler	Chatham County	X
Others	Representing	
Pam Bernard	Chatham County Engineering	X
Stephanie Rossi	CORE MPO	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO	X
Melanie Wilson	MPC	X
Bri Finau	MPC	X
Jeff Ricketson	Hinesville MPO	X
Grant Sparks	Chatham Area Transit	X

I. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Al Scott opened the meeting and presented the June 27, 2018 CORE MPO Board meeting agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. *All agreed to approve the agenda.*

II. Committee Reports

ACAT – Mr. James Aberson reported that ACAT had endorsed the MTP and TIP amendments that are on the agenda.

CAC -- Mr. Bob Tully reported that the CAC had endorsed the MTP and TIP amendments that are on the agenda.

TCC -- Ms. Pam Bernard reported that TCC had endorsed the MTP and TIP amendments that are on the agenda.

Executive Director's report -- Mr. Mark Wilkes gave a briefing on the items on the day's agenda.

III. Action Items

1. [Approval of the February 28, 2018 CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Mr. Tully motioned to approve the February 28, 2018 CORE MPO Board meeting minutes; seconded by **Mr. Joseph Ervin**. *All agreed to approve said minutes.*

2. [Approval of the May 22, 2018 Special Called CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Mr. Ervin motioned to approve the May 22, 2018 Special Called CORE MPO Board Meeting Minutes; seconded by **Mr. Shawn Gillen**. *All agreed to approve said minutes*, with **Mr. Howard French** abstaining from the vote.

3. [Amendment to 2040 Total Mobility Plan to Incorporate Safety Targets](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes presented the Amendment to 2040 Total Mobility Plan to Incorporate Safety Targets.

The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST ACT) require that all state departments of transportation and metropolitan planning organizations use a performance-based planning and programming approach as part of the Transportation Performance Management (TPM) program. FHWA defines TPM as a strategic approach that uses system information to make investment and policy decision to achieve national performance goals.

As part of the TPM each state DOT and MPO must adopt targets to strive for within the planning and programming process. State DOTs and MPOs are required to set targets for a variety of performance measures related to safety, state of good repair and system performance. The Safety Performance Management (PM) Final Rule establishes five performance measures:

- 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 CORE MPO safety targets were adopted by the MPO Board in December 2017. The next step for the MPO is to incorporate the adopted safety targets into the MTP and TIP. This MTP amendment does not change any current projects in the MTP. The amendment clarifies the role of the safety performance measures and demonstrates how the MTP is making progress towards meeting the adopted safety targets. The MPO has completed a 15-day public comment period for the proposed amendment. Staff is asking for CORE MPO Board's approval of the proposed amendment to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to Incorporate Safety Targets.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Al Scott opened the public hearing on the MTP Amendment. There were no comments. He closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Tully motioned to approve the Amendment; seconded by **Mr. Ervin**. *All agreed to approve the Amendment.*

4. [Amendment to FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to Incorporate Safety Targets](#)

Mr. Wilkes presented the Amendment to FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program to Incorporate Safety Targets. The amendment is being processed with the amendment to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This amendment does not change any current projects in the TIP. The amendment clarifies the role of the safety performance measures and demonstrates how the TIP is making progress towards meeting the state's adopted safety targets. The MPO has completed a 15-day public comment period for the proposed amendment. Staff is asking for CORE MPO Board's approval of proposed amendment to the FY 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program to Incorporate Safety Targets.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Al Scott opened the public hearing on the TIP Amendment. There were no comments. He closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Aberson motioned to approve the Amendment; seconded by **Mr. Tully**. *All agreed to approve the Amendment.*

5. [Amendment to 2040 Total Mobility Plan for US 80 Bridges Replacement](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the Amendment to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan for US 80 Bridges Replacement. This agenda item is to add the right-of-way (ROW) phase of PI# 0010560, SR 26 FM JOHNNY MERCER TO OLD US 80; INC BULL RVR@LAZARETTO (US 80 Bridge Replacement) to Cost Band One (2015 - 2020) of the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This will allow the ROW phase to be included in the FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Since Tybee Island will pay for the right-of-way purchase of the US 80 bridge replacement project and the funds are additional revenues that were not included in the original 2040 MTP revenue projections, inclusion of the ROW phase to Cost Band One will not negatively impact other projects included in this cost band. The MPO is conducting a 15-day public comment period for the proposed amendment which closes by the end of June 27. Staff is asking for CORE MPO Board's approval of proposed amendment to the 2040 Total Mobility Plan to add the right-of-way phase of PI# 0010560 to Cost Band One.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Al Scott opened the public hearing on the MTP Amendment. There were no comments. He closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Gillen motioned to approve the amendment; seconded by **Mr. Aberson**. *All agreed to approve the said amendment.*

6. [Amendments to FY 2018 - 2021 Transportation Improvement Program for US 80 Bridges and CAT Ferry Grant](#)

Ms. Wang presented the Amendments to the FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Two TIP amendments are being considered in June 2018:

- Program the right-of-way (ROW) phase in FY 2019 for PI# 0010560, SR 26 FM JOHNNYMERCER TO OLD US 80; INC BULL RVR&LAZARETTO (US 80 Bridges Replacement); and
- Program the newly awarded FTA Discretionary Ferry Grant funds in FY 2019 for CAT's ferry maintenance facility on Hutchinson Island and new ferry dock on West River Street.

The MPO is conducting a 15-day public comment period for the proposed TIP amendments which closes by the end of June 27. Staff is asking for CORE MPO Board's approval of proposed amendments to the FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program to add the right-of-way phase in FY 2019 for PI# 0010560 and to program the newly awarded FTA Discretionary Ferry Grant funds in FY 2019 for CAT's water ferry service.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Al Scott opened the public hearing on the TIP Amendments. There were no comments. He closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Gillen motioned to approve the amendments; seconded by **Mr. Aberson**. *All agreed to approve the said Amendments to the FY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program.*

III. Other Business

There was no other business.

IV. Status Reports

7. [Administrative Modifications to FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program](#)

Ms. Wang presented the Administrative Modifications to FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). In May 2018 CORE MPO requested and GDOT approved several budget adjustments to various tasks for the FHWA PL funds. This agenda item is to update the FY 2018 UPWP summary funding table and the funding tables under updated work tasks to reflect the budget adjustments in order to facilitate the final PL contract close out.

8. [Status Update on the 2045 Metropolitan Plan](#)

Mr. Wilkes presented the Status Update on the 2045 Metropolitan Plan. The following is an update on some ongoing activities related to the plan update.

Socioeconomic Data Update: GDOT and CORE MPO staff are working together to update the CORE MPO Travel Demand Model, for use in developing the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The model looks at conditions in a base year of 2015 and in a future year of 2045. CORE MPO staff provided GDOT with socioeconomic data for 2015 and 2045, which will inform the amount of trip productions and attractions in the model. CORE MPO staff received comments from GDOT on the 2015 baseline socioeconomic data and have addressed these comments.

MTP Survey: In an effort to reach a wider audience staff has developed a short survey to capture the

regions' thoughts on transportation. Results from the survey can be used to help confirm and modify the goals and objectives of the 2045 plan. The survey is available in English <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2045mobilty> and in Spanish <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2045mobilitySPANISH>.

Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures: CORE MPO staff is seeking input and feedback on the draft goals for the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Staff has compiled a set of draft goals as a starting point for discussion with committees and the public. Staff is proposing to hold a special working group meeting of the TCC in July/August to review the goals, objectives and performance measures for the 2045 MTP.

9. [Special Studies I-95 Airways Avenue Interchange and I-16 Little Neck Interchange](#)

Mr. Wilkes presented the Status Update on the Special studies. Consultant contracts have been executed and notices to proceed have been issued for both studies. Traffic counts have been delayed until Fall on the I-95 Airways Study due to the recent plane crash and subsequent closure of SR 21. The consultants are adjusting their project schedule in anticipation of counting traffic after the school year begins. Project management plans are being finalized for both studies.

V. Information Reports (verbal)

GDOT -- Mr. Tom McQueen indicated that he would answer any questions for GDOT projects since the GDOT District Five representatives had a conflict and couldn't attend the meeting.

Chatham County -- Ms. Pam Bernard reported on the status of projects on the County's project list.

Chatham Area Transit – Mr. Grant Sparks reported on the status of CAT's projects.

Tybee Island – Mr. Shawn Gillen reported on the status of projects in Tybee Island.

Savannah Airport - Mr. George Fidler reported on the status of projects in the airport area.

Effingham County – Mr. Steve Davis reported on the status of projects in Effingham County.

VI. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

There were no comments from the public.

VII. Announcements

10. [NEXT CORE MPO BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 22, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE MPC HEARING ROOM](#)

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

11. [Adopted Georgia Performance Based Planning and Programming Targets](#)

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 27, 2018 meeting of the CORE MPO Board was adjourned.

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