



CORE MPO Board

June 22, 2022 at 10:00 am
Minutes

June 22, 2022 CORE MPO Board Meeting

Voting Members	Representing	Present	On-Line
Pamela Oglesby	Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation		
Mark Ott	City of Richmond Hill		
Tim Callanan	Effingham County Commission	X	
Nick Palumbo	City of Savannah	X	
Joseph Welch	Metropolitan Planning Commission		
Scott Robider	City of Garden City		
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		
Faye DiMassimo	Chatham Area Transit Authority	X	
Tom Hutcherson	City of Pooler	X	
Mayor Van Johnson	City of Savannah		
Radney Simpson	Georgia Department of Transportation		
Jamie McCurry	Georgia Ports Authority		
Daniel Brantley	Citizens Advisory Committee		
Gary Norton	City of Port Wentworth		
Charles Ackridge	City of Bloomingdale		
Chester Ellis	Chatham County Commission (Chairman)	X	
Dr. Estella Shabazz	City of Savannah	X	
Lee Smith	Chatham County	X	
Pamela Bernard	Economic Development & Freight Advisory Committee	X	
Tanya Milton	Chatham County		
Voting Alternates	Representing		
Les Fussell	City of Richmond Hill		
Jim Aeillo	Savannah Airport Commission	X	
Eric Larson	Effingham County/ Assistant County Manager		
Robbie Caudill	GDOT		X
Others	Representing		
Tom Caiafa	Georgia Department of Transportation		X
Leon Davenport	City of Pooler	X	
Katie Proctor	GDOT		X
Barry Stanton	City of Savannah	X	
Ashley Goodrich	Chatham Area Transit	X	
Stephanie Cutter	Chatham Area Transit	X	

Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	X	
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO	X	
Sally Helm	CORE MPO/MPC	X	
Melanie Wilson	MPC	X	
Teresa Concannon	Effingham County		X
Melissa Phillips	POND CO		X
Jeff Ricketson	Liberty County Consolidated Planning Commission/HAMPO		X

I. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Nick Palumbo motioned to approve the agenda; seconded by Mr. Lee Smith. The motion passed with non-opposed.

II. Committee Reports (verbal)

ACAT – Ms. Asia Hernton said the ACAT committee has not met at this time. The original date for the meeting fell on a federal holiday. The committee is scheduled to meet next Monday.

CAC - Ms. Sally Helm said the committee met on June 16, 2022 and endorsed all action items.

TCC - Mr. Pamela Bernard said the committee met on June 16, 2022 and endorsed all action items.

EDFAC - Ms. Pamela Bernard said the committee met on June 16, 2022, and the focus of that meeting was a status report on the Regional Freight Transportation Plan Update. There was good discussion regarding stakeholders, vision, and strategy for the plan update.

Executive Directors Report – Ms. Melanie Wilson said we are continuing to move forward with the Urban Flooding Model Study.

III. Action Items

1. [Approval of the April 27, 2022 CORE MPO Board meeting minutes](#)

Mr. Lee Smith motioned to approve the April 27, 2022 CORE MPO Board meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Shawn Gillen. The motion passed with non-opposed.

2. [Amendments to FY 2023 UPWP](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang said the FY 2023 UPWP is the staff work program for the fiscal year that starts on July 1, 2022 and ends on June 30th, 2023. These amendments include three planning studies that will potentially pursue highway funding and some transit planning information.

In April 2022 the CORE MPO TCC started the 1st round of discussion for three new planning studies.

- US 17/SR 25/ Ogeechee Rd Corridor Study - Chatham County is the lead sponsor with Garden City as potential co-sponsor. The cost is approximately \$350,000.00 (\$280,000 federal/\$70,000 local match).
- President Street Railroad Crossing Feasibility Study – Chatham County is the lead sponsor with City of Savannah as potential co-sponsor. The cost is approximately \$300,000.00 (\$240,000 federal/\$60,000 local match).
- SR 21 @ CSX Railroad Crossing Feasibility Study – Chatham County is the lead sponsor with Garden City as potential co-sponsor. The cost is approximately \$300,000.00 (\$240,000 federal/\$60,000 local match).

The second round is completed in June. In August/September the MPO will conduct a Call for Projects. These studies will be eligible to apply for Y230 funding and the statewide PL discretionary funding.

CAT requested that language/information be added to outline the transit planning studies. The UPWP is the MPO's staff budget, so it is not required to include the CAT projects. The MPO is a partner to CAT, we are updating the 2050 Long-range Transportation plan, and CAT is doing the Transit Master Plan and the

Transit Development Plan which will feed into the 2050 Plan, so we want to make sure to coordinate our efforts. It is a requirement of the FTA for CAT to include this information in the UPWP. These projects will be outlined in the Transit Planning Tasks in the FY 2023 UPWP. CAT will use Section 5307 funds for these projects.

- Zero Emission Implementation Plan Development – cost is approximately \$93,000.00.
- Transit Development Plan – cost is approximately \$313,000.00.
- Chatham Area Transit Master Transit Plan – cost is approximately \$500,000.00.
- APR Route Restoration - American Rescue Plan Act funded study - cost is approximately \$550,000.00.

Staff is asking for the CORE MPO Board approval of the proposed UPWP amendments.

Dr. Estella Shabazz motioned to approve the Amendments to the FY 2023 UPWP; seconded by Mr. Shawn Gillen. The motion passed with non-opposed.

3. FY 2021 - 2024 TIP Amendments

Ms. Wykoda Wang said this is the end of FY 2022. Most of the projects programmed in FY 2022 are moving forward, including the projects that were amended previously. However, some of the projects/project phases currently programmed for FY2022 will not have funds authorized in time. Those projects will need to be moved into FY 2023 or later years depending on their development schedules.

- Project DeRenne - Since the PE phase is added in FY 2022 for additional EJ analysis, which according to the schedule presented by GDOT will take approximately 18 months, the ROW phase programmed in FY 2022 will be pushed into FY 2024. The City of Savannah has sent a request letter to GDOT requesting to move the phase with the funds to FY 2024. We are awaiting the concurrence letter. The funding amount does not change.
- City of Savannah's Traffic Control Center - Currently the PE, Utility, and Construction phases are programmed in FY 2022. We are going to move the funds with the project to FY 2023. This project's funding authorization was delayed due to administrative procedures with GDOT. This project needs the City of Savannah to send the request letter to GDOT to move the project with the funds as well as concurrence from GDOT in order for the amendments to be final.
- SR 26/ US 80 Bridges at Bull River to Tybee Island - There were more than \$90,000.00 in HIP funds programmed in FY 2022 for the ROW phase. GDOT's Project Manager said this project will not meet the schedule. The ROW phase will be moved to FY 2024. The HIP funds that were allocated to this project were moved to fund Project DeRenne's EJ analysis so they would not lapse. This project now will need to apply for the Y230 funds in the next Call for Projects. The cost for the ROW phase has increased from approximately \$93,000.00 to \$1.4 million. The Construction phase is being moved to FY 2025, which is out of the TIP, therefore we will delete the Utility phase and Construction phase out of the TIP.

The US 80 at Lazaretto Creek Bridge Replacements project will have separate environmental documents and the schedule is fine for now. The Lazaretto Creek ROW, Utility and Construction phases will not all be in FY 2023. They will be moved to FY 2024-2027 TIP.

- SR 404/US 17 NE of Savannah Harbor PKWY to Back River - ROW Phase will be moved to FY 2023.
- I-95 at Airways Avenue at Pooler Interchange - The scoping phase was amended into the TIP for FY 2022 at the request of the Savannah Airport Commission. At this time there has not been any progress made. The Airport in partnership with Chatham County would like to pursue Y230 funds. The locally funded project does not have to appear in the TIP, and it was added in as an amendment with the expectation that it would receive federal funding in the future. In August, when Chatham County submits an application and the project is awarded Y230 funds, we will amend the TIP to correct the fiscal year and the funding source.
- Transit Updates – FTA Sections 5337, 5339c, 5307h, and 5307 funds not expected to be obligated by June 30, 2022 will be moved from FY 2022 to FY 2023. CAT is also requesting to add 5337 funds for Ferry Boat Rehabilitation (\$446,184) and 5339 funds for vehicle purchase (\$1,039,355) to FY 2024.

The public hearing opened for the FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendments.

No public comments.

Dr. Estella Shabazz motioned to close the public hearing; seconded by Ms. Pamela Bernard. The motion passed with non-opposed.

Mr. Shawn Gillen asked if GDOT gave any specific reasons as to the delay and ROW acquisition for the Bull River Project? Ms. Katie Proctor said she will have the Project Manager get a list of reasons why these bridge projects have been delayed. Chairman Ellis asked that the information be sent to Ms. Wang as well so that she can forward the information along to the Board to keep everyone informed.

Mr. Nick Palumbo asked what the Traffic Control Center hold up is? Ms. Wang said it was GDOT's internal procedure. They have the established procedure for projects that are going through PE, ROW, Utility and Construction phases. They don't have an established procedure for this particular type of project. For the ITS projects, you just need to purchase the equipment and install them. Mr. Palumbo asked if the City of Savannah just needs to purchase the equipment and get reimbursed. Ms. Wang said the cost of the project is only about \$250,000.00 but the project was programmed with federal funds. We want to have the PFA established and signed for both parties and then when the City purchases and installs the equipment, you can get reimbursed. GDOT must authorize the funds first. Mr. Palumbo said he wants to make sure the City is taking advantage of the funds that are available and it is not resting on a piece of paper in an outbox somewhere. These funds will not come back again. The infrastructure has been built out in order to be able to operate the Traffic Control Center. It is upsetting to see that some arbitrary requirement is not being fulfilled. We need a better explanation. He would like to get out in front of this. Ms. Wang said the City is doing their job, and it is the GDOT procedure that is holding up the project. Right now, what we need from the City is a letter to GDOT to request to move the funds with the project. We then need the concurrence letter from GDOT.

Dr. Estella Shabazz asked about the additional work that is being done for Project DeRenne due to the change in moving the project ROW phase from FY 2022 to FY 2024. Mr. Barry Stanton said initially when we submitted the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement), some of the response we received from FHWA was that they felt that the EJ community didn't give enough feedback. We have to go back and re-evaluate the community involvement. The City of Savannah has set up a meeting with FHWA to discuss a path forward in getting the schedule and funding together to handle this.

Dr. Estella Shabazz motioned to approve the FY 2021-2024 TIP amendments; seconded by Mr. Tom Hutcherson. The motion passed with non-opposed.

IV. Other Business

No other business.

V. Status Reports

[4. CORE MPO Freight Transportation Plan Update](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang said the Cambridge Systematics consultant gave a presentation at the EDFAC committee meeting which is attached to this meeting agenda. The consultant is reviewing all existing plans and data availability. There are several plans going on right now. GDOT is doing the Statewide Freight Plan and the Coastal Empire Study. The State Freight Plan was just completed. The CORE MPO completed the SR 307 Corridor Study and the SR 21 Access Management Study. Effingham County finished their Master Transportation Plan which has heavy components on Freight. The data matrix is being developed. We are using Transearch, INRIX, and Origin Destination data as well as traffic volumes. The consultant presented the draft freight Vision, Goals, and Objectives and received a lot of good feedback from the EDFAC committee. They have revised the draft to include those comments and sent that out to the committee for any additional comments. SEDA is providing additional information. Effingham County IDA has information regarding this as well. Bryan County and Richmond Hill have not commented. We will reach out again to see what comments they may have.

[5. FMT for Optimized Planning of CORE MPO Transportation Infrastructure Systems](#)

Ms. Melanie Wilson said the Notice to Proceed was issued yesterday.

[6. City of Pooler SR 26 from Chatham County line to SR 21 Status Report](#)

Mr. Tom Hutcherson said the Pooler City Council approved the Project Framework Agreement with GDOT for the SR 26/US 80 Corridor Study and Kimley-Horn as the selected consultant.

[7. Administrative Modifications to the FY 2022 UPWP \(PL Task Budget Adjustments\)](#)

Ms. Sally Helm said this is an administrative modification to the FY 2022 UPWP. The FY 2022 UPWP was adopted by the CORE MPO Board in April of 2021 and is the MPO's staff work program for fiscal year 2022. The fiscal year runs from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The planning activities in the work program are supported by the grants from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration with local match from MPO member agencies and the state match for FTA funds from GDOT.

The MPO can submit budget adjustments to GDOT for various work tasks based on evaluation of the ongoing staff efforts and the expected staff work. The adjustments are to move funds between tasks while the total funding level remains unchanged.

In May of 2022, CORE MPO requested and received concurrence from GDOT on several budget changes to the FHWA PL funds. The budget adjustments were based on an evaluation of staff efforts for the year to date, and the expected staff work to be conducted for the remainder of fiscal year 2022.

GDOT requested that the FY 2022 UPWP summary funding table and the funding tables under work tasks be revised to reflect the final budget adjustments in order to facilitate the final contract close out. The tables and the concurrence letter are attached to the agenda.

[8. Call for Projects Pre-application Workshop](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang said CORE MPO will conduct Calls for Projects for the FY 2023-2027 Y230 funds and Y301 funds in support of amendments to the FY 2021-2024 TIP and the development of the FY 2024-2027 TIP. To help the potential local project sponsors understand the Call for Projects process, particularly the eligibility requirements and tips for funding application, the MPO staff conducted a pre-application workshop on June 2nd. The workshop was well attended. Potential project sponsors are encouraged to coordinate with CORE MPO staff members to ensure plan consistency and meeting other eligibility requirements. Project sponsors are encouraged to pursue GDOT LAP certification as this is a requirement for highway improvement projects. The LAP certification takes several months to complete.

[9. 2050 MTP Update](#)

Ms. Wykoda Wang said the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update has not officially kicked off, but the CORE MPO staff has been doing a lot of work behind the scenes.

- One part of the 2050 MTP Update is to update the Travel Demand Model. The Travel Demand Model Network for our area covers three counties - Bryan, Chatham, and Effingham Counties. There are approximately 5000 links. Each roadway has been divided up into different links. All those links must be checked to make sure the functional classification is accurate, and the number of lanes is accurate.
- We are trying to collect information on the network development for the first network and the second network. The first network includes the projects that have started construction or have been completed between 2015 and 2020. The second network will be in addition to that, and include projects that started construction in 2021 and 2022.
- We are developing a survey to refine the Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures, and help us with the Prioritization Methodology and funding allocation recommendations. The survey is a working draft and includes questions on the overall transportation priorities and priorities for different modes. You can choose roadways, electric vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, greenways, transit, and on-demand service on mobility. We have received feedback from the TCC, CAC, and EDFAC committees and would like to get the CORE MPO Board's feedback as well. Once we have incorporated all of the comments and finalized the survey, we will translate it into Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese. Those three population groups have reached the Limited English Proficiency threshold in our area.
- We are compiling Socio-Economic Data as well. GDOT provided the three-county shape file. Staff will use census data for population, households, and employment for all three counties to develop the base year and horizon year socio-economic data. Staff is waiting to receive information for private schools.
- We are reviewing all of the studies that have been completed. We will compile a matrix to see the recommendations from each study. The projects that identify the same priority will be our priority for consideration of inclusion in the 2050 TMP.

- We will coordinate with CAT with their Master Transit Plan and Transit Development Plan development and collaborate on joint meetings.

10. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Thoroughfare Plan Updates

Ms. Asia Hernton said the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Thoroughfare Plan address important topics for pedestrians, bicyclists, people with accessibility needs, and infrastructure improvements in the area. The goal of the plan update is to compile a list of pedestrian, bike and trail projects that can be incorporated into the MTP and eventually be prioritized and programmed for funding and implementation.

What we want to add with the update:

- Define what non-motorized transportation is and why it is important.
- Create an overall vision of non-motorized transportation in the area, one that is less car dependent and more open to walking and cycling.
- Increase public input and describe how public participation is used and how it impacts this plan update.
- Discuss topics of safety, equity, and resilience. This is especially important since pedestrian deaths and injuries have been increasing and some areas are more disproportionately impacted than others.
- Identify the safety problem areas and determine how to make improvements.
- Update the status of current projects in the area, such as Tide to Town.

At the earlier TCC and CAC meetings, we did ask for input on the plan update. We are asking for the CORE MPO Board's input as well. Ms. Pamela Bernard asked how many people are on the steering committee. Ms. Hernton said there are approximately seven. If anyone else would like to participate, please let us know. Ms. Bernard said the County will participate. Mr. Nick Palumbo said he appreciates the work being done on this project. He feels this is a pathway to Chatham County's future, particularly as transportation costs and gas prices reached an all time high. More people will be choosing this option than ever before. Please include the Chatham Area Transit to integrate them into whatever the future updates are so we can connect our Non-Motorized Transportation options to those stops. Ms. Hernton said there is CAT participation in this plan update. Mr. Tim Callanan said they are in the beginning of discussions of putting out proposals for a Pedestrian and Greenway Master Plan in Effingham County and can coordinate efforts with this plan update.

VI. Information Reports (verbal)

11. City of Savannah Project Status Report

Mr. Barry Stanton presented the City of Savannah Project Status Report.

- DeLesseps Avenue Widening from Waters Avenue to Skidaway Road - Notice to Proceed was issued to the contractor on May 12, 2022. Clearing will start in two weeks.
- Traffic Control Center – bids closed on June 21st.
- I-516@ CS 1503/DeRenne Avenue – meeting is being scheduled with FHWA to discuss the scope and schedule associated with the additional requirements for the Environmental Justice portion of the Environmental Impact Statement. ROW plan preparation is ongoing.
- Truman Linear Park Trail Phase 2B – Z301 funds were shifted to FY 2023. The City was awarded CRRSAA funds in the amount of \$1.75 million. The property acquisition process is ongoing awaiting responses from property owners. We are in the appraisal phase of the ROW process.

12. Chatham County Project Status Report

Ms. Pamela Bernard presented the Chatham County Project Status Report.

Federally Funded Projects

- I-16 at Jimmy Deloach Pkwy Interchange – ongoing.
- Chevis Road Improvements – ongoing.

- Garrard Avenue Improvements – starting stakeholder meetings, public information open house in the fall.

Preconstruction Projects

- Quacco Road Widening Project – moving forward with clearing of ROW.
- Little Neck Road Reconstruction – in ROW acquisition.
- Skidaway Road Improvements – in re-design.
- Walthour Road Slope stabilization – in ROW acquisition.
- Traffic Signal on Johnny Mercer Blvd - in ROW acquisition.
- US 80 Sidewalks - in ROW acquisition.

Construction Projects

- Robert McCorkle Trail Upgrades – on schedule.
- Resurfacing various County Roads - resurfacing will start in mid-July.
- Dulany Road Shoulder Paving – project has started.

[13. Chatham Area Transit Status Update Report](#)

Ms. Ashley Goodrich presented the Chatham Area Transit status update report.

- Ferry Purchase Construction - under design by naval architect.
- Paratransit Vehicles – still a supply chain shortage for the chassis, order ongoing.
- Diesel Bus Replacement – in process, order placed in December 2021 for (3) 35ft heavy duty diesel buses.
- ITS Clever Devices – in phase 6 of 9, hardware installation on the fleet is complete, currently working through the technology and website development.
- Ferry Boat Maintenance Facility & Ferry Dock – ongoing in coordination with the City of Savannah.
- Facility Rehab – working through phase 1 which includes office space in the interior of CAT Central as well as CAT wellness center.
- Electric Bus Replacement – placed order for 1 electric bus, order placed in April 2022, arrival in FY 2023.

Chairman Ellis asked for an explanation regarding the design phase of the Ferry Boat to help everyone understand what that process is. Ms. Goodrich said the funds are in an executed status, in the progress for the Ferry Boat as we coordinate with our Naval architect. Designing a Ferry vessel is more robust than a typical fleet vehicle. There is the design of the vessel, design of the equipment, and then later in the fall we will be progressing to a construction phase. Ms. Faye Dimassimo said the Ferry construction is for hybrid vehicles as a part of the sustainability initiatives and effort. The particular funding lapse that was a concern relates to the project that is called Ferry Boat Maintenance Facility and Ferry Dock. The coordination that we have ongoing with the City of Savannah has virtually eliminated the potential for those funds to lapse. We are closing in on the completion date of September 30th. Ms. Ashley Goodrich said for the Ferry vessels, we foresee the design phase to progress through the next quarter. We will then transition to the construction phase. The design phase will not take 18 months to design the new hybrid Ferry Vessel. On the Facility Dock and Maintenance Facility, that will be an additional 18 months. Those are two separate projects.

Ms. Dimassimo said we are in close coordination with both the County and the City regarding the sink hole at Hutchinson Island. This is a daily evaluation at this time as to what the remedies are going to be. Both County and City leadership are leading that, and CAT is serving as a strong partner in that. The one thing everyone should rest assured about is the level of intense coordination that is going on among all the partners.

[14. TIP Project Tracking in June 2022](#)

Ms. Sally Helm presented the TIP Project Tracking for June 2022.

[15. GDOT Project Status Update Report](#)

Ms. Katie Proctor presented the GDOT Project Status Update Report.

Preconstruction Status June 2022

- Savannah River and Middle River in Port Wentworth Bridge replacements – design on final plans in progress.
- Safety Improvements on SR 204 from SR 21 to Rio Road – ongoing design in progress, working toward PFPR.
- Safety Improvements on I-16 at Chatham Pkwy - LET has been shifted to June of 2023 to allow for completion of adjoining bridge project. The Office of Innovative Program Delivery anticipates completion for the bridge project by 12/23. This project will be in holding status until the bridge jacking is complete and the LET date can be rescheduled.
- Widening and Bridge Replacement on SR 404 Spur/US17 from NE of Savannah Harbor Pkwy to Back River - working toward concept approval.
- Bridge Replacement at Bull River – continues toward PFPR, anticipating request in August.
- Lazaretto Bridge- continues toward ROW plan approval, working on environmental for FHWA approval, awaiting PCRFR approval to update the schedule.
- SR 26 from I-516 to Victory Dr – FFPR packet received and under review, number of parcels is 95, all but 13 have been acquired. 12 of those 13 are the city parcels.
- Roundabout on SR 30 @ Hodgeville Rd – concept task order is in progress.

Construction Projects June 2022

- Jimmy Deloach Pkwy – 92% complete, expecting ribbon cutting in early July.
- Widening and Reconstruction of Brampton Rd connector – received NTP on May 5th.
- Effingham Pkwy – awaiting pylon to continue the driving.

TYBEE ISLAND – Mr. Shawn Gillen said Tybee is in the middle of paving projects and in the middle of tourist season. We are doing more paving this year than we have done in the last 10 years combined. We are being very aggressive in those projects. We are still getting tons of tourists on the island regardless of the condition of the bridges. They seem to be hitting record numbers as we did last year. We saw more visitors last year than we have ever seen and we anticipate more this year.

Savannah Airport Commission- Mr. Jim Aiello said currently we have the rental car facility project ongoing that will hopefully be complete in the next couple of months for safety/security. Cargo Apron Expansion is close to being complete along with the SE quadrant drainage project. We just bid out a TSA check point expansion and are currently in design for Cargo Building that will be bid out by the end of the year.

VII. Other Public Comments (limit to 3 minutes)

Chairman Ellis said there is directive from the Governor. The meetings now must be held in person. We need all persons on hand. You were given a call and written reminder. The Governor has said that you can only use virtual meeting under two circumstances and those are both emergency situations. If you are on this board, we need you here in person until he changes that. You can only be on two virtual meetings per year. If you are unable to attend and no one from your organization can make it, please send the MPO your report. We can put your report as a part of the minutes of the meeting. We must give an account. The directive from the State is that these meetings be held in person. That is my directive as your Chairman. I am asking you now, please be a part.

Again, I want to emphasis what we are getting from our federal partners and our state partners. The more we come together and organize our planning for this region, our chances of getting those funds from our federal partner, from our state partner, become greater.

Please get the information that the MPO staff needs so they can do the work. If there is a reminder that needs to go out, we will give you that reminder. Be also adhere to dates. Ms. Wang said there are cutoff dates. Please make sure the agenda items are submitted by the cutoff dates. For the August meeting, the cutoff date is July 27th. Call for Projects will be after the MPO Board meeting. That will be after August 24th. August 25th we will start the Call for Projects. Chairman Ellis said this is competitive as far as the feds are concerned.

We are competing with all other 49 states for federal money. If we don't get things in on time, we go to the back of the line. We have Senators and Congressmen that are helping work with us. I recently came back from meetings with the Military. They were planning on closing the Combat Readiness Center at Travis Field, but after gathering at the Pentagon and discussing how important that center is

to our national defense, the Center has been put in the budget and will not be closed. The reason I am telling you this, you need to know how it works, when we are all working together, we can get things done.

VIII. Notices

[16. Next CORE MPO Board meeting, August 24, 2022 at 10:00am.](#)

[17. Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\) Grant Opportunity](#)

Ms. Asia Hernton said the US Department of Transportation recently released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant. This is a competitive grant. The goal is to support infrastructure, behavioral, and operational initiatives that prevent death and serious injuries on roads and streets. The goal to improve safety for all roadway users.

There are two forms of funding available under this grant. It is dependent on if you already have a Vision Zero Plan. A Vision Zero plan is for reducing roadway deaths to zero. If your jurisdiction already has a Vision Zero Plan, you will apply for the implementation grant. The funding range for that is from \$3 million to \$50 million for joint/regional applications. If your jurisdiction decides to go for this grant individually, that funding range will be slightly less. The US Department of Transportation is encouraging joint applications. The purpose of this grant is to implement what is already existing within your Vision Zero Plans.

The second grant you can apply for is if you do not already have a Vision Zero Plan. This funding will go towards the creation of a Vision Zero Plan. The funding range for joint applications are \$200,000.00 to \$5 million.

If you are interested in this grant, you must receive a unique entity identifier (UEI). You need to do that ASAP. It takes a month to get the UEI. You will need to submit a statement of interest as well. The deadline is September 15th for this grant. August 15th is the deadline for technical questions.

Mr. Nick Palumbo said the City of Savannah has rebranded the formerly known Vision Zero Plan to Safe Streets for All. If you have a Vision Zero Pledge, you can self-certify to apply in this first round. We are pursuing an aggressive timeline to be able to implement this at the city. If there are any jurisdictions where you have overlap and you would like to participate in this first year, please let me know and we will get connected. Likewise, Secretary Buttigieg has rolled this out as a \$5 billion program over the next five years. Even if you are not participating this year, there will be next year. We encourage everyone to participate in this.

Ms. Faye Dimassimo said it would be advantageous and is probably something that is already being done at some measure, is collaboration with the school system. What used to be the old Safe Routes to School program is still a part of the focus of this new grant incorporating from Vision Zero to the new program as they are rebranding it. Having them as an active partner in this would serve to only enhance the value. Chairman Ellis said the Transportation Secretary came here to talk about this personally.

[18. Administrative Modifications to FY 2023 UPWP](#)

Document attached to the agenda.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the June 22, 2022 CORE MPO Board meeting is 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.