

# **CORE MPO Board**

November 2, 2022 at 10:00 am Minutes

## November 2, 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		
Nick Palumbo	City of Savannah		
Dwayne Stephens	Metropolitan Planning Commission		Х
Scott Robider	City of Garden City		
Mark Denmark	Savannah Airport Commission		
Deidrick Cody	Chatham Area Transit Board of Directors	Х	
Shawn Gillen	City of Tybee Island	Х	
Beth E. Goette	Town of Thunderbolt		
James Hungerpiller	Town of Vernonberg		
Faye DiMassimo	Chatham Area Transit Authority	Х	
Tom Hutcherson	City of Pooler		Х
Mayor Van Johnson	City of Savannah		Х
Radney Simpson	Georgia Department of Transportation	Х	
Jamie McCurry	Georgia Ports Authority		Х
Daniel Brantley	Citizens Advisory Committee		
Gary Norton	City of Port Wentworth		
Charles Ackridge	City of Bloomingdale		
Chester Ellis	Chatham County Commission (Chairman)	Х	
Dr. Estella Shabazz	City of Savannah	Х	
Michael Kaigler	Chatham County	Х	
Pamela Bernard	Economic Development & Freight Advisory Committee	Х	
Tanya Milton	Chatham County	Х	
VotingAlternates	Representing		
Les Fussell	City of Richmond Hill	Х	
Jim Aeillo	Savannah Airport Commission	Х	
Robert Milie	Town of Thunderbolt	Х	
Allen Blake	Economic Development & Freight Advisory Committee	Х	
Steve Davis	Port Wentworth – City Manager		
Others	Representing		
Heath Lloyd	City of Savannah	Х	
Katie Proctor	GDOT	~ ~	Х
Barry Stanton	City of Savannah		
Ashley Goodrich	Chatham Area Transit	X	
William Sedgwick	Chatham Area Transit	X	

Christy Lovett	GDOT		Х
Joseph Longo	FHWA		Х
Nathaniel Panther	Chatham County	Х	
Wykoda Wang	CORE MPO	Х	
Asia Hernton	CORE MPO	Х	
Sally Helm	CORE MPO/MPC	Х	
Jasmine Champion	CORE MPO	Х	
Julie Yawn	MPC IT	Х	
Jackie Jackson	Chatham County/Resiliency Program		Х
Pamela Everett	MPC		Х
Teresa Concannon	Effingham County		Х
Jeff Ricketson	Liberty County Consolidated Planning Commission/HAMPO		Х

## I. Approval of Agenda

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

## II. Committee Reports (verbal)

**ACAT** – Ms. Asia Hernton said the ACAT committee met this past Monday but did not have a quorum. Therefore, the committee was unable to vote on action items presented.

**CAC** - Ms. Jasmine Champion said the CAC committee met and endorsed all action items.

TCC - Ms. Pamela Bernard said the TCC committee met and endorsed all action items.

EDFAC – Ms. Pamela Bernard said the committee met, and there were no action items to vote on.

Executive Directors Report – Ms. Pamela Everett said there were no items to report on.

#### III. Action Items

## 1. Approval of the August 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Shawn Gillen motioned to approve the August 24, 2022 meeting minutes; seconded by Mr. Radney Simpson. The motion passed with none opposed.

## 2. Approval of the 2023 CORE MPO Meeting Calendar

Ms. Faye DiMassimo motioned to approve the 2023 CORE MPO meeting calendar; seconded by Mr. Shawn Gillen. The motion passed with none opposed.

#### 3. CORE MPO's Y301 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Projects

Ms. Asia Hernton said the Y301 Transportation Alternatives (TA) funding was most recently authorized by Congress in 2021 as a set aside of the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program, which provides funds to States and localities for transportation improvement projects. CORE MPO manages the Y301 (TA) funds allocated to the Savannah area. The MPO conducts a Call for Projects at least every four years to align the competitive project selection process with Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development. The Call for Projects can also be conducted as needed if the priority projects with awarded funds have been completed and additional funds become available. The expected available Y301 funds are \$2,933,095 and will be allocated from FY 2023 - FY 2027.

Staff received five applications, three from Chatham County, one from the City of Savannah, and one from Richmond Hill. They all were eligible. The TCC committee reviewed the applications, discussed the compiled scores and made recommendations as to how the grant funding should be allocated.

The compiled rankings are:

- 1. City of Savannah Tide to Town/ Middleground Road Phase
- 2. Chatham County Chevis Road Improvement Project
- 3. Chatham County Gerrard Avenue Improvement Project
- 4. Chatham County Green Island Road Multipurpose Trail
- 5. City of Richmond Hill Ivey and Linwood Sidewalks

There are two years where there is a positive balance, FY 2023 and FY 2027 (no one applied for FY 2027 funds). The FY 2024 to FY 2026 funding balance is negative. TCC recommended awarding the Y301 funds as requested based on the rankings for FY 2023 and FY 2024 and using Y230 funds to cover the balance.

Dr. Estella Shabazz motioned to approve the report as presented for the CORE MPO's Y301 TA Call for Projects; seconded by Mr. Les Fussell. The motion passed with none opposed.

## 4. Y230 Funds Call for Projects

Ms. Jasmine Champion said the MPO staff received thirteen applications for the Y230 funds, with 12 being eligible. Staff has made a list of the eligible vs in-eligible projects. The City of Tybee Island submitted an application which was in-eligible due to the funding request not meeting the minimum requirement (\$200,000). The project has HIP funds allocated. Some of these projects are applying for Y310 funds as well. The TCC committee reviewed the applications, discussed the compiled scores and made recommendations as to how the grant funding should be allocated. The action for the Board today will be to review the compiled scores and approve the TCC recommendations.

The compiled rankings are:

- 1. City of Savannah I-516 @ CS 1503 DeRenne Ave
- 2. Chatham County I-95 Airways Ave Interchange Improvements
- 3. Chatham County SR 204 Access Study
- 4. Chatham County I-16 at SR 17
- 5. Chatham Area Transit State of Good Repair Fleet Replacement
- 6. Chatham County SR 25 Corridor Study
- 7. Chatham County President Street Railroad Crossing Elimination Project
- 8. City of Tybee Island SR 26/US 80 Over the Bull River
- 9. City of Savannah- Tide to Town / Middleground Rd Phase
- 10. Chatham County Chevis Rd Improvement Project
- 11. Chatham County- Gerrard Avenue Improvement Project
- 12. Chatham County- Green Island Multipurpose Trail

Enough funding is there for FY 2023 and FY 2024. It is the later years FY 2025 - 2027 that is short of funding. TCC recommended awarding the Y230 funds as requested based on the rankings for FY 2023 and FY 2024.

Chairman Ellis asked for an explanation regarding the Green Island Multipurpose Trail. It appears you must take a boat to access it. Mr. Nathaniel Panther said the Green Island Trail is giving consideration to do design work on a trail from Diamond Causeway to Green Island Road. It would not involve anything with the purchase of Green Island itself. It is solely looking at a multipurpose trail along Green Island Road. On the map, Diamond Causeway is a little over 2.7 miles. While it is called the same, we are calling it Green Island Multipurpose trail because it is adjacent to Green Island Road. Chairman Ellis said the question that was brought up in yesterday's meeting is whether Green Island is accessible by walking, driving, or biking. Mr. Panther said Green Island itself is not accessible by walking or biking. The Green Island Trail is on Skidaway Island. Mr. Michael Kaigler said for clarification, the project mentioned is a separate project. They are called the same name, but one is the Island, the other is the trail that goes down Green Island Road. Chairman Ellis said this confusion needs to be straightened out. Chatham County has requested approximately \$395,000 for the Green Island Trail project. It appears to be the same project, not separate ones. Mr. Panther said going along Diamond Causeway coming out of the Landings, they have a golf cart path. Our project will tie into that. This will give the people that live along Green Island Trail an accessible trail that they can get from the residential area up to the commercial area and then to the state park road. There are no facilities on state park road but the trail will give them the opportunity to go into the

state park. Right now, if you are on Green Island Road you must walk on the road in the traffic. There is no pedestrian pathway. Mr. Kaigler said one of the things staff needs to do is calling the projects by separate names. There needs to be separate identifiers. Green Island is one thing and Green Island Trail is another.

Ms. Wykoda Wang said there was a question regarding Tide-to-Town. This is a big trail system, and Middleground Road is a small part of this. The City of Savannah is applying for funds just to implement the Middleground Road portion. Chairman Ellis said we need to clarify if this is the same funding that is being asked for in TSPLOST or different. Ms. Wang said if the City of Savannah put Middleground Road on TSPLOST, that would be for the construction funding or the match for construction funding. What they are requesting now is \$880,000 just to start the project. They will need more funding. TSPLOST might provide local match for future construction funding. Chairman Ellis said this will need to be clarified.

Mr. Shawn Gillen said we understand the Lazeretto Creek project is ineligible since it does not meet the funding threshold. The Bull River project funding for FY 2024 aligns with GDOT's schedule, so why does that say \$1.1 million for a local match? Is this a typo? Ms. Wang said the total requested ROW for this project is approximately \$1.4 million, and the local portion would be approximately \$300,000. This is a typographical error. The Lazerreto Creek project has HIP funds allocated, so it does not need the Y230 funds.

Ms. Faye DiMassimo asked if we are going to be acting on this item and there is an error in the spreadsheet, as a part of whoever makes the motion, can we specify that correction?

Ms. Bernard asked if any of this funding has been adjusted for what has been awarded in the Y301 funds? Ms. Wang said there is more request for Y301 funding than the revenues allow. Some of the projects applied for both Y301 and Y230 funding. If they cannot be covered in Y301, there is enough funding in Y230 funds. The recommendation from the TCC committee is to approve the rankings and use the Y230 funds to cover the balance of what was not covered in Y301 for FY 2023 and FY 2024. We will revisit the later years when we have the revenue projections from GDOT for FY 2025-2027. We will continue to use the rankings done to see how much funding will be allocated for the later years. Right now, we are only focused on the FY 2023-2024. Y230 and Y301 combined can cover all the requests.

Dr. Shabazz asked about the City of Savannah's DeRenne Avenue project. Is there a particular section of the ROW acquisition portion? Ms. Wang said for this project, the City of Savannah is asking for PE funds, not ROW funds. Dr. Shabazz asked if this was PE funds for a particular phase? Ms. Wang said the City of Savannah has already received previous awarding for PE. Because of the additional EJ analysis, more time and funding are needed to continue.

Mr. Jim Aiello asked if all of the funds were used for FY 2023-2024 and if not, does the remaining funding get pushed to later years or will that funding be lost? Ms. Wang said with all the combined projects requested, there are still additional funds available. There is a positive balance. Some of the projects are applying for funds in later years. Not all of them are applying for FY 2023-2024 funds. GDOT will allocate the unused funding to later years. The reason we are doing the Call for Projects for five years this time is to build a waiting list. If any of those projects are unable to use the funding, the next project on the waiting list will be able to use it without having to do another Call for Projects. They will have already gone through the process.

Dr. Estella Shabazz motioned to approve the Y230 funds Call for Projects recommendations with the necessary corrections to be made by staff; seconded by Mr. Shawn Gillen. The motion passed with none opposed. Ms. Faye DiMassimo asked can we specify instead of just saying making necessary corrections, specify what they are? Chairman Ellis said under the City of Savannah, they need to remove under category D, ROW. Tybee Island's Bull River project - correct the local match from \$1.186 million to \$296,600 for local match. Ms. Bernard said the Y301 numbers need to be adjusted as well. The board voted unanimously once these items were stated for the record.

## IV. Other Business

None.

## V. Status Reports

## 5. 2050 MTP Update

Ms. Wykoda Wang said we officially kicked off the 2050 MTP update on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Much of the work started beforehand. The draft Goals and Objectives were presented last October. We are using the survey to collect data to refine the Goals and Objectives.

The Socio-Economic data base year data (2020) is complete and accepted by GDOT. We will start working on the 2050 Socio-Economic data.

For the Travel Demand model, we have submitted the first and second network projects to GDOT. These include projects that started or completed construction in FY 2015 – 2022. The third network includes committed projects. Once we have a project list from the TIP development, we will begin working on this phase.

For the travel demand model links, Asia has been checking for functional classifications and number of lanes. Bryan County and Effingham County are finished and sent to GDOT. We are working on Chatham County.

We are coordinating with ongoing studies. Each of these studies will feed into the 2050 MTP update.

- Regional Freight Transportation Plan Update
- SR 26/US 80 Chatham County/Pooler Corridor study
- Urban Flooding Model Transportation study
- Non-Motorized Transportation Plan Update
- CAT Master Transit Plan
- CAT Transit Development Plan
- Chatham County will start the SR 25 and SR 204 Corridor studies and the President Street Railroad Crossing study with the Y230 funding.

Ms. Sally Helm presented the public involvement efforts for the 2050 MTP update.

Staff has kicked off the first round of public meetings. CORE MPO hosted a meeting at the First African Baptist Church and the First Presbyterian Church. There have been two virtual meetings, in am and pm to accommodate work schedules. Staff has presented at several City Council and County Commission meetings (Richmond Hill, Effingham, Garden City, and Rincon). Staff has gone to several communities and participated in their neighborhood meetings - Edgemere, Sackville, Liberty City, Coastal Indicators of Georgia, and Woodville Community. We had the opportunity to present at the Chatham Area Transits Governance meeting. Wykoda went to the Savannah Arts Academy to reach out to the younger community. There was a great response from the younger generation.

Staff has been monitoring the surveys to see where the gaps in coverage are. In looking at this, we noticed there has been a lack of participation with the younger generation, the elderly, the lower income, and the disabled. We are focusing on going back to these communities to get more participation. There is a scheduled presentation coming up with L.I.F.E which will help close the gap with the disabled. Staff attended two pop up events. The first was at the HULL Park at their Fall Festival which was open to the public. There were approximately 2000 people in attendance. The other one was the City of Savannah's 100% Savannah event.

Staff has launched Instagram and Facebook which has been successful for our social media outreach. There are approximately 100 followers on IG. For Facebook, we have reached over 3500 people. There is a QR code which seems to be more popular with the younger generation. There are more hits during or immediately after the public meetings. Media outreach - WTOC featured the 2050 MTP update. CAT shared the update on their social media. City of Savannah and Chatham County posted the update on their websites. Pooler Community Website featured the 2050 MTP update as well as the Savannah Agenda. Pt. Wentworth featured us on their social media. Staff has created fun transportation coloring pages (related to the 2050 MTP update) to help interaction with the younger children.

Ms. Asia Hernton presented the survey updates. The survey went live on September 1<sup>st</sup>. To date we have received 400 responses. The survey is available in four different languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese. We have received responses on these translated surveys. The topics include Roadways, Bicycles, Pedestrians, Public Transport, Equity, and Resilience. The survey is asking people to choose their top three objectives for transportation in the Savannah area. Representation is a hard task to get for any area or public outreach or any type of public research. We still want to try to get as closely to a representative example of the area as possible.

Most of the people taking the survey do own a personal vehicle. We would like to get more input from people that walk or bike. The Savannah area has a lot of pedestrian and biking activities. We would like to see more racial diversity in our responses. The Savannah area is racially diverse. In terms of age group, middle aged people are more likely to take the survey. Wykoda went to a local high school. This provided more input from people that are 16-29. This is a long-term plan; we want young people to have a say in their future. Most people that have taken the survey have a household income of \$100,000 or more. Very few people that make \$25,000 or less have taken the survey. The soft deadline to take the survey was October 31<sup>st</sup>, but we have decided to extend the survey into November to try and give more people a say in their transportation future.

In general, respondents want to maintain and repair our roadways, infrastructure, and facilities. Even though most of the people who took the survey own their own vehicles, there was still a significant amount of interest in a local rail service and public transportation. Most respondents want a bike lane that is protected by a barrier or greenways that support multiple modes of non-motorized transportation. 67% of respondents prioritize the resilience objective - increase green and nature-based infrastructure in transportation projects to reduce flooding and heat stress and improve the health of the environment. 74% of respondents prioritize the Equity objective - identify and target high-need population areas where transit investment should be prioritized.

## 6. CORE MPO Regional Freight Transportation Plan Update

Ms. Wykoda Wang said the updates are posted on the Freight Plan Update website for anyone to access. The consultant did an excellent job with the presentation at the EDFAC meeting. The consultant has delivered technical memos on existing and future freight goods movement assessment, freight performance measures, regional freight profile and assessment, and truck parking inventory and restrictions. They have already collected data and showed results in the presentation on the freight resiliency. The next step will be the freight needs assessment, forecast of future growth, and freight congestion and bottlenecks. There will be more deliverables coming soon.

## 7. Urban Flooding Model Study

Ms. Jasmine Champion said the CORE MPO was awarded discretionary planning funds for the Flood Model Study. The University of Georgia was the consultant team selected. CORE MPO issued a Notice to Proceed in June 2022. The Kickoff started in early August. The Project Management Plan has been presented. UGA gave a presentation to the TCC Committee this last week as well as the steering committee stakeholders that are a part of the project. The presentation is attached to the agenda and posted on the CORE MPO website.

## 8. Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Thoroughfare Plan Status Update

Ms. Asia Hernton said the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan and Thoroughfare Plan steering committee met on September 15<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM. During this meeting, committee members identified several roads and areas that should be added to the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

The roads and areas include:

- Middleground Road Adding audible crosswalks will make pedestrian crossings safer, especially for pedestrians who are vision impaired.
- School Facilities Research is needed to identify problems and opportunities surrounding Schools.
- Abercorn Street Sidewalk and crosswalk improvements
- Montgomery Crossroads Sidewalk and crosswalks improvements
- Cottonvale Road Sidewalk and crosswalk improvements
- Dutchtown Road Sidewalk and crosswalk improvements

Staff will continue to compile a list of problem/opportunity areas to add to the plan and also use data (such as pedestrian and bike accident data on Numetric, population data from the American Community Survey, and infrastructure data from GIS) to create a comprehensive assessment of the non-motorized infrastructure environment in the area. Additionally, once a larger list of projects and problem areas is curated, staff will seek public input to better prioritize the projects.

Ms. Tanya Milton asked if these projects are underway now? Ms. Hernton said not at this time, these are areas that need to be updated as projects and will be added into the Long-Range Transportation Plan. We are identifying these as areas that will need to be updated. Chairman Ellis said the residents of Cottonvale need to get in touch with the MPO staff and express their desires for that area. Commissioners need to reach out to their communities they represent and let them know what is upcoming and they need to participate in the surveys and studies. Ms. Wykoda Wang said the project needs to be included in the Long-Range Transportation Plan to be eligible. If you identify a project, the County or City has intention to implement the project, you need to make sure the project is included in the plan to receive funding. Mr. Kaigler asked how the Non-Motorized plan coordinate with the Tide-to-Town Plan? Ms. Wang said the whole segments of Tide-to-Town will be in the Non-Motorized plan. In the future, if Chatham County or City of Savanah wants to implement a segment of it, it will be eligible for federal funding since it is already in the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

#### 9. SR 26 US 80 Project Status Report Update

Mr. Tom Hutcherson said 4 of the 8 project schedule items are complete. We do expect the project to meet the September 2023 deadline.

Project Schedule:

- · Notice to Proceed (NTP) 30-JUN-2022 Complete
- · Initial Coordination Meeting 29-JUL-2022 Complete
- · Project Management Work Plan 29-JUL-2022 Complete
- · Traffic Count Map 14-JUN-2022 Complete
- · Existing Conditions Report 10-NOV-2022 In Progress
- · Traffic Forecasting 12-JAN-2023
- · Draft Alternatives Analysis 30-JUN-2023
- · Final Report 30-SEP-2023

## 10. Discretionary PL Funds Applications

Ms. Wykoda Wang said CORE MPO staff submitted applications for the federal discretionary highway planning (discretionary PL) funds on behalf of our member agencies for the following studies in August 2022.

- City of Savannah Update the I-16/MLK Ramp Removal Project IMR
- Chatham County U.S. 17/S.R. 25/ Ogeechee Road Corridor Study
- Chatham County Presidents Street Railroad Crossing Feasibility Study

The Georgia PL Funds Review Committee denied these applications in September. Chatham County has applied for Y230 funds for the State Route 25 Corridor Study and the President Street at Truman Parkway Railroad Crossing Grade-Separation Study. The City of Savannah is applying for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program funds for Update the I-16/MLK Ramp Removal Project IMR. CORE MPO has provided a Letter of Support.

## VI. Information Reports (verbal)

## 11. GDOT Project Status Update Report

Ms. Katie Proctor presented the GDOT project status update report.

Pre-Construction Projects:

- 1. SR 25 @ Savannah River in Port Wentworth Final Plan design is ongoing.
- 2. SR 204 from SR 21 to RIO Rd Safety Improvements PFPR
- 3. SR 404 SPUR US 17 @ Back River Bridge Replacement holding for LET in June of 2023
- 4. SR 404 SPUR NE of Savannah River Harbor to Back River- Concepts submission anticipated at the end of October 2022.
- 5. Bridge Replacement at Bull River continues toward environmental approval.
- 6. Bridge replacement over Lazaretto Creek working toward ROW authorization
- 7. SR 26 from I-516 to Victory Dr working toward final plan submission. One railroad parcel outstanding.
- 8. SR 30 Roundabout at Hodgeville road held kickoff meeting in September concept underway.

Active Projects – all are increasing in percentage complete.

12. Chatham County Project Status Update Report

Ms. Pamela Bernard presented the Chatham County Project Status update report.

Gerrard Avenue public open house is scheduled for two weeks from today. This will be held at the Liberty City Community Center on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-6 pm.

- Little Neck Road ROW acquisition is underway.
- Walthour Road Slope Stabilization -The ROW acquisition is wrapping up.
- Robert McCorkle Trail Upgrades complete.

All construction projects are substantially complete.

Ms. Tanya Milton said we received a report from GDOT regarding the SR 204 study. The residents from Grove Hill and that area are still requesting a meeting with GDOT. They are not happy withy the recommendations that were made from the study. If we can make it happen, she would like to have a neighborhood meeting with those residents to give them a better understanding of why the recommendation was made. Mr. Nathaniel Panther said he has reached out again to GDOT District 5 traffic operations as well as the district 5 engineer requesting that they would hold some sort of PIOH. They are targeting this to be a quick response project. If they do not do this, Chatham Engineering staff is willing to hold the meeting. We are trying to get District 5 to partner with us.

## 13. City of Savannah Project Status Update Report

Ms. Wykoda Wang presented the City of Savannah Project Status Update report for Ms. Michelle Strickland.

- DeLesseps Ave. Widening from Water Ave. to Skidaway Road Right of way clearing is complete. Utility relocation and installation will begin.
- Traffic Control Center Procurement process underway.
- City of Savannah I-516/DeRenne Ave ROW ongoing. GDOT has provided feedback for the City of Savannah's responses.
- Truman Linear Park Trail Phase 2B property acquisition process is ongoing.

## 14. Chatham Area Transit Status Update Report

Mr. William Sedgwick presented the Chatham Area Transit Status Update Report.

- Ferry Purchase Construction Invitation for Bid closes in October. Currently under evaluation and procurement.
- Paratransit Vehicles order still on hold due to logistical issues and supply chain (chassis shortage).
- Diesel Bus Replacement (Z230) In process. Bus order placed in December 2021 for (3) 35 ft. buses. Estimated completion date is June 2023.
- Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Clever Devices Hardware installed on ferry vessels.
- Ferry Boat Maintenance Facility & Ferry Dock Continued Coordination with FTA
- Electric Bus Replacement in process
- Master Transit Plan & Implementation Strategies Kickoff event scheduled for and held October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Transit Development Plan & Comprehensive Operations Analysis Awarded in May. Phase One starting in August/September. System Survey starting in October. As part of the TCOA, we have started the survey process. As we work through the service change modifications that are immediate in the next couple of weeks, we will be getting the survey posted out.

## 15. Savannah International Airport Project Status Report Update

Mr. Jim Aiello presented the Savannah International Airport Project Status update report.

SW DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – The project is complete except for some fencing work, seeding and a few minor punch list items and should be at Substantial Completion next week. Barnett Southern Corporation is the general contractor.

RENTAL CAR FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS – The Rental Car Facility Improvement project is ongoing in both the north and south lots. Work is 90 percent complete. Remaining work includes fiber installation, fence installation, striping the parking lot and installation of wayfinding signs. Johnson Laux is the general contractor. Projected completion is early November.

SECURITY CHECKPOINT EXPANSION – The TSA checkpoint expansion will expand the existing three lanes security lanes to six lanes. Work is scheduled to begin on October 10, 2022. Collins Construction is the general contractor. Projected completion date is January of 2024.

Projects to be bid out:

• Demo Air Cargo, Southeast Taxilane, Apron – project will redevelop the southeast quadrant of the Airport.

<u>16. LATS Project Status Update Report</u>

No Comments, report attached to agenda.

## 17. TIP Tracking Status Update Report

No Comments, report attached to agenda.

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

None.

#### **VIII. Notices**

18. Next CORE MPO Board Meeting December 14, 2022 at 10:00 am.

#### 19. Thriving Communities Program Grant Opportunity

Ms. Wykoda Wang said the new grants funding legislation provided this funding opportunity. Anyone that is interested in applying can visit the Thriving Communities Program website and fill out an application. For the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, there is approximately 76% formula funds and 24% discretionary funds. This opportunity is open to the local municipalities as well as MPOs.

#### IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, the November 2, 2022 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.