



METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

**MPC Jerry Surrency Conference Room
110 East State Street**

April 22, 2010

3:00 P.M.

<u>Voting Members</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Present</u>
Russ Abolt	Chatham County	
Robert H. Bonner Jr.	LDH Corporation	
Daniel Bostek	Norfolk Southern Railroad Industry	
Teresa Brenner	CUTS Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation	x
Michael Brown	City of Savannah	
Al Bungard, P.E.	Chatham County Engineering	
Robbie Byrd	City of Pooler	
Phillip Claxton	City of Port Wentworth	
Jason Crane	GDOT – Atlanta	x
Leon Davenport	Chatham County Engineering	
Glenn Durrence	GDOT – District 5	
Curtis Foltz	Georgia Ports Authority	
Patrick S. Graham	Savannah Airport Commission	
Will Ingram	Fort Steward/Hunter Army Airfield	
Jonathan Lynn	City of Tybee Island	
Nathan Mai-Lombardo	City of Garden City	
Frank McIntosh	Savannah Bicycle Campaign	x
Charles Odimgbe	Chatham Area Transit	
Representative, staff	City of Bloomingdale	
Representative, engineering	CSX Transportation	
Representative	CUTS Citizens Advisory Committee	
Representative, staff	Town of Vernonburg	
Tricia Reynolds	Coastal Regional Commission	
Peter Shonka, P. E.	City of Savannah Engineering	
Bob Thomson	Town of Thunderbolt	
Thomas L. Thomson, P.E., AICP	Executive Director MPC, Chair	
Hugh "Trip" Tollison	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce	
Mike Weiner, P.E.	City of Savannah Traffic Engineering	
Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP	MPO	x

Voting Member Alternates

Michael Adams
Ronald Sadowski
Teresa Scott

Representing

MPO X
Coastal Regional Commission X
GDOT – Jesup X

Others Present

Jane Love
Brad Saxon
Barbara Settzo
Wykoda Wang

Representing

MPO X
GDOT X
for MPO X
MPO X

Call to Order

Mr. Mark Wilkes, acting as Chairman, called the meeting to order.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

II. Action Items

A. Approval of the February 18, 2010 Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2010 Technical Coordinating Committee.

TCC Action: the motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2010 Technical Coordinating Committee carried with none opposed.

B. Endorsement of the authorization to begin the amendment process to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan for the Gulfstream projects

Ms. Wykoda Wang reported that GDOT has requested this amendment to include the changes proposed for project #8276, the R.B. Miller Rd intersection improvement. At this time staff is requesting authorization to study this proposed amendment.

Mr. Wilkes said staff would need to see how the change would affect the financial balance of the Plan. If the new cost information is not available by June then further action to approve the amendment will not be on the June agendas.

It was moved and seconded to endorse to the MPO Board the authorization of the study for the LRTP amendment.

TCC Action: the motion for endorsement to the MPO Board to authorize the study for the LRTP amendment carried with none opposed.

C. Endorsement of the MPO priorities for federal funding for development of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ms. Wang defined and reviewed the current TIP prioritization process. She proceeded to review the proposed priorities in the following categories:

- First priority – 3 highway projects and 2 bridge projects
- Second priority – 3 highway projects and 1 bridge project
- Third priority – 4 highway projects
- Transit priorities – 8 projects selected by CAT
- Other priorities – to include non-motorized projects, transportation enhancement projects, lump sum projects, earmarked projects, and newly identified projects.

Ms. Wang listed the various projects in each category. Ms. Teresa Scott pointed out that two projects listed as Transportation Enhancement projects were authorized. Ms. Wang will delete them from the list.

Ms. Wang reviewed the public comments that have been collected thus far. She concluded her report with a listing of projects that will not be in the TIP because they are now underway. There were also two projects dropped from the TIP because of funding issues.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the project priorities for development of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

TCC Action: the motion to endorse the project priorities for development of the FY 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) carried with none opposed.

D. Endorsement of the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program

Mr. Wilkes reported that the PL funding and the 5303 funding in this Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) remains essentially unchanged from the FY 2010 UPWP because the MPO has not yet received grant budgets from GDOT for the next fiscal year. The work focus for FY 2011 UPWP will be the completion of the Total Mobility Plan and the three ARRA-funded studies.

It was moved and seconded to endorse the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program.

TCC Action: the motion to endorse the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program carried with none opposed.

III. Other Business

No other business at this time.

IV. Status Reports

A. Update on the Total Mobility Plan and sub-elements plans

Mr. Wilkes reported that the Framework Mobility Plan was adopted in September 2009 in order to comply with federal requirements. Staff is now preparing to kick off the Total Mobility Plan in September 2010. The Total Mobility Plan will include the following components:

- Framework Mobility Plan (adopted)
- Transit Mobility Vision Plan (underway)
- Streetcar Plan (partial notice to proceed)
- Non-motorized Transportation Plan (underway)
- I-16 Flyover Study (underway)
- Climate Change Assessment (underway)
- Detailed plans for areas or corridors (pending)

B. Update on the three ARRA-funding studies

Mr. Michael Adams reported that they are awaiting the final project scope and revisions. Consultants' contracts are going to the MPC board for approval on April 27, 2010. The consultant firms that were selected are:

- SR 21 Corridor Study – Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung
- SR 204 Corridor Study – Jacobs Engineering Group
- US 80 Bridges Replacement Study – Wilbur Smith Associates, Inc.

V. Agency Reports

A. CORE MPO Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation

No report at this time.

B. CORE MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

No report at this time.

C. Federal Highway Administration

No report at this time.

D. Federal Transit Administration

No report at this time.

E. Georgia Department of Transportation

Ms. Teresa Scott distributed her report and asked for questions. She reported on the following projects:

- #2 & #3 (SR 307 overpass and SR 25/US 17 @ SR 307) - right-of-way has been certified and the let date should be in June.
- #6 (SR 21 @ CR 9/Crossgate Rd./Gulfstream Rd.) – will remain as it is in the TIP as an intersection project. Environmental is approved.
- #7 (R. B. Miller Rd.) – re-scoping this project
- #8 (Montgomery Cross Rd. @ Casey Canal) – waiting on the city; GDOT working on plans
- #9 (SR 204/Abercorn Ext. @ Harmon Canal) – acquiring right-of-way; 1 parcel left
- #22 (SR 25 Connector/Bay St.) – right-of-way property owners meeting held
- #23 (SR 204 from King George to Rio Rd.) – PIOH is scheduled for early June
- #24 (SR 204/Abercorn St. Rio Rd. to Phase V) – Ms. Wang asked about a revised description for this project
- #25 (Brampton Rd. Connector) – PIOH scheduled for June 15, 2010
- #27 (SR 26/US 80) – no revised project costs

#30 & #31 (DeRenne Ave. Short-term Mitigation Strategies and Bay St. Signal and Intersection Improvements) – Discussion between GDOT staff and MPO staff about what oversight needs to be done on these City of Savannah projects. It was decided that MPO staff would contact the City of Savannah to inquire about the necessity of oversight on these two projects. If nothing further is necessary, GDOT will release the \$50,000 to the MPO.

F. Coastal Regional Commission

Mr. Sadowski reported that a Georgia Trails Grant award is funding a loop trail at the Ogeechee Canal.

G. Chatham Area Transit Authority

No report at this time.

H. Chatham County

No report at this time.

I. City of Savannah

No report at this time.

J. City of Garden City

No report at this time.

K. City of Tybee Island

No report at this time.

L. Georgia Ports Authority

No report at this time.

M. Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

No report at this time.

VI. Other Public Comments

No other public comments at this time.

VII. Announcements

Next TCC Meeting: June 17, 2010

VIII. Other Non-Agenda Information for Reference

No items.

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business, the April 22, 2010 meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Wilkes, P.E., AICP
Director of Transportation Planning