



CORE MPO Board

October 27, 2021 at 10:00am
Minutes

OCTOBER 27, 2021 CORE MPO Board

Voting Members	Representing	Present
Pamela Oglesby	Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation	X
Mark Ott	City of Richmond Hill	
Tim Callanan	Effingham County Commission	
Nick Palumbo	City of Savannah	X
Joseph Welch	Metropolitan Planning Commission	
Scott Robider	City of Garden City	X
Mark Denmark	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Deidrick Cody	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors	X
Shawn Gillen	City of Tybee Island	X
Beth E. Goette	Town of Thunderbolt	
James Hungerpiller	Town of Vernonberg	
Valarie Ragland	Chatham Area Transit Authority	X
Tom Hutcherson	City of Pooler	X
Mayor Van Johnson	City of Savannah	X
Radney Simpson	Georgia Department of Transportation	
Daniel Brantley	Citizens Advisory Committee	
Gary Norton	City of Port Wentworth	
Ben Rozier	City of Bloomingdale	
Chester Ellis	Chatham County Commission	X
Dr. Estella Shabazz	City of Savannah	X
Lee Smith	Chatham County	X
Pamela Bernard	Economic Development & Freight Advisory Committee	X
Jamie McCurry	Georgia Port Authority	X
Tanya Milton	Chatham County	X
Voting Alternates	Representing	
Les Fussell	City of Richmond Hill	X
Eric Larson	Effingham County	X
Robert Milie	Town of Thunderbolt	X
Ned Green	Georgia Department of Transportation	X
Others	Representing	
James Aiello	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Heath Lloyd	City of Savannah	X
Michael Connolly	Chatham Area Transit	X
Ann-Marie Day	FHWA	X
David Thompson	GDOT – Intermodal Planner	X
Troy Pittman	GDOT – District 5	X
Melissa Phillips	POND	X
Leon Davenport	Pooler	X
Melissa Paul-Leto	MPC	X

Shalonda Rountree	Chatham Area Transit	X
Allen Blake	Chatham County	X
Katie Proctor	GDOT	X
Deanna Brooks	Chatham County	X
Jessica Smith	Savannah Airport Commission	X
Melissa Phillips	POND CO	X
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Sally Helm	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Mark Wilkes	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Nick Fazio	MPC/Advanced Planning	X
Jackie Jackson	MPC/Advanced Planning	X
Pam Everett	MPC	X
Melanie Wilson	MPC	X
Barry Stanton	City of Savannah	X
Alicia Hunter	CORE MPO/MPC	X
Kerrie Bieber	Public	X

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Lee Smith motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton. The motion passed with none opposed.

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

ACAT

Ms. Pamela Oglesby spoke on behalf of ACAT. The committee met on Monday, October 25, 2021. The committee voted to endorse all staff recommendations for action items. There was one item that was presented under the public participation opportunities. The Executive Director of LIFE (Living Independent for Everyone), Neil Ligon, brought to our attention that one of his clients at LIFE logged a complaint. The complaint was about scheduling problems and having issues with being late for appointments because of CAT Paratransit's driver shortages and the fact they are having problems retaining drivers. The client felt this might be because the drivers with Paratransit do not get raises as fixed route drivers do. The ACAT committee felt it was best to bring this issue to the CORE MPO Board to see if this panel can do something to alleviate the issue.

CAC

Ms. Alicia Hunter spoke on behalf of CAC. The committee met on Thursday, October 21, 2021. The committee endorsed all staff recommendations for action items.

TCC

Ms. Pamela Bernard spoke on behalf of TCC. The committee met on Thursday, October 21, 2021. The committee endorsed all staff recommendations for action items.

Mr. Shawn Gillen motioned to approve all committee reports; seconded by Ms. Tanya Milton. The motion passed with non-opposed.

III. Action Items

1. Approval of August 25, 2021 CORE MPO Board meeting minutes

Mr. Shawn Gillen motioned to approve the August 25, 2021 CORE MPO Board Meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Lee Smith. The motion passed with none opposed.

2. CORE MPO Meeting Schedule

Mr. Mark Wilkes presented the CORE MPO Meeting Schedule. Ms. Pamela Bernard asked about the EDFAC committee meetings (those dates are not on the calendar). Mr. Wilkes stated EDFAC does not have the rigid schedule like the other committees. They are not required to meet bi-monthly. The committee usually meets when there is a TIP to review or any freight updates. It is anticipated that they will meet several times this coming year due to the Freight Plan Update.

Mr. Lee Smith motioned to approve the CORE MPO Meeting Schedule; seconded by Ms. Valerie Ragland. The motion passed with non-opposed.

3. Amendments to FY 2022 UPWP

Mr. Mark Wilkes stated at the last meeting the board approved four funding requests for proposed special studies. When the Georgia PL Funds Review Committee met at the end of September, they approved two of the funding requests for special studies - the Freight Plan Update and the Urban Flooding Model Study. All four of the requested studies were added to the illustrative section of the work program for FY 2022 at the last meeting. Since these two studies have been approved for PL discretionary funding, they need to be moved into the funded portion of the work program to secure the funding contracts with GDOT and secure the consultants.

Dr. Estella Shabazz motioned to approve the amendments to the FY 2022 UPWP; seconded by Mr. Tom Hutcherson. The motion passed with non-opposed.

4. Z230 and CRRSAA Calls for Projects

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated at the last meeting the Board authorized the staff to start the Call for Projects process. The next day staff started the Calls for Projects for available Z230 and CRRSAA funds. The applicants were given approximately a month to apply. For the Z230 funds, there are FY 2023 and FY 2024 funds available. There were eight applications received with four being eligible for funding. For CRRSAA funds, there are around \$2.1 million in FY 2022. There were six applications received with four being eligible for funding. All eligible applications were forwarded to the TCC members to do the evaluation and ranking. There were eight TCC members who evaluated and ranked the projects.

Z230 Funds

- CAT - (2) 35ft. Fixed Route Diesel Buses, requesting \$936,000 (**ranked #1**)
- CAT - Bus Stop Improvement Program, requesting \$400,000 (**ranked #4**)
- Chatham County – Chevis Road Improvement Project, requesting \$1,360,000 (**ranked #2**)
- Chatham County – Garrard Avenue Improvement Project, requesting \$4,680,000 (**ranked #3**)
- City of Pooler – Pine Barren Road Improvements, requesting \$4,800,000 – **Not Eligible**
- City of Pooler – S. Roger Street Improvements, requesting \$3,500,000 – **Not Eligible**
- Garden City - Telfair Road Improvements – **Not Eligible**
- Garden City - Old Louisville Road Improvements – **Not Eligible**

CRRSAA Funds

- City of Pooler - US 80 Corridor Study, requesting \$285,000 (**ranked #1**)
- Chatham County – Chevis Road Improvement Project, requesting \$1,200,000 (**ranked #3**)
- Chatham County – Garrard Avenue Improvement Project, requesting \$850,000 (**ranked #4**)
- City of Savannah – Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B, requesting \$1,750,000 (**ranked #2**)
- CAT - Flex Pilot Project, requesting \$450,000 – **Not Eligible**
- CAT - First Mile, Last Mile (FLM) Strategic and Implementation Plan, requesting \$225,000 – **Not Eligible**

Based on the rankings, TCC made the funding award recommendations.

Z230 Funds - since there are more funds than the requested amounts, each project can receive the amount they requested. In FY 2023, there are around \$3.1 million available, and the total requested amount was only \$2.5 million. In FY 2024 there are around \$6 million available, and the total requested amount was about \$3 million. Chatham County will receive approximately \$3 million for the Garrard Avenue Improvement project in FY 2024. There are

\$900,000 from FY 2021 that will be allocated to FY 2023 and FY 2024. There will also be some funds released from the DeLesseps Avenue ROW to be allocated to FY 2023 and FY 2024. There could be another Call for Projects in the spring to allocate the left-over balance for the Z230 funds.

Mr. Tom Hutcherson asked for details of why the Pine Barren Road Improvements project was ineligible. Ms. Wang stated the eligibility requirements were listed in the manual. The prerequisite for the projects to be included in the TIP is that the projects must be included in the financially constraint 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The City of Pooler submitted two applications - the Pine Barren Road Improvements project and South Roger Street Improvements project. Neither of these projects is in the financially constrained 2045 MTP. They are not even in the illustrative section (unfunded section) of the 2045 MTP. Pooler would need to request amendments to the 2045 MTP first. Since the 2045 MTP is financially balanced, to include the project in, another project would have to be kicked out.

There were two other projects that were not eligible for the Z230 funds. Garden City submitted two projects - Louisville Road Improvements and Telfair Avenue Improvements. Those two projects were not in the financially constraint 2045 MTP. In addition, those two projects were submitted two days after the deadline. They did not have the budget or a commitment letter for the local match either.

Ms. Tanya Milton stated based on the money, the funding is there for all the projects that were eligible. Does that mean those projects will work simultaneously (Chevis Road and Garrard Avenue, e.g)? Ms. Wang stated no. For example, CAT's Bus Replacement can start the RFP, order the buses, order the parts, etc. Bus Stop Improvement Program can order the parts and hire a contractor. Those are both constructions. For Chevis Road, the request is for the ROW phase, not the construction phase. For Garrard Avenue, the request is for both ROW phase and CST Phase. FY 2023 is for the ROW phase and FY 2024 is for the construction phase.

Ms. Milton asked when the Chevis Road and Garrard Avenue projects will start. Ms. Bernard stated both projects have started the preconstruction phases. They are currently in the process of getting the Project Framework Agreement (PFA) signed. This should be presented at the next Chatham County Board of Commissioners meeting. Once the agreement between GDOT and the County is complete, a consultant's contract design services will be awarded. The projects will then be started. Chevis Road Improvement Project is a much larger project. It takes more time to go through the GDOT process to be able to get to the construction phase. It is anticipated that construction for this project will be in FY 2025. Garrard Avenue Improvement Project is projected to be FY 2024 for construction.

Ms. Pamela Bernard motioned to approve the Z230 funding allocations; seconded by Dr. Estella Shabazz. The motion passed with none opposed.

CRRSAA Funds - there are around \$2.1 million available. The four eligible projects requested about \$4 million. Because of the generous ranking criteria, US 80 Corridor Study ranked #1. The TCC committee felt the City of Savannah's Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B should take precedence. The city needs to finish this project. The TCC recommendation was to award the funds as the City of Savannah requested, \$1.75 million, to the Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B. The remaining balance will be split between the US 80 Corridor study and the Chevis Road Improvement Project. When Pooler requested the Discretionary PL funds for the study, they requested \$175,000. That covers the US 80 Corridor that is within the city limits of Pooler. For this study they requested \$285,000. This segment would cover the Chatham County line to SR 25. It will cover Bloomingdale, Pooler, Garden City, and the City of Savannah. Currently Pooler will need to be the project manager for the procurement, RFP, and project development process. FHWA stated the MPO staff is currently managing several studies and would not have the staffing resources. The US Corridor Study will get \$285,000 with the balance of a little over \$77,000 going to Chatham County's Chevis Road Improvement Project.

The two projects from Chatham Area Transit are not eligible for CRRSAA funding. The Flex Pilot Project is part of a study, part of vehicle purchase, and part of operations. CRRSAA funds do not support operation. For a study, the project must be discussed at the TCC meetings at least twice and included in the UPWP in the illustrative section. The First Mile, Last Mile, Strategic and Implementation Plan is in the same situation. It is not in the UPWP and has not been discussed by the TCC committee.

Chairman Ellis stated he wanted to make sure the City of Savannah knew the \$1.75 million was separate funding from the SPLOST funding. Mr. Heath Lloyd stated they are aware this funding is in addition to what they have and are very appreciative. This will put the city in a position to move the project forward and on time within the existing budget. Ms. Wang stated the construction phase is in FY 2022 and the total cost is approximately \$4.5 million. Currently this project has Z301 (Transportation Alternative Program funds) of over \$1 million which are included in the TIP in FY 2022. The local funds including match are approximately \$3.4 million. If the City does not have enough federal funding, they will need to come up with additional local funding. The \$1.75 million will offset the \$3.4 million, making the local portion approximately \$1.6 million. When the TIP amendments are done in December, the funding updates will be reflected. Mr. Nick Palumbo stated the city agrees with the MPO staff and is very appreciative of this funding.

Dr. Estella Shabazz motioned to approve the CRRSAA funding allocations; seconded by Ms. Valarie Ragland. The motion passed with none opposed.

IV. Other Business

[5. 2050 MTP Update: Survey, Goals, Objectives, & Performance Measures](#)

Ms. Alicia Hunter stated Federal planning regulations require that MPO MTPs be updated at least every five years and that a twenty-year planning horizon be maintained. The MTP documents the plan development process, the region's transportation needs, and fiscally constrained projects. These updates help us evaluate and refine our planning and programming to ensure the plan considers changing conditions and priorities. The goals and objectives will help guide subsequent planning analysis efforts over the course of the 2050 MTP development and implementation. This will also play into the CMP update. They will serve as the basis for prioritizing our federal and state funded transportation projects.

These updates are currently in the planning phase. This phase is preliminary refinement of the 2045 MTP goals and objectives. It is a part of performance-based planning and is a requirement in the metropolitan planning process. It also includes the development of a draft of survey questions, which are designed to gauge the public's preference on the goals and objectives and what our needs are. There have been a few comments received already. MPO staff is asking the Board for any comments, questions, or suggestions.

[6. RFP for CORE MPO Regional Freight Transportation Plan Update](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated the Regional Freight Transportation Plan Update was awarded discretionary planning funding from the Georgia PL Funds Review Committee. The awarded federal funds are \$240,000 and the local match is \$60,000, making the total \$300,000. The draft scope has gone through several rounds of discussions and was presented at the last meeting. The next step is the RFP process and finalize the contract with GDOT. The scope includes the following.

- Project Management and Coordination
- Freight Needs Assessment and Analysis
 - Update the Existing Freight Network and Asset Inventory
 - Update the Existing and Future Freight and Goods Movement Assessment
 - Update the Freight Performance Measures
 - Update the Forecasting of Future Freight Growth
 - Update the Regional Freight Profiles and Assessment
 - Update the Freight Network Bottleneck, and Safety and Security Issues
 - Conduct a Truck Parking Inventory and Analysis
 - Investigate Truck Restrictions
 - Evaluate Freight Impacts from Emergencies and Conduct Freight Resiliency Analysis
 - Conduct Freight Needs Assessment
- Land Use Assessment and Analysis
 - Conduct an Assessment and Analysis of Land Use Policies and Local Decision-making within Regional Freight and Goods Movement Context
 - Conduct an Assessment of Freight and Goods Movement Impact on Land Use in the region
- Update the Economic Development Market Assessment for Freight
- Update the Environmental and Community Impact Scan and Analysis for Freight
- Develop Recommendations for Future Land Uses Related to Freight and Goods Movement Needs and Forecasts
- Develop Final Recommendations for Freight Infrastructure Improvements - Identification of Improvements, Strategies, and Solutions
- Develop the Final Report and Documentation – Freight, Goods, and Services Plan

Since the last presentation, FHWA has recommended to call this a "Regional" Freight Plan Update since the study area covers Bryan County, Effingham County and Chatham County. In the Land Use portion, the word "equity" needs to be emphasized. Since the CMP update process will overlap with the freight plan update in freight congestion identification and management, we have added some language in Task 3.5 -Freight Bottleneck Analysis-Congestion Management, for the two to coordinate with each other. We also want to make sure the resiliency analysis is added to provide best practices for creating resilient corridors.

The proposed schedule with the release of the RFP will be on November 1st. The consultant must be pre-qualified by GDOT. We will use the Georgia Procurement Registry, the APA, AMPO, and the widest circulation local newspaper, which is the Savannah Morning News, to do the RFP release. The consultant will have approximately one month to prepare the proposal. The due date is December 3rd, 2021. The consultant interview will be conducted in the later part of January 2022. The consultant selection will be in February with the contract negotiation in March. The start date is to be April of 2022 with a completion date of October 31st, 2023.

The Proposal Review Committee is being compiled. The following members will evaluate the proposals and conduct consultant interviews.

- Pamela Bernard – EDFAC and TCC Chairperson
- Tom McQueen – GDOT Freight Manager
- Mark Wilkes – CORE MPO Director
- Wykoda Wang – Freight Plan Update Project Manager
- Jamie McCurry – Georgia Port Authority

Dr. Estella Shabazz motioned to approve the RFP for CORE MPO Regional Freight Transportation Plan Update; seconded by Ms. Valarie Ragland. The motion passed with non-opposed.

[7. RFP for CORE MPO Urban Flooding Model Study](#)

Ms. Alicia Hunter stated the Urban Flooding Model Study received \$150,000 in total (federal + local match). The draft RFP is being refined. One of the changes made was to modify the wording that contractors applying for this RFP must be academic institutions, and any non-academic institutions may serve as subcontractors. Collaborations are very much encouraged. In addition, revisions to the scope are included, and the purpose is to elaborate that this study is inclusive in its results and the models can be applicable and transferable to any community. The results can be utilized by all levels and jurisdictions of planning. The schedule has been developed in tandem with the Freight Plan Update.

Mr. Lee Smith stated, one concern he has is when you look at page 2 of the RFP, it says Urban Flooding Dynamic Modeling tools for optimizing city planning, transportation and infrastructure. The first paragraph talks about the coastal region. He recommends it say it is not just city, it is also county. The verbiage needs to be changed so it is all inclusive. Chairman Ellis stated this is the Coastal Region. When funding is discussed with the Coastal Region, Chatham County gets left out because they say Chatham County is Urban and they go to Rural. The Rural Counties get money that Chatham County cannot since it is called Urban. All the cities within the MPO are in Chatham County. Mr. Wilkes stated the staff recognizes and agrees that the study needs to be worded clearly - it is not just city, it is regional.

Mr. Lee Smith motioned to approve the RFP for CORE MPO Urban Flooding Model Study; seconded by Mr. Shawn Gillen. The motion passed with none opposed.

V. Status Reports

[8. FY 2023 UPWP Development Process](#)

Mr. Mark Wilkes stated the CORE MPO staff conducted a Call for Plans and Studies. Four study requests were received from the Chatham Area Transit.

- Transit Oriented Development Study – Cost \$125,000
- Bus Stop Amenities Study – Cost \$125,000
- Mobility Hub Study and Program – Cost \$75,000
- Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study – Cost \$200,000

Since these are major studies, it is anticipated that discretionary planning funds will be pursued, subject to future CORE MPO TCC and Board discussion and approval. In addition to the above requests, CAT staff has previously requested discretionary FTA Section 5303 funds in the amount of \$27,000 for the purchase of Remix software licensing. The CORE MPO previously funded Remix software for CAT in the FY 2020 UPWP.

To meet the GDOT and FHWA administrative schedules, CORE MPO staff will develop the draft FY 2023 UPWP during October and early November 2021. The Draft FY 2023 UPWP will be reviewed by the CORE MPO Board and advisory committees at their December meetings, followed by a 30-day review and comment period by GDOT and FHWA. The final FY 2023 UPWP will be distributed to the CORE MPO Board and advisory committees for review and approval at the February 2022 meetings.

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

[9. GDOT Project Status Report](#)

Ms. Katie Proctor gave the GDOT Project Status Report.

PRECONSTRUCTION

- Bridge Replacements at Savannah River and Middle River - both LET in September and have been awarded this month.
- SR 204 from SR 21 to Rio Rd - next milestone - PFPR was submitted on 9/26/21.
- I-16 at Chatham Parkway - next milestone – FFPR.
- Bridge Replacement on SR 404/US 17 at Back River and Widening of SR 404 are both still in Concept.
- SR 26/US 80 Bridge Replacement at Bull River is awaiting approved schedule.
- SR 26/US 80 at Lazaretto Creek held PFPR on 10/21/21.
- SR 26/US 17 Widening from I-516 to Victory Dr is working toward FFPR. There are 81 out of 120 parcels acquired.
- US80/I-516 Brampton from SR 21/25 to SR 21 Widening is scheduled to LET on 1/22/22.

ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION

All projects have a percentage increase in completion. Work has begun on two projects.

- SR 17 South of SR 21 to N of Prescott Rd is 51% complete.
- I-516/SR421 beginning at Mildred St extending west of RR tracks is 9% complete.
- SR 307 Spur resurfacing was LET in July and has received Notice to Proceed as of September 9th.

Mr. Shawn Gillen asked for clarification on the Lazaretto Creek and Bull River Bridge projects. The schedules are in the TIP, but the construction schedule is not finalized, correct? Ms. Proctor said the Lazaretto Creek Bridge replacement has a schedule approved. The Bull River bridge project has submitted a schedule but that has not been approved yet. Mr. Gillen asked if the Lazaretto Creek Bridge's FY 2023 construction date is set and not waiting for any other approvals. Ms. Proctor said this has been approved. Ms. Wykoda Wang stated both projects have HIP funds allocated for the ROW phase. There currently is a balance of \$600,000 of the HIP funds. They have been reserved for those two projects in case they have ROW cost increases. If those funds are not needed, they need to be allocated immediately.

[10. Chatham County Project Status Update](#)

Ms. Pamela Bernard gave the Chatham County Project Status Update. There are currently no projects in the construction phase. There are several projects moving in that direction.

- I-16 at Jimmy DeLoach Pkwy Interchange – PFA signed, and Design Contractor has Notice to Proceed in September.
- Chevis and Garrard Avenue Improvements are both in the process of signing the PFA and getting the consultants for both projects.
- Quacco Rd widening is in the process of getting Utilities out of the way to begin construction.
- Little Neck Rd is about to begin ROW acquisition.
- Islands Expressway at Oatland Island Rd and Walthour Road both have design done. County is working on ROW acquisition and permitting.
- Traffic Signal on Johnny Mercer Blvd - the design is almost complete; need the ROW.
- Robert McCorkle Trail is currently out for bid.

Mr. Tom Hutcherson asked is there a projected end date on the Quacco Rd widening project. Ms. Bernard said this will be done in phases. There needs to be some clearing to get the utilities out of the way, then the actual road construction can begin. The road construction will take approximately a year to a year and a half to complete.

[11. City of Savannah Project Status Report](#)

Mr. Heath Lloyd gave the City of Savannah Project Status Report.

- DeLesseps Ave. Widening from Waters Ave. to Skidaway Rd - The construction contract was approved and is waiting signature. Once a construction agreement with GDOT is received, the pre-construction meeting will be scheduled.
- Traffic Control Center – Funding was moved from FY 2021 to FY 2022.
- City of Savannah I-516 at DeRenne Ave – ROW plan preparation is ongoing. The third round of Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) responses to comments were sent to FHWA and GDOT for review.

- Truman Linear Park Trail Phase II-B – Final Submittal for PCE review/approval has been completed. Anticipate GDOT PCE approval within the next two weeks. Anticipate NTP for ROW phase by the end of October.

Ms. Tanya Milton asked if there was some place to get more information regarding the DeRenne Project. This project has been ongoing for twenty years now. Chairman Ellis suggested she set up a meeting with the City of Savannah.

[12. CAT Project Status Report](#)

Mr. Michael Connelly gave the CAT Project Status Report.

- 6 Electric Bus purchase and charging station: All buses have been delivered.
- Electric Bus purchase phase: experiencing delays along with a shortage of chips.
- Intelligent Transit System: on schedule for a soft roll out in February 2022.
- Facilities Rehab/Interior: in progress, contract is under legal review for execution.

Ms. Valarie Ragland stated they have received a status report on the paratransit vehicles they were hoping to receive this month. Now, there is no delivery date. There have been issues with the ownership of the manufacturer. CAT is still awaiting delivery of those 20 paratransit vehicles.

Chairman Ellis asked what CAT means by a “soft roll out”. Mr. Connelly said they were doing a soft rollout with the software and hardware on a couple of the transit vehicles for the clever devices system. Once they test the devices, the software and the reporting, then they will finish installing on the rest of the transit vehicles. They are testing for bugs, etc. Ms. Ragland said they are planning to select one vehicle from each division, one paratransit vehicle, one ferry vehicle, and one fixed route bus. Each one will have the equipment installed as a test and placed in route to see how it develops before installing the rest of the fleet. Chairman Ellis asked if this is the equipment for every bus that has already been purchased if they are in the testing phase. Are the charging stations up for the 6 Electric Buses that have been delivered? Ms. Ragland said GA Power has already installed the charging station onsite at the 900 E Gwinnett location. CAT is waiting on the testing phase for the intelligence on the vehicle. The bus operators as well as mechanics are to be trained to operate and repair them. There will be a training period for the operator, a training period for the mechanics, and fixed route staff as well.

[13. LATS Project Status Update](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang gave the LATS Project Status Update for Ms. Rossi. The US 17 Widening Project is still waiting for settlement. There won't be any activity during this period.

[14. TIP Project Tracking in October 2021](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang stated bi-monthly the TIP Project Tracking report will be sent to the projects managers who have received Z230, Z301, and HIP funds. This report keeps track of where the funding goes and what the project status is.

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

No Public Comments.

VIII. Notices

[15. Next CORE MPO Board Meeting: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 10:00am](#)

There being no further business, the October 27, 2021, CORE MPO Board meeting 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.